

Space Available		Greetings from the <b>Godsoe, Barrett, Brennan, Feuchuk, Herbert and Tittel Families</b>	Space Available
			Space Available
Greetings from <b>Mary-Ellen &amp; Tim Forwell and Family</b>	<i>Thy kingdom come Thy will Reign on earth as it is in Heaven.</i>	Greetings from <b>Arnold &amp; Delores Nussey</b>	
God's Blessings from the Smailys Family	Greetings from <b>Doyle Capital Corporation</b>	<b>PRAYER TO ST. JAMES THE GREAT</b>  O glorious Apostle, St. James, who by reason of thy fervent and generous heart was chosen by Jesus to be a witness of His Glory on Mount Tabor, and of His agony in Gethsemani. Thou, whose very name is a symbol of warfare and victory: obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending warfare of this life, that, having constantly and generously followed Jesus, we may be victors in the strife and deserve to receive the victor's crown in heaven. Amen	
Greetings from <b>St. James The Great Catholic Women's League</b>	<i>G. H. Grassby &amp; Associates</i> <small>Incorporated</small>  Gerry Grassby 77 Park Crescent, Richmond Hill L4E 3J5 Office: 905-773-8320 Cell: 416-697-1604 Muskoka: 705-762-1835		
<b>PRAYER TO ST. ANNE</b>  Good St. Anne, you were especially favoured by God to be the mother of the most holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Saviour. By your power with your most pure daughter and with her divine Son, kindly obtain for us the grace and the favour we seek. Please secure for us also forgiveness of our past sins, the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.			
<b>E</b>  May God Give to You	<b>RR</b>  His Comfort and		<b>A</b>  his peace

## **ST. JAMES THE GREAT PARISH and ST. ANNE'S**

Office: 82 Joseph St., Box 32  
MacTier, ON P0C 1H0  
Phone: 705-375-2478  
Fax: 705-375-1868

Email:

office@stjamesmactier.ca

www.stjamesmactier.ca

**Fr. Collins Okafor, Pastor**

Email: frcollinsokafor@peterboroughdiocese.org

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**St. Anne's** 1150 Whiteside Rd., Fenn's Point, Bala, ON

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am (May to Bala Cranberry Festival)

**St. James the Great** (MacTier) 509 High St.

Sunday 11:00 am



St. James the Great



St. Anne's Mission Church

WEEKDAY MASSES: as scheduled inside.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Priest or call the office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: by appointment, one year or at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 30 minutes before all weekend Masses or by appt.

Office Admin./

Bookkeeper:

Mandy Near 705-375-2478 (Thurs. 10am-2pm)

CWL:

Brenda Baker

Decorations:

Doreen Lance

Finance Committee:

Patrick Truyens (finance chair)

Timothy Callahan

Frank Spykerman

Brenda Baker

~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

**Sunday, April 6th, 2025**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

Have you ever been in a position where, after committing a sin that was hurtful to another, you were put on public display because of it— and then were stunned to receive forgiveness instead of punishment?

The scribes and Pharisees have brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of the worse kind of sin imaginable. The scene centres around her and the story ends with her. However, there is another trial taking place: that of Jesus and his interpretation of the law. The woman is being objectified, used as a way of entrapping Jesus. What will Jesus do? What will Jesus say? Instead of saying something that might contradict Moses and the law, Jesus pushes the onlookers to consider their own sins with the same level of gravity as the woman's. All leave Jesus' presence escaping condemnation. The woman is blessed with Jesus' tender response of 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.' Jesus does not condemn us; therefore we do not need to condemn ourselves.

Our Lenten journey each year draws us closer to Christ, with the challenge of growing in mercy towards ourselves and others. In what ways do we act like the woman? Like the scribes and Pharisees? And in what ways are we like Jesus, living mercy?

