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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 Smaily's 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.			
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WEEKEND MASSES
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am (May to Bala Cranberry Festival)

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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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Finance Committee: Patrick Truyens (finance chair)
Timothy Callahan
Frank Spykerman
Brenda Baker

~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

Sunday, May 4th, 2025
3rd Sunday of Easter

Three times during the Passion, Peter denies Jesus. He is afraid, and the suffering and dying come as an unbearable shock. The cross is not what the disciples hoped for or expected. And it isn't a disembodied, abstract idea. It happens in space and time, to real people in real relationships. Judas, the high priests and Pilate make choices that threaten everything. Jesus bleeds and loses breath. Most of the disciples flee. And the bruised, bloody body of the Messiah needs to be buried. A violent and oppressive killing was always intended to end things: the Lamb is slaughtered, and so is hope.

Just like the Passion, resurrection is completely unexpected and deeply embodied. The tomb is empty. Some see Jesus and others understandably doubt that this could possibly be true. The trauma made them forget what they had known before. And so Jesus helps them with fishing and breakfast. Jesus asks three times if Peter loves him. The work of rising is a healing of the pain of the dying.

Resurrection is the power of love and hope in the face of destruction and violence. Jesus calls Peter back and sends him out again, in spite of the denial and betrayal. It will not be without struggle, but still we are all called and sent—to follow him to our own crosses and rising.

—Leah Perrault, Swift Current, SK

Sunday Masses—
May 3rd and May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
For the people of the parish

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
+Rest of the soul of Richard Spykerman
 —Frank Spykerman

Weekday Masses
May 5th to May 10th, 2025

Tuesday 10:00am at St. James

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

Saturday 9:00am at St. James
Finance Committee Meeting at 10:00am

Sunday Masses—
May 10th and May 11th, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
For the people of the parish

Sunday 9:00am at St. Anne's
For the people of the parish

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

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
- 9:00am Mass will resume at St. Anne's on Sunday, May 11th.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

MAY DEVOTION

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard)

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. **The Month of Mary was founded.**

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy." In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary. (Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/240688/month-of-mary-may-devotions>)

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 NOTES— AMEN:
LITURGY NOTES— LORD, HAVE MERCY!

This heartfelt cry to the merciful Saviour concludes our penitential preparation for each holy Mass. It forms and expresses our proper stance before the Saviour: he is Lord of all things, and we are the humble, sinful creatures he has so mercifully redeemed and saved. We do not merit forgiveness in any way, having rejected him with any embrace of sin, but he loves us so much that he reaches out to us in mercy and longs for us to be saved. While "Lord, have mercy" sounds like a plea, it is at the same time an acclamation of how profoundly merciful and loving our Saviour Jesus Christ is. This is something that it seems difficult to capture in the English translation of "Kyrie eleison". The phrase was originally a cry of the people to the Roman emperor (in the vernacular Greek), therefore the early Christian use of "Kyrie" in reference to Jesus Christ would certainly have ruffled the feathers of the great and powerful in the early days of the Church. Roman emperors would persecute the Church quite unmercifully for several generations, until their worldly power would come to an end. Today, we sing it to acclaim the mercy of the one true Lord Jesus Christ, before whom we have just called to mind our sins and our unworthiness and now bask in his divine mercy. Although the language of the liturgy shifted to Latin at a very early date, this little remnant of the very early use of Greek for liturgical prayer adds to our appreciation of the timelessness of the Mass, in which we are united through all ages and in whatever language we pray. When we sing, "Lord, have mercy" or "Kyrie eleison", let us be mindful of Jesus, the King of Kings before whom we stand together, and think of his magnificent gift of mercy for those he lovingly redeemed by his most precious blood, poured out in sacrifice to save you me. Thus, standing humbly before the Lord of mercy, we are ready to hear his word with hearts made pure, and prepared to enter deeply into the rest of the Holy Mass that now follows. (©Padre Piccolo)

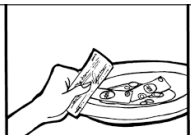
NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK 2025

"Abound in hope!" This powerful message from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans is the theme for **National Family and Life Week 2025**, which begins on Sunday, May 11th, and concludes on Sunday, May 18th. As we journey together as "Pilgrims of Hope" in this Jubilee Year, let us reflect on the gift of hope God gives us through our families.

All families, parishes and parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, as well as Catholic schools are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones. **This week is an opportunity to promote life and live out our call to love each other within our homes, communities, and the world.**

May God's loving care inspire all families to abound in hope, living our call to holiness as missionary disciples. Let us not just be glimmers of hope but beacons of hope! As St. Paul encourages, "abound in hope!"

<https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/national-family-and-life-week/>



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