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Greetings from Mary-Ellen & Tim Forwell and Family	<i>Thy kingdom come Thy will Reign on earth as it is in Heaven.</i>	Greetings from Arnold & Delores Nussey	
God's Blessings from the Smailys Family	Greetings from Doyle Capital Corporation	PRAYER TO ST. JAMES THE GREAT 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 St. James The Great Catholic Women's League	<i>G. H. Grassby & 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		
PRAYER TO ST. ANNE 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.			
E May God Give to You	RR His Comfort and		A his peace

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

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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)

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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.

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~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

Sunday, December 1st, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

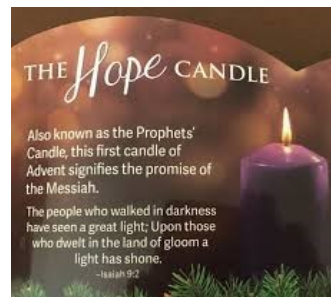
Happy New Year! We begin our journey with Jesus through the liturgical year with a call to be alert. There is a great temptation to close our eyes to the ugliness of the world. But when we choose voluntary blindness, we can often become closed to wonder and grace.

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to "be alert at all times." How do we open our eyes without being overwhelmed by despair at the suffering around us? How do we see with hopeful eyes beyond brutality? The teaching of Jesus gives us gospel lenses. We are taught to see the signs and recognize in them the work that God calls us to do. These are bifocal lenses where we see the global patterns of injustice as well as the local possibilities of building the reign of God.

Advent is a time of deep discernment— the great gift that helps us convert vision into action. Our pre-Christmas preparations are often marked by haste and distraction, but Advent calls us to embody hope, peace, joy and love. We are to become the Advent candles we light.

As we become these Advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the world and light the path of coming of Christ Child, again and again.

—Lea Miller, Richmond Hill, ON



Winter Sunday Masses—
November 30th and December 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00pm at St Anne's In Thanksgiving to God
—by the donor

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
—for the people of the parish

Winter Weekday Masses —
December 2nd to December 7th, 2024

Tuesday 10:00am at St. James

Friday 10:00am Adoration followed by Mass at 11:00am at St. James

Saturday 10:00am at St. James

Winter Sunday Masses—
December 7th and December 8th, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00pm at St Anne's Special intention for my children
—Ann Sheffar

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
—for the people of the parish

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

DECEMBER DEVOTION

The month of December is traditionally dedicated to **the Immaculate Conception**. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin. This age-old belief of the Church was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as an article of revealed truth. Blessed Mary was in need of redemption, and she was indeed redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. The manner of Blessed Virgin Mary's redemption, however, was unique. Instead of being freed from original sin after having contracted it, she was preserved from contracting it. This was a most fitting favour for the Mother of the Redeemer.

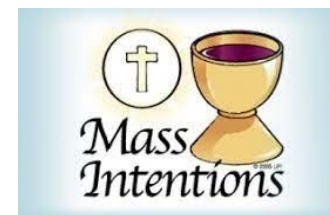


POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, [visit www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

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.



FINALIZING THE DETAILS

There's no escaping it, our days are numbered. But we can get ready and be prepared. Across five weeks, guest speakers will lead discussions about how each person can finalize the details needed to ensure they are cared for, their wishes are respected and our faith in the resurrection revealed.

Join us Thursday evenings, in the Knights of Columbus Parish Hall behind St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parry Sound. **Presentation begins at 7PM;** light refreshments being served at 6:45PM.

November 28th - End of Life Care

with Fr. Tom Lynch

December 5th - Planning Funeral Celebrations

with Fr. Jerry Tavares

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT VIDEO SERIES

We are pleased to announce that the Journey through Advent video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, are available. It is a joint project between three CCCB offices (the Office national de liturgie, the National Liturgy Office, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis).

This year's spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto (in English), and the Most Reverend René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi (in French); we are grateful to them.

The videos are available on the CCCB Website

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

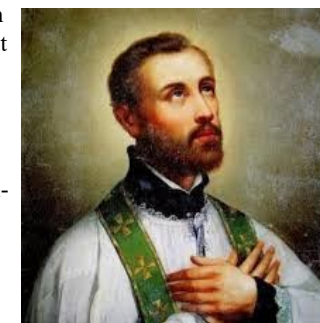
In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-l'avent/>

SAINTS CORNER—DECEMBER 3RD—SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He met St. Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris, and was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Francis spent many years

working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, Southeast Asia, and Japan. He had excellent organizational skills: the communities he established continued to flourish long after his departure. Francis died while on his way from Goa to China, in 1552.

He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Mass: Tuesday, December 24th

5:00pm at St. Anne's

7:00pm at St. James



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

Last week's offering— **\$232.00**