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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

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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)

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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Frank Spykerman

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~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

Sunday, March 9th, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent

Genealogies are popular, as websites and test kits abound. I have not ventured into this world, but some of my cousins have. I am grateful for the grainy black-and-white photos that pop up in my inbox every few months.

It is a notion of family and heritage that Moses is appealing to in today's first reading? If it is, the story is not always as glamorous as we may want it to be. The promise of "milk and honey" in today's first reading is sometimes a travelling companion to our psalm response of "when I am in trouble." Paul reminds us to remain rooted in the word, on our lips and in our heart. Yes, look back so we can move forward, but do not miss today.

This First Sunday of Lent calls us to remember God's blessings, knowing the hardships that are ours as well. Jesus himself was not immune to temptation and neither are we. Even when rooted in his baptism and his ancestors, Jesus was tempted. And the attractions may be familiar to us, coming as our desire for provision, position and power. Times and places may differ, but temptations find us.

May this Lenten season be a time of reclaiming our traditions so that when tempted, we can resolutely call out the name of the Lord and be saved.

—Sr. Susan Kidd, CND
 Charlottetown, PS

**Winter Sunday Mass—
 March 8th and March 9th, 2025**

1st Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
+In loving memory of deceased parents,
Mirek and Gluszczyk
 —Grazyna and Jozef

**Winter Weekday Masses
 March 10th to March 15th, 2025**

Tuesday 10:00am at St. James

Friday 10:00am Adoration, Station of the Cross followed by Mass at St. James

Saturday 10:00am at St. James

**Winter Sunday Mass—
 March 15th and March 16th, 2025**

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
For blessing and care of children, Tom, Adam, Konrad and Karolina
 —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
- 2025 Offertory envelopes are ready and can be picked up at St. James and St. Anne's.
- 2024 Tax receipts have been mailed.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, www.livingwithchrist.ca

MARCH DEVOTION

March is the month of devotion to St. Joseph, whose feast falls on March 19th. The date of solemnity of St. Joseph dates to the end of the 15th century; within the next few centuries, the entire month as a time for devotion to St. Joseph became part of tradition. In a society which seems to discourage the importance of marriage and fatherhood, St. Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin and the man given the responsibility of raising Jesus, is an incredible model of an obedient, faithful, Christian father. There are indulgences attached to devotion to St. Joseph during this month; three hundred days daily for those who privately or publicly perform some pious practice in honour of St. Joseph, during this month, a plenary indulgence on any day of the month under the usual conditions.



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.

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Webpage! <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?mid=35659>

JUBILEE ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE: OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Are you thinking and planning of joining a Pilgrimage to Italy and Rome during this Jubilee Year of Hope? Come and join us. In this pilgrimage we will be visiting the Cities of Rome, Siena, Assisi, Florence and much more. Come and pray in footsteps of the Saints—like St. Francis and St. Clair of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Peter, etc. Fr. Roy Villas, Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, Bracebridge and CWL Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, is leading the said pilgrimage. 30 seats are allocated in this pilgrimage, so hurry up. Interested individual or group is advised to reach out to Fr. Roy Villas at 705-645-2294 to be included in the list.

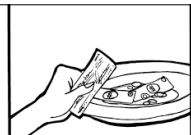
SAINT'S CORNER--MARCH 9TH-- SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor. Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met. The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital.

Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.



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