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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, August 18th, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus announced that we are to eat his body and drink his blood to attain salvation, he appalled his hearers. Jewish people were, and are, forbidden to consume blood. And his disciples found it a difficult teaching to accept. We have since come to understand that Christ was offering his entire self to us by being fully present in the Eucharist.

This is a matter of faith, not logical or scientific fact, that can only be grasped through the wisdom of faith. Wisdom invites us to a mature faith that is not dependent on earthly knowledge, but a deep understanding that we encounter Christ each time at Mass. When we receive Jesus, we become tabernacles bringing Jesus to the world. Through our encounter with the mystery of Christ's eucharistic presence, we become that very presence for all we encounter. We do this by witnessing to our awe and wonder before God, speaking and doing no evil, dedicating ourselves to good works, and pursuing peace in our lives. We live as wise people who offer thanksgiving for all we have been given. We are particularly thankful that Jesus offered his entire self to us in his body and blood. Likewise, we Christ-bearers offer our whole selves to others, and to God's wise plan for justice and peace in our world. Therein lies our salvation.
—Michael Way Skinner, Newmarket, ON

Sunday, August 25th, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood, to be one with him. We are challenged, as the disciples were, to understand this mystery and what it means to be a eucharist people.

For the two of us, this invitation to imitate Christ finds its expression in part through our marriage. Amidst the competing priorities of family, work and community life, it is not always easy to see which choices draw us closer to Christ. But as Saint Paul encourages the Ephesians, when we choose to imitate Christ by loving each other with abandon, we come to know the Holy One of God more fully. Our deepening relationship with God helps us to create space for him even amidst the busyness of daily life. And this deepening union in turn deepens our marital union. Helping us to choose forgiveness over anger, intimate encounter over distraction.

Through the grace of the Eucharist we are nourished and sustained in our calling to imitate Christ through acts of loving service in our world. Christ wishes to reveal himself to us as the only clear choice, as he did for Simon Peter. This deep knowing does not mean we will not stumble like Peter did. It does mean that Jesus, who is ever loving and forgiving, unceasingly invites us to a fullness of life.

—Michael & Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt, Toronto, ON

Summer Sunday Masses— August 17th and August 18th, 2024

Saturday 5:00pm at St Anne's
—for the People of the Parish

Sunday 9:00am Mass at St. Anne's
In honour of Ray and Anne Adela Bonnah's
59th Wedding Anniversary
—Anne Adela Bonnah

11:00am at St. James
—for the People of the Parish

Summer Weekday Masses —August 19th to August 24th, 2024

Monday NO MASS/Fr. Collins' day off

Tuesday 9:00am at St. James

Wednesday 9:00am at St. James

Thursday NO MASS

Friday 9:30am Mass followed by Adoration at
10:00am at St. James

Saturday 9:00am at St. James

Summer Sunday Masses— August 24th and August 25th, 2024

Saturday 5:00pm at St Anne's
—for the People of the Parish

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

11:00am at St. James
—for the People of the Parish

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
- Mandy in the office will be away starting **August 12th and returning August 26th**. Please contact Fr. Collins during this time if you require assistance.
- There will no longer be a weekday Mass on Thursdays due to lack of attendance.
- **Welcome back Summer Parishioners!**

AUGUST DEVOTION

The month of August is dedicated to the **Immaculate Heart**. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men.

The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Excerpted from *The Prayer Book* by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs. 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.



SAINTS CORNER— AUGUST 15TH--THE STORY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

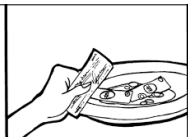
On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

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