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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
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, January 5th, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

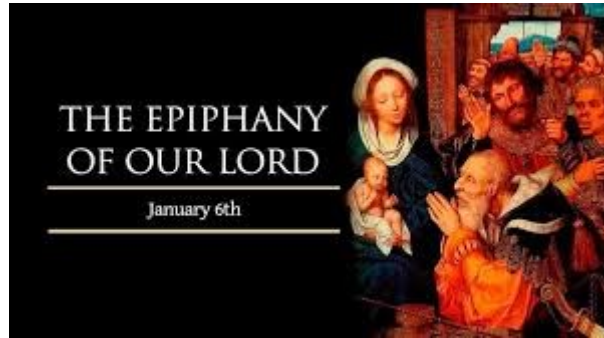
Christmas Day was 12 days ago; have we moved on? Have the distractions of the season had their way with us? Has the tree been taken down, and the stockings and ornaments put away? Has the ordinary been returned?

Before we wrap up Christmas, we are meant to sit with today's Gospel, savouring its words, amazed as we go deeper—appreciating what God has done for us, for you, for me. With the birth of our Lord and Saviour, all the world was changed— not just two thousand years ago, but for all time, and for today. Or has it?

We who are Jesus' witnesses in our homes, communities, and workplaces must persevere in opening our minds and hearts, seeking the joy experienced by the Magi as the star led them to the Holy Family.

If we aren't amazed by what has transpired, maybe we showed up Christmas morning but missed the Good News. As a husband, father, and grandfather, at times I have been glad that the hype, busy-ness and expense are over, but also sad that so little has changed. Like many, I have missed the real celebration of Christmas. If this is true for you, go back to today's Gospel and reread it. Relish the news it brings: pay sincere homage; and put Jesus at the centre of your year ahead.

—Harry McAvoy
Newmarket, ON



**Winter Sunday Mass—
January 5th, 2025**

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

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

**Winter Sunday Mass—
January 12th, 2025**

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday

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

Sunday Mass will continue with Fr. Roy Villas 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 with Fr. Roy Villas 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.**
- **Happy New Year!!**

JANUARY DEVOTION

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, The which is celebrated on January 3. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "Savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

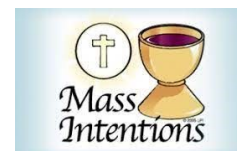


POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit 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: WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A Jubilee Year is a significant period of celebration and forgiveness observed every 25 years in the Catholic Church. This sacred time provides a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, where individuals and communities can reflect on their faith, seek forgiveness, and restore relationships. The essence of the Jubilee is rooted in the themes of mercy and hope, inviting everyone to partake in the grace of God and the joy of reconciliation. Pope Francis has called for a year of jubilee with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, Vatican City. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow. For the faithful around the world, the local diocesan Masses are to be held on December 29, 2024. Vatican events will be live-streamed from:

- <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/streaming>
- <https://www.comunicazione.va/en/eventi.html>
- https://www.youtube.com/live/z5zjiFNne_c

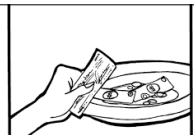
**SAINTS CORNER—SAINT JOHN NEUMANN—
JANUARY 5TH**

Perhaps because the United States got a later start in the history of the world, it has relatively few canonized saints, but their number is increasing.

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>



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