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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)

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, April 13th, 2025
Passion (Palm) Sunday

So much happens in today's Gospel— from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem amid the adoring crowd to the Passover meal with his disciples, to his betrayal by one of them, his arrest and trial on trumped-up charges, his denunciation by the crowd (turned fickle), his death sentence by Pilate, his flogging like a common criminal, his terrible and yet triumphant death on a cross, and finally his burial.

Knowing all this was to come, why does Jesus "eagerly desire" to share the Passover meal with his disciples? What does Jesus want the disciples (and us) to grasp?

At Passover today, Jewish families still retell the story of God's faithfulness in delivering them out of the bondage in Egypt. Jesus calls his disciples to pay attention so that they will look back on the fearful events of the coming days and understand that his sacrificial death brings not only resurrection for him but also deliverance for them from the bondage that is associated with sin and death as far back as Adam and Eve.

Indeed, soon after Jesus' death and resurrection, his disciples began to share a common meal in remembrance of him. In the early Church this grew into our Eucharist. Today, as we receive the Eucharist, let us recall with great gratitude the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

—Beth Porter, Richmond Hill, ON



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses—
April 12th and 13th, 2025

Palm Sunday

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
For the people of the parish

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
For blessing and care for children, Tom, Adam, Konrad and Karolina
 —from parents

Holy Week and Weekday Masses
April 14th to April 19th, 2025

Tuesday 10:00am at St. James

Holy Thursday 7:00pm at St. James

Good Friday 3:00pm at St. James

Easter Celebration Masses—
April 19th and 20th, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Saturday 7:00pm at St. James
Easter Vigil Mass
For the people of the parish

Easter Sunday 9:00am at St. Anne's
Easter Sunday Mass
God bless Eva and Erick on 45 years of marriage

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

POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

For the use of new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, www.livingwithchrist.ca

APRIL DEVOTION

The month of April is dedicated to the **Holy Eucharist, and the Holy Spirit.**

This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April.

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess that the Holy Spirit is one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son: "with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) The Holy Spirit is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life.

On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting." But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unflinching, performing in it without ceasing His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvelous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, and Confessors those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity. (*The Mysteries of the Rosary*, Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B.)

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.

CCCB---JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

As we journey through Lent 2025, I am pleased to inform you that the Palm Sunday video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website:
 in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>
 in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

LITURGY LESSONS:

LITURGY NOTES - THE NICENE CREED - PART 3:

AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY!! When we recite these words in our Profession of Faith, we should feel the joy of the first Christians when they learned that Jesus was not dead but was alive! Alleluia! As you proclaim this marvellous truth, at the same time, you hear your brothers and sisters around you proclaiming it to all present. Our hearts should soar upward. Our bodies should want too as well. Physically jumping in the air would best express what we should feel when we proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Creed. Although jumping in the pews is not recommended, we are encouraged to do the opposite gesture of bowing when we say, "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." The profound bow made during these words is a timeless and universal religious gesture of dying before the Holy One, for we are not worthy even to stand in the presence of the mighty Creator of all things. But the Divine Son humbled himself to be born of a virgin, and in awesome recollection of the mystery of Christ's incarnation, we say these words while humbly bowed before God. On two special days – Christmas and the Annunciation (March 25), we replace the bow with a genuflection, recognizing that the Son of God so humbled himself for our sake that he came to earth as one of us. We pray with our bodies when we pray the Nicene Creed, a good expression that the Christian faith is an incarnate faith, not merely spiritual, redeeming the entire human person, body and soul. (©Padre Piccolo)

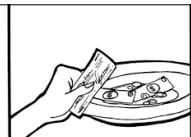
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE (PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL) LENT
APRIL 13

For political and civil leaders, that they may promote and protect the dignity of their fellow citizens, especially the most disadvantaged, let us pray to the Lord. For the great economic decision-makers, that concern for the common good, justice and peace may guide their decisions and actions, let us pray to the Lord. For the Church, that she may never cease to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to the world, and to promote the preferential option for the poor which is rooted in faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer, let us pray to the Lord

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Turn Debt into Hope campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all."

— The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru. Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your solidarity!



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