—Adriana Rerecich, Burlington, ON



**Spring Sunday Masses—**  
**April 5th and 6th, 2025**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00pm at St. Anne's</b> <b>For the people of the parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00am at St. James</b> <b>+In loving memory of deceased parents,</b> <b>Mirek and Gluszczyk</b> —Grazyna and Jozef
<b><u>Spring Weekday Masses</u></b> <b><u>April 7th to April 12th, 2025</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am at St. James</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00am Adoration, Station of the Cross</b> <b>followed by Mass at St. James</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00am at St. James</b>
<b><u>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses—</u></b> <b><u>April 12th and 13th, 2025</u></b>	
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00pm at St. Anne's</b> <b>For the people of the parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00am at St. James</b> <b>For blessing and care for children, Tom,</b> <b>Adam, Konrad and Karolina</b> —from parents

**PLEASE NOTE**

- The weekly bulletin is sent out every Thursday via email. If you would like to be added to the bulletin email list, please contact the office either by calling 705-375-2478 or email office@stjamesmactier.ca
- **Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Sunday Celebrations:**  
 -Holy Thursday 7:00pm at St. James  
 -Good Friday 3:00pm at St. James  
 -Holy Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil at St. James  
 -Easter Sunday 9:00am at St. Anne's

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

For the use of new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, [www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

**APRIL DEVOTION**

The month of April is dedicated to the **Holy Eucharist, and the Holy Spirit.**

This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April.

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

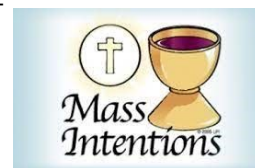
The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting." But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity.

(*The Mysteries of the Rosary*, Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B.)

**HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

The sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest celebration in Heaven and the best offering for our departed relatives, friends, special needs, and intentions. Try to offer at least one Mass Intention for deceased family members each year. Please email or call the office or let Fr. Collins know if you require a Mass Request.



**LITURGY LESSONS:**

**LITURGY NOTES - THE NICENE CREED - PART 2: THE POETRY OF THE NICENE CREED.**

Continuing our meditation on the Nicene Creed, we consider the beauty of the words and phrases that are expansions of the truths of our faith already found in the more terse Apostles' Creed. "God from God, light from light, true God from true God". Such liturgical repetition takes us from a mere statement of these truths to a lyrical savouring of the unity of Father and Son, which is a truth beyond words, but savouring each repetition gives us a little more time to dwell on the mystery and take something of it in. You might think that the poetry goes "clunk" when we encounter the word "consubstantial", but the word itself carries both deep meaning and history. In the fourth century, as Christians struggled to put words to these eternal mysteries so that they could be professed and celebrated, it was hard to find agreement a word to describe the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit that did not have subtle implications that would lead to error. Even in English, when we try something that sounds close, like the former translation "of one substance", it does not do justice to the nuances of the Greek word homoousios, that indicates a unity at the level of being. The Latin equivalent is consubstantialem. Attempts to translate this word into English lose the robustness of the original, so it was decided in the most recent translation to keep it as close to the Latin as possible. Now when we profess that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father, it recognizes the importance of this word, and the solution to the theological disagreements it provided at the greatest of the early Ecumenical Councils of the Christian Church. The unity at the level of being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a precious dogma of the Christian faith, celebrated when we recite the Nicene Creed. (©Padre Piccolo)

**COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land was added to the CCCB's list of Designated Collections after the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in animo* by Pope Saint Paul VI on 25 March 1974, in which he invited the Christian faithful to make offerings and prayers for the Holy Land each Good Friday. Within the Church in Canada, this collection is either taken up on Good Friday or another date designated by the Diocesan Bishop (see: *Ordo 2024-2025*, p. 9).

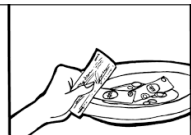
**CCCB---JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

As we journey through Lent 2025, I am pleased to inform you that the Fifth Sunday of Lent video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website:

- in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>
- in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

**WAY OF THE CROSS 2025**

On Good Friday, April 18th, 2025, the young people will once again reenact the Stations of the Cross in the streets of downtown Peterborough! Beginning with a prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 10:00 AM, the young actors will don period-authentic costumes and re-present Jesus' Passion and crucifixion at each intersection along Hunter Street, concluding on the front steps of Immaculate Conception Parish. It is a powerful and moving testimony of faith from our young people and it is an inspiring event for both young and old. All are welcome!



**Stewardship News....Thank you for your kind support.**

Last week's offering- N/A