

# 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.

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

CWL: Brenda Baker

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 Frank Spykerman  
 Brenda Baker

Space Available		Greetings from the <b>Godsoe, Barrett, Brennan, Feuchuk, Herbert and Tittel Families</b>	Space Available
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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

~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

**Sunday, January 26th, 2025**  
**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**

In today's readings we are presented with the image of Jesus as our teacher— a teacher whose wisdom was captured in the narrative form of the Gospels. Do you ever reflect on your role as a student of Christ?

The role of a student is to learn and then prepare to practise what has been studied. Prayer and attentive reception of the Word of God are how we participate in this activity with Our Lord. We can look to the examples of others who preceded us, such as the apostles in the Gospel.

Students need good source materials from which they can learn. Learning comes from exploring these texts from the point of view of our own story; or when studying the Gospel, perhaps aligning our story to the ultimate story of Christ's life as described by the evangelists in the Gospels.

Reflecting on the words of Scripture today, we are reminded of the role both the Law and the Scriptures (both New and Old) plays in our lives. Their careful study can reveal insights to guide and inspire us with our daily lives and the many decisions we are called to make every day.

Let us be grateful for the tradition into which we were baptized, as it presents us with many teachings that can help us as we try to follow Jesus Christ.

—John O'Brien, Oakville, ON



**Winter Sunday Mass—**  
**January 26th, 2025**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**

**Sunday 11:00am at St. James**  
**Rest of the soul of Zofia Sikora**  
—Ewa Jrek

**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

**\*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.**

**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](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.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

As we begin our journey for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis reminds us that "hope should be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life and that "the goods of the Earth are not destined for a privileged few but for everyone." (Spes Non Confundit, 15-16) Inspired by this call to justice, we are joining Caritas Internationalis' campaign Turn Debt into Hope along with many other faith-based and civil society organizations.

Together, we urge decision-makers to prioritise people and planet over mere profit and demand debt justice for communities crushed by unjust and unpayable debts.

As the Holy Father writes, "if we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, we must commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts" (Spes Non Confundit, 16). This Jubilee year 2025, under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

Source: Development and Peace – Caritas Canada [https://search.app/?link=https%3A%2F%2Fdevp%2Eorg%2Fen%2FCampaign%2Fturn%2Ddebt%2Dinto%2Dhope%2F&utm\\_campaign=57165%2Dor%2Digacx%2Dweb%2Dshrbt%2Digga%2Dsharing&utm\\_source=igad%2Cigatpd%2Csh%2Ffx%2Fgs%2Fm%2F5](https://search.app/?link=https%3A%2F%2Fdevp%2Eorg%2Fen%2FCampaign%2Fturn%2Ddebt%2Dinto%2Dhope%2F&utm_campaign=57165%2Dor%2Digacx%2Dweb%2Dshrbt%2Digga%2Dsharing&utm_source=igad%2Cigatpd%2Csh%2Ffx%2Fgs%2Fm%2F5)

**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—SERVANT OF GOD BROTHER JUNIPER- JANUARY 29TH**

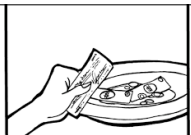
"Would to God, my brothers, I had a whole forest of such Junipers," said Francis of this holy friar.

We don't know much about Juniper before he joined the friars in 1210. Francis sent him to establish "places" for the friars in Gualdo Tadino and Viterbo. When Saint Clare was dying, Juniper consoled her. He was devoted to the passion of Jesus and was known for his simplicity. Several stories about Juniper in the *Little Flowers of St. Francis* illustrate his exasperating generosity. Once Juniper was taking care of a sick man who had a craving to eat pig's feet. This helpful friar went to a nearby field, captured a pig and cut off one foot, and then served this meal to the sick man. The owner of the pig was furious and immediately went to Juniper's superior. When Juniper saw his mistake, he apologized profusely. He also ended up talking this angry man into donating the rest of the pig to the friars!

Another time Juniper had been commanded to quit giving part of his clothing to the half-naked people he met on the road. Desiring to obey his superior, Juniper once told a man in need that he couldn't give the man his tunic, but he wouldn't prevent the man from taking it either. In time, the friars learned not to leave anything lying around, for Juniper would probably give it away.

He died in 1258 and is buried at Ara Coeli Church in Rome.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-fabian/>



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