

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

25th Sunday, Phil 1.20-24, 27

Paul states, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." In this verse, Paul sees his life as a platform for Christ's glory, and his death as a window into Christ's presence. His struggle is one of love, not fear: staying means serving others, while leaving means seeing Christ.

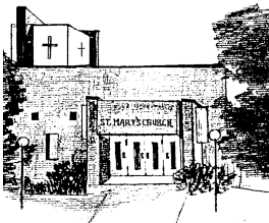
Paul's "eager expectation and hope" is for Christ to be exalted in his body, whether he lives or dies. Thus, his greatest fear is not suffering or death but failing to honor Christ. This passage expresses the heart of Christian discipleship. To live for Christ implies that we no longer focus just on ourselves—our ambitions, possessions, accomplishments, or accolades. Christ becomes the reason for our existence, giving meaning to both our joys and our struggles. Moreover, Paul believes that staying alive is vital because it allows him to continue helping the Christian community. This reminds us that our lives are gifts bestowed upon us for the benefit of others. We are not here solely for ourselves. God offers us the opportunity to encourage, forgive, serve, teach, console, and bring hope to others.

In a nutshell, Paul encourages us to live with Christ as our goal, die with Christ as our gain, and stay when called for the benefit of others. May our lives serve as a living testimony to the Gospel, allowing others to experience Christ's love and hope through us.

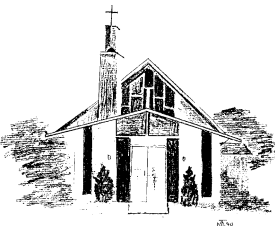
Liturgy and Sacraments:

- 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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 20, 2026

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)
Sun.	27 Sep	9:00 am	Anne & Beat Schraner (Schraner Family)
Tue.	29 Sep	9:00 am	Int of Gregor Jerome Zambon (Zambon Family)
Wed.	30 Sep	9:00 am	Peter & Regina Fridgen & Fam (Estate of Bill Fridgen)
Fri.	02 Oct	4:00 pm	Nolda Byvelds (Tony & Corrie Byvelds)
		3:00 – 4:00 pm	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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.

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Collection: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1,599.00 (2025: \$2,861.00)
Needs of the Canadian Church: \$250.00
Roof Repair: \$45.00; Repairs and Maintenance \$610.00
Roof Collected to date: \$28,067.00; (Total cost \$120,000) 23% of our goal!

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - Mon 5 Oct, 7 pm St. Mary's Mtg Rm *date change for Thanksgiving*

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, Fr. Sebastian Amato, Tony Byvelds, John Ricci, Alice McNairn, and Noella Kirkwood.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Pomerleau, 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.

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.

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Community Yard Sale: Saturday October 3: BBQ snacks & beverages, raffles & prizes, variety of new & used items; used books & CD's; arts & crafts; baked goods & preserves and activities for kids. Saturday October 3 from 10 am till 2 pm in the rear parking lot of St. Mary's Church. Want to sell/donate? Contact stmarysfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com or contact Brent Mather at 613-543-2118.

If you have ideas for fundraising please reach out to the committee by email stmarysfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com.

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 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/

Charity Raffle: The Knights of Columbus presents its Ontario Charities Raffle (License # RAF1526797) in support of Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul, Special Olympics and others, including the Morrisburg-Iroquois Knights and their local projects. Open only to Ontario residents 18 or over; \$500 earlybird draw October 13; 50/50 grand prize draw on December 30. Tickets are 10 for \$10, 40 for \$20, 125 for \$50 and 300 for \$100, online at <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/295/> or contact Grand Knight Graham Darling 613-214-1968.