

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

24th Sunday: Romans 14.7-9

In this chapter, St. Paul conveys a crucial message about our vocation: "We do not live for ourselves, nor do we die for ourselves; if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord." This means that Christ owns every moment of our lives, including our deaths. We are not isolated individuals; we are part of a community that values belonging, accountability, and a sense of purpose.

Paul challenges the temptation to regard faith as a personal, self-directed endeavor. Your choices have an impact on others, your beliefs shape the community, and your life is an integral part of Christ's body, not a solo show. This means that your daily decisions, for example, how you speak, how you treat others, and how you resolve conflicts, are acts of worship rather than individual personal expressions. Thus, as Christ's disciples, we should not be mean in judging others harshly. We are called to be compassionate, patient, and forgiving. The passage is also reassuring when we face illness, loss, uncertainty, or death. We are reminded that our identities are not based on our failures, hardships, or horrible past. But our identity is rooted in belonging—"we are the Lord's."

In a nutshell, your life is not unplanned; your death is not meaningless; your decisions are not solitary; and your identity is not self-constructed. But you are completely, passionately, and eternally devoted to Christ. And since you are His, you can live freely, die with hope, and treat others with kindness.

Liturgy and Sacraments:

Baptism & Instruction in the Catholic Faith: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays as needed. Parent preparation is required.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Those wishing to join the Catholic Church please call the office (613-543-2544). Classes starting soon!

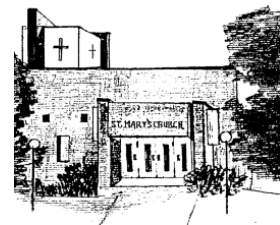
Marriage: 9–12-month notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

Reconciliation: Confessions heard half hour before Mass or by appointment.

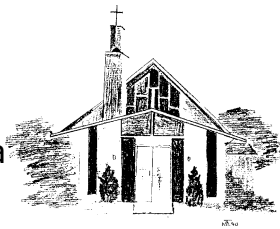
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

Sick List: Please call the office if anyone needs prayers, a visit or is seriously ill. If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact St. Mary’s. Arrangements can be made for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the home.

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 13, 2026

Marian Mass			
Sat.	12 Sep	8:30 am	Nolda Byvelds (Mary Van Moorsel) 8:30 – 9:00 am Rosary ~ Mass at 9:00 am

Sun. 13 Sep 9:00 am Evelyn & Fernand Boissonneault (M & J Boissonneault)

Tue. 15 Sep 9:00 am Bonnie & Wayne Lynch (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
Wed. 16 Sep 9:00 am Past & Present Mbrs of the Knights of Columbus

Sun. 20 Sep 9:00 am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Tue. 22 Sep 9:00 am Joanne Stanton (Mary Van Moorsel)
Wed. 23 Sep 9:00 am Nolda Byvelds (Bridget & Ted Van Der Zweep)

Save the date: Parish Retreat November 22 – 25, 2026

Etransfers Available: We have set up the ability to send etransfer to the Church, please use StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca in the remarks area please give your name and what you wish the money to be used for eg. Roof, Regular Collection etc.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2,008.00 (2025: \$3,979.00)

Roof Repair: \$660.00; Repairs and Maintenance \$150.00

Roof Collected to date: \$28,022.00; (Total cost \$120,000) 23% of our goal!

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - Mon 14 Sept, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

CWL - Mon 21 Sept, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

Parish Council – First Tuesdays, 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

Bible/Faith Study: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6 pm in St. Mary's Meeting Room

Rosary Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 am before the 9 am Mass

Parish Activities:

Choirs: St. Mary's: Jim Boissonneault (543-3435) new members are welcome!

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

Coffee Social: **13 Sept** Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish especially:
Ann Ramsey, Nancy Pomerleau, Fr. Sebastian Amato, Tony Byvelds, John Ricci, Alice McNairn, and Noella Kirkwood.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Nolda Byvelds, Erna Jakel, Florence McManus, Bill McSheffrey, Robert Miller, Julie Watters (nee Durivage), Margaret Lortie; Jim Kelly, Juliet Gremli, Catherine Lortie, Tina Serviss, and Beat Schraner.

Free Will Offering for Missals and Word Among Us if you are able, please consider helping with the cost of these items, the box is located at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.



Cemetery Mass:

September 23rd at 9:00 am St. Mary's, Morrisburg then proceed to the cemetery for rosary and blessing of the graves.

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Save the date Saturday October 3: We are seeking crafters, artisans, bakers, grillers, salespeople and all kinds of helpers. Sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. If you have questions please contact Brent Mather at 613-543-2118.

If you have ideas for fundraising please reach out to the office by email and they will be forward to the committee for consideration.

17th Annual Women's Fall Retreat: Sat., Oct. 24, 2026, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at St. Michael's Catholic High School in Kemptville. Guest speaker Melanie Rabishaw reflects on the 200th anniversary theme of the Archdiocese of Kingston. Join us for Holy Mass, inspiring reflections, worship, personal prayer and fellowship. Registration (\$50) limited to 100 participants: romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/womens-fall-retreat.

Do you need help getting to Mass? If you are in need of a ride to Mass during the weekend please contact Knights of Columbus member Peter Patenaude (613-641-2015). If you have space and can offer someone a ride please contact Peter.

The Needs of the Church in Canada will be held on **September 27**. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. As part of their episcopal ministry, the Bishops will continue to work together on relations with Indigenous peoples, important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; questions of social justice; responsible ministry, and the development of a culture of life and family.

Retirement Picnic for Fr. John Hibbard St. Paul the Apostle Parish is hosting a retirement celebration for Fr. John Hibbard on Sunday, September 27th immediately following the 11 am mass at the parish. (1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston). It will be a potluck picnic. Anyone interested in attending are invited to RSVP and find more information at the following link: <https://shorturl.at/jWFQB> or on the parish website: www.stpaulkingston.com/