

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.

Space Available		Greetings from the Godsoe, Barrett, Brennan, Feuchuk, Herbert and Tittel Families	Space Available
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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 wast 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

Office Admin./
 Bookkeeper: Mandy Near 705-375-2478 (Thurs. 10am-2pm)

CWL: Brenda Baker

Decorations: Doreen Lance

Finance Committee: Larry Rozak
 Timothy Callahan
 Frank Spykerman
 Marie Dion
 Brenda Baker

~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord

In the Gospel for the Easter Vigil, we see a few faithful women set out before dawn on Easter morning. The heaviness in their hearts was stifling. Who would roll away the stone so they could anoint the body of Jesus?

It looks like death, but really it was life! The sun was up; the Son was raised. That morning the beauty of the Son of Man, who was the Son of God, gradually came to life in the hearts of his followers. "Do not be alarmed," the angel said. "You are looking for Jesus...He has been raised!" What joy! What peace!

Two millennia after the resurrection, how often do we, too, feel locked into temporal tragedies of death and despair? But, like those listening to Peter in today's first reading, we know about the great event that took place. Like Mary Magdalene in the Gospel for Easter Sunday, when we are weeping beside our empty tombs of experience, we have only to listen to hear our name being called by the Lord and raise the eyes of our heart to behold the glory of Christ Jesus, the Risen One.

This Easter season, let each of us who have been raised with Christ through baptism remember that though "it" might look like death, really it is life— by the power and purpose of God our Father. Alleluia!

—Beverly Illauq, Kemptville, NS



Easter Celebrations— March 30th and March 31st, 2024

Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. James
Repose of the soul of Richard Spykerman
—Frank Spykerman

Sunday 9:00am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Anne's
— for the People of the Parish

Spring Weekday Masses — April 1st to April 6th, 2024

Tuesday 11:00am Mass at St. James

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday NO MASS

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

Saturday 11:00am Mass at St. James

Spring Sunday Masses— April 6th and April 7th, 2024

Saturday 5:00pm at St Anne's
In loving memory of Don Sheffar
—Ann Sheffar

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
Repose of the soul of Marlene Ryerson
—Brenda Baker

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
- **2023 tax receipts have been mailed. Please inform us if you have had an address change or if there are any discrepancies at office@stjamesmactier.ca or call the office.**
- **2024 Offertory envelopes update— 2024 Offertory envelopes are ready and can be picked up at St. James the Great and St. Anne's. We had to reduce the number of envelopes this year, so if your number was above #65 you have been reassigned a new number. Please look for your last name when looking for your envelopes. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit www.livingwithchrist.ca

MARCH DEVOTION

March is the month of devotion to St. Joseph, whose feast falls on March 19th. The date of the 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 the 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.

MOST REVEREND BISHOP MIEHM'S EASTER MES-

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VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9M3LAm1068U>

THE CATHOLIC HERALD - EASTER 2024 HAS BEEN PUBLISHED!

Please click the link below to read the Easter issue of *The Catholic Herald*.

Web Link:

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/catholicerald/>

SAINTS CORNER--SAINT STEPHEN OF MAR SABA (725 - 794) --MARCH 31

A "do not disturb" sign helped today's saint find holiness and peace.

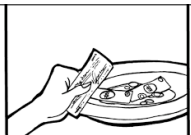
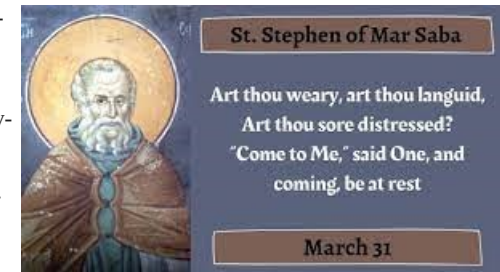
Stephen of Mar Saba was the nephew of Saint John Damascene, who introduced the young boy to monastic life beginning at age 10. When he reached 24, Stephen served the community in a variety of ways, including guest master. After some time he asked permission to live a hermit's life. The answer from the abbot was yes and no: Stephen could follow his preferred lifestyle during the week, but on weekends he was to offer his skills as a counselor. Stephen placed a note on the door of his cell:

"Forgive me, Fathers, in the name of the Lord, but please do not disturb me except on Saturdays and Sundays."

Despite his calling to prayer and quiet, Stephen displayed uncanny skills with people and was a valued spiritual guide.

His biographer and disciple wrote about Stephen: "Whatever help, spiritual or material, he was asked to give, he gave. He received and honored all with the same kindness. He possessed nothing and lacked nothing. In total poverty he possessed all things."

Stephen died in 794.



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

Last week's offering- **\$367.00**