

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

27th Sunday Isaiah 5.1-7

Isaiah paints a lovely but challenging picture in which God is the owner of a vineyard, and Israel is the neatly cultivated vineyard. God has done all possible for His people to grow, but the vineyard yields only wild grapes. The chapter describes God's attentive, caring love and care for His people, as evidenced by his plans to clear stones, grow desirable vines, construct a watchtower, and hew a winepress.

The message is clear: God has provided His people with every chance to be fruitful, and thus His blessings must be met with a life of commitment. God provides us with life, family, faith, opportunities, Scripture, the Church, the sacraments, and people to help and encourage us. The question Isaiah poses to us is this: What type of fruit are we producing with what God has given us? Is it possible to receive numerous blessings from God while failing to live according to His will? According to Isaiah, God searched for justice but saw brutality. He sought righteousness yet heard cries of suffering.

Thus, we must ask ourselves these pertinent questions: What has God nurtured in us? Where did He clear the stones, plant, guard, and wait? And what is the result of that care? Have we shown Love, justice, kindness, forgiveness, honesty, compassion, generosity, and loyalty as good fruits? So, the way we treat others should reflect our connection with God. May we ask God to prune whatever prevents us from bearing good fruit—pride, selfishness, anger, greed, unforgiveness, jealousy, or indifference.

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!

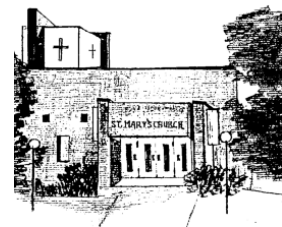
Marriage: 9–12-month notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

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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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 4, 2026

- Sun. 04 Oct 9:00 am Martina Bongers (Bongers Family)
- Tue. 06 Oct 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory (Linda Fleury)
- Wed. 07 Oct 9:45 am Past & Present Mbrs of Knights of Columbus

Marian Mass			
Sat.	10 Oct	8:30 am	Joseph & Agnes Boulerice (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
8:30 – 9:00 am Rosary ~ Mass at 9:00 am			

- Sun. 11 Oct 9:00 am Len Bisson (Pat Bisson)

No weekday Masses October 12 till November 20
as Father Oliver is on holidays

Save the date: Parish Retreat November 23 – 25, 2026
Monday & Tuesday Mass at 6 pm followed by retreat
Wednesday Mass at 4 pm followed by parish potluck
Retreat Leader Father Charles Enyinnia

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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.

Collection: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1,378.00 (2025: \$1,332.00)
Roof Repair: \$194.00; Needs of the Cdn Church: \$470.00 (2025: \$805.00)

Roof Collected to date: \$28,261.00; (Total cost \$120,000) 24% of our goal!

Meetings:

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

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

First Communion Classes: 3rd Tuesday starting Oct 20 at 6 pm St. Mary's Mtg Rm

Parish Activities:

Choirs: St. Mary's:

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

Coffee Social: 2nd Sunday of the Month Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish especially:
Grace Paulino, 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, and Juliet Gremli.

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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Rosary before Sunday Mass

Twenty minutes before the 9:00 am Mass during the month of October as part of the Marian Devotion. Organized by the CWL and Knights.
October 4 & 18 (Knights) October 11 & 25 (CWL)

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



World Mission Sunday: October 18: A day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement, coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who are also known as Mission.

First Communion Students: Please keep our students in your prayers as they start their preparation for First Communion. If you have a child that doesn't attend St. Mary St. Cecilia Catholic School and they wish to receive these sacraments please contact the office as soon as possible. First class will be Tuesday October 20th at 6:00 pm in the Rectory meeting room.

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.