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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 Smaily's 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

# 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)

Email:  
office@stjamesmactier.ca  
[www.stjamesmactier.ca](http://www.stjamesmactier.ca)  
**Fr. Collins Okafor, Pastor**  
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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.

Office Admin./  
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Timothy Callahan  
Frank Spykerman  
Brenda Baker

~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

**Sunday, March 2nd, 2025**  
**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There is an inclination in human beings to support each other. Whether it's parenting, teaching, donating or governing, part of our nature is to concern ourselves with the well-being of others. However, Christ wisely points out in today's Gospel that if we lack sight, we will not be able to offer others direction or guidance.

There is an old saying: we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we are blind, we won't be able to show others the way. A person who cannot see the ultimate good (God) won't be able to share goodness with others. However, an honest desire to guide others may be, for some, a point of conversion. If we recognize shortcomings in the world, in our peers and in ourselves, then this recognition of the need for God may spur us on to seek God more fully in our daily lives.

Jesus also says in the Gospel that only "the good treasure of the heart" can produce good. As challenging as change can be, may our experience at Mass today, where we open ourselves to an encounter with Christ, guide us in re-evaluating our life's choices. Christ showed us, through this life, death and resurrection, how to obtain the glory of perfect life in God. May our hearts be ready to be filled with God's goodness.

—Andrew Hume, Toronto, ON

**Winter Sunday Mass—**  
**March 1st and March 2nd, 2025**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday** 11:00am at St. James  
 +**Repose of the soul of Muriel Stewart**

**Winter Weekday Masses**  
**March 3rd to March 8th, 2025**

**Tuesday** 10:00am at St. James

**Wednesday** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 5:00pm at St. Anne's  
 7:00pm 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 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

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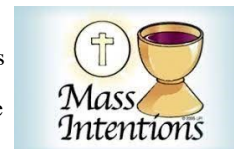
- The weekly bulletin is sent out every Thursday via email. If you would like to be added to the bulletin email list, please contact the office either by calling 705-375-2478 or email office@stjamesmactier.ca
- **On Ash Wednesday there will be Mass at St. Anne's at 5:00pm and at St. James at 7:00pm**
- 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](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**

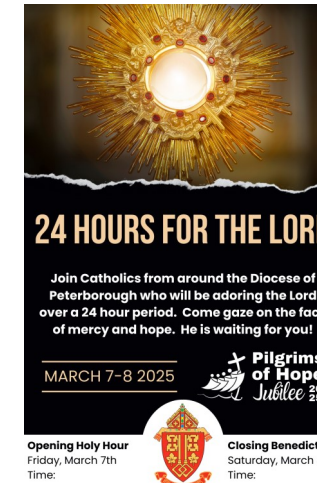
Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Webpage! <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?mid=35659>

The Jubilee Year 2025 is a significant moment in the Catholic faith, a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal. It is a year that invites believers to come together to deepen their spiritual journey and experience God's mercy in a meaningful way. Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope is an initiative that brings together pilgrims from all over the world to celebrate this momentous year in community and faith.

**24 HOURS FOR OUR LORD MARCH 7/8, 2025**

\*REMINDER\* 24 Hours for the Lord – March 7/8, 2025  
 Each Jubilee has its own particular way of being lived, according to the Holy Father's intention. This Holy Year is the Jubilee of Hope, in which everyone, wherever they are in the world, is invited to become "Pilgrims of Hope." The love of God who always wants to come toward us and give us the grace of his forgiveness and mercy gives rise to hope in us as a gift of the Holy Spirit. In fact, forgiveness is the sign of love, its culmination,

because it is offered to us as a free gift that allows us to live a new, "merciful" life, as Pope Francis says. The purpose of the event is to put the sacrament of reconciliation back at the center of the pastoral life of the Church, and therefore of our communities, our parishes, and all ecclesial realities.

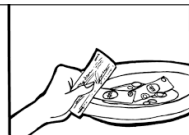


**SAINT'S CORNER-SAINT CASIMIR-- MARCH 4**

Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his conscientious objection indicated softness. As a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter. He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.



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