

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

23rd Sunday Psalm 95

Psalm 95 reads, "O that you would hear the Lord's voice today; Do not harden your hearts." This psalm encourages us to worship joyfully while also honestly examining our conscience. The psalmist emphasizes that worship entails more than just singing; it also includes listening and obedience.

Psalm 95 calls us to worship God with singing, thankfulness, and praise. We praise Him because He is both our creator and our shepherd. Everything we have is ultimately His; hence, worship should be our grateful response to His splendor, sovereignty, and creative might. Sometimes we only come to God when we have a problem—when we are sick, in need, or going through a terrible moment. This psalm tells us that prayer entails more than simply seeking assistance. Before anything else, we are encouraged to recognize God, to thank Him, and to praise Him joyfully. Furthermore, the psalmist states, "Today, listen to his voice." We frequently say, "One day I will change." One day, I will pray more, I will forgive, or I will return to God. But God says Do it today! The grace we need is now available; the opportunity to forgive is now, the opportunity to love is now, and the time to return to God is now.

May the Lord provide us with humble hearts to listen, courage to obey, and joy to praise Him every day. Amen.

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.

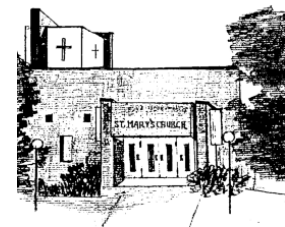
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 6, 2026

- Sun. 06 Sep 9:00 am Thomas Pepers (Pepers Family)
- Tue. 08 Sep 6:00 pm Int of Jolicoeur Family (Mather Family)
- Wed. 09 Sep 9:00 am Nolda Byvelds (Tony & Corrie Byvelds)

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

Save the date: Parish Retreat November 22 – 24, 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2,021.00 (2025: \$2,177.00)
Roof Repair: \$242.00; Repairs and Maintenance \$60.00

Roof Collected to date: \$27,362.00; (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:
Terry Gain, Ann Ramsey, Nancy Pomerleau, Fr. Sebastian Amato, Lola Kennedy, 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 there will be members of the committee at the doors.

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

Archdiocese & St. Daniel's Parish Anniversaries Celebration: Sept 11 at 6 pm in the Agricultural Hall, 2967 Lough Rd in South Mountain. Roast beef buffet; live music; door prizes and silent auction. All welcome adults \$50; kids 5-12 \$20. Advance tickets available from Graham Darling 613-214-1968. See poster on bulletin board.

Regnum Christi Women's Monthly Day of Reflection: Our Lady of Grace church 8 College St in Ingleside, Sat 5 Sept. From 9:00 am till noon. The guest speaker will be Nancy Steele whose topic will be "Encountering the Sacred Heart of Jesus". The morning includes Mass, confession, refreshments, & rosary, a free offering of \$5 is appreciated. For more information: call Marilyn 537-2021.

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.

Charity Raffle: The Knights of Columbus congratulations to Frank Zanella, winner of the raffle's 50/50 final draw with ticket #D-28350, and thanks to St. Mary St. Cecilia Parish and community for contributing \$1,907.33 out of \$35,270.00 for all Ontario towards local and province wide charities.

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.