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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 Smailys 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)

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 12th, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

God is ever-present to his people. After the Fall, he sent a line of prophets with instructions and encouragement. Every prophet was a sign pointing to the Messiah to come, preparing the people for this day. John the Baptist was the last and greatest of the prophets. Going ahead of Jesus, he preached a baptism of repentance. When people mistook John for the Messiah, in his humility he immediately corrected them. He knew the strength and ability to perform his work came from God. John sought no worldly glory and redirected any attention to God. May all Christians follow John's example of saying yes to the Holy Spirit, witnessing to Jesus and performing charitable works in his name. Let us also seek no worldly glory and direct all attention to God.

Although John recognized his own unworthiness, he obeyed Jesus in baptizing him. In today's Gospel we see that baptism is both a gift and a special encounter with God. If you have been baptized, treasure and reflect upon this gift. If you are thinking about being baptized, do not wait! You will receive Jesus' forgiveness and the Holy Spirit, taking the place Jesus has prepared for you in the Body of Christ. Remember the way the Father looks at Jesus today. He looks at you the same way and see his beloved child.

—Connor Brownrigg
Ottawa, ON



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

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday

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

**Winter Sunday Mass—
January 19th, 2025**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.**
- **2025 Offertory envelopes are ready and can be picked up at St. James.**

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.

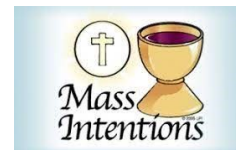


POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

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, 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.



DIOCESAN MESSAGE:

His Excellency's Bishop Miehm's Diocesan message for the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/jubilee-year-2025-events-schedule.aspx?mid=35659>

During the Jubilee Year 2025, you will be invited to pilgrimage to the 4 designated churches in our diocese to obtain the plenary indulgence (St. Peter-In-Chains Peterborough, St. Michael's Cobourg, St. Partick's Kearney and Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Mary's Lindsay). How to fulfill the conditions can be found here: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/resources/From-the-Vineyard/2024---FTV/November-29-2024/Decree-Indulgence-Jubilee-Year-2025-2.pdf>

Let us gather in prayer, entrust our intentions to the intercession of saints, and confess to God through the sacrament of reconciliation. Let us not be afraid to ask God for what we need! And may this Holy Year be a source of hope, rich in spiritual fruit for all the situations that are dear to us, especially for local and global situations in which hope seems to succumb in the face of so much evil and suffering in the world.

Vatican Website Jubilee Year 2025 <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE/
CHANGE OF DATE**

Just a reminder that our diocesan Marriage Preparation Course will take place online on Saturday May 10, 2025 with presentations on video being sent out for three weeks previous. Any couples preparing for marriage, should go to the link below to register <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/life-and-faith/sacrament-of-marriage-preparation-online.aspx>

SAINTS CORNER—SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS—JANUARY 12

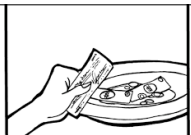
"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. By the time she died, she was referred to as the "Mother of the Colony." Marguerite was canonized in 1982.



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