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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

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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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~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
**World Day of Consecrated Life**

Forty days after Christmas, Canadians— especially those of us in the North— are starting to see the light return. Forty days after Christmas, the liturgy circles us back to the heart of the Christmas mystery: “the life (who) was the *light* of all people.”

Today’s Gospel highlights the light-bearing work of the Holy Spirit, traditionally called “the light of life.” “The Holy Spirit rested on (Simeon)... revealed to him by the spirit... guided by the Spirit.” Just as the Spirit rests on Jesus at his baptism, so the Spirit rests on Simeon, enabling him to recognize and witness to Christ. Similarly, the Spirit rests on us in our baptism and confirmation; similarly, when we celebrate Eucharist the Spirit transforms us, the Body of Christ, broken and emptied by last week’s mission, and sends us again into our dark, hungry, war-ravaged world as light and food and peace.

Simeon’s witness is also warning: this mission has a steep price tag. It demands nothing short of complete self-surrender to the Spirit who empowers us to recognize and embrace Christ in our enemies and in those excluded by Church or society.

Today we may enter in procession with candles. But when we go forth, we leave our candles behind. Filled with Christ’s transforming love, *we* are now the burning flames: light, returning to our world.

—Bernadette Gasslein, Edmonton, AB



**Winter Sunday Mass—**  
**February 2nd, 2025**

**Presentation of the Lord**  
**World Day for Consecrated Life**

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

**Winter Sunday Mass—**  
**February 9th, 2025**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**\*Sunday Mass will continue with Fr. Jim**  
**Saginario at St. James at 11:00am while**  
**Fr. Collins is away.**  
**There will be no weekday Masses during**  
**this time.\***

**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
- **Sunday Mass will continue at St. James at 11:00am while Fr. Collins is away. There will be no weekday Masses during this time.**
- **Mass will resume at St. Anne’s on Saturday, February 22nd.**
- **2025 Offertory envelopes are ready and can be picked up at St. James.**

**FEBRUARY DEVOTION**

The month of February is dedicated to **the Holy Family**. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663 and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means of bringing home to Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, “Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfections and completeness of all domestic virtues”.

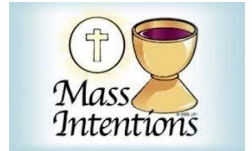


**POPE’S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

**For vocations to the priesthood and religious life:** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life. To read reflections on the Pope’s Prayer Intentions, [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.

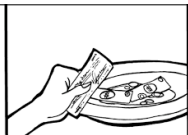


**JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* (“Hope does not disappoint”). “The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation.” (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* 25) The jubilee will begin in Rome on the vigil of the Lord’s Nativity on Dec. 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica, and in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday on Dec. 29. It will conclude in local dioceses the following Holy Family Sunday on Dec. 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica.

**SAINTS CORNER—FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>—ST. JOAN OF LESTONNAC**

Born in Bordeaux, France in 1556, Joan married at the age of 17. The happy marriage produced four children, but her husband died suddenly in 1597. After her children were raised, she entered the Cistercian monastery at Toulouse. Joan was forced to leave the Cistercians when she became afflicted with poor health. She returned to Bordeaux with the idea of forming a new congregation, and several young girls joined her as novices. They ministered to victims of a plague that struck Bordeaux, and they were determined to counteract the evils of heresy promulgated by Calvinism. Thus was formed the Congregation of the Religious of Notre Dame of Bordeaux. In 1608, Joan and her companions received religious habit from the Archbishop of Bordeaux. Joan was elected superior in 1610, and many miracles occurred at her tomb. She was canonized in 1949 by Pope Pius XII



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