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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.			
E May God Give to You	RR His Comfort and		A his peace

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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, October 27th, 2024
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nothing is more unsettling than the inability to understand the world around us. Physical blindness is a terrifying prospect for most of us, but even the moments of being metaphorically blind while chaos reigns in our life can be equally terrifying. When our lives seem to be spiralling downward and we feel that we're overwhelmed by danger and pain, these can be moments of complete distress.

In such a situation, when full of alarm and terror, and all our efforts produce no solutions, we can do one of two things. We can give into despair and surrender to the belief that things are hopeless. Alternatively, we can do what Bartimaeus does in today's Gospel: go deeper in prayer. Bartimaeus' pleas to Christ are prayers made by a desperate man.

When Bartimaeus begins shouting "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" he is met by scorn from the crowds. This serves as a stark reminder that prayer doesn't always yield an instant fix to our problems. However, Bartimaeus persists in prayer, and the outcome is ultimately one that sees a solution to his plight. Whether or not we get the answer we expect, we can take consolation in today's Gospel that for those who persist in prayer in dire circumstances, Christ will not leave us abandoned. Our faith will make us well.

—Andrew Hume, Toronto, ON



**Winter Sunday Masses—
 October 26th and October 27th, 2024**

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

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
 +Repose of the soul of Zofia Sikora
 —Ewa Jrek and family

**Winter Weekday Masses —
 October 28th to November 2nd, 2024**

Tuesday 10:00am at St. James

Friday All Saints Day
 10:00am Adoration followed by Mass at
 11:00am at St. James

Saturday All Souls Day
 10:00am at St. James

**Winter Sunday Masses—
 November 2nd and November 3rd, 2024**

Saturday 5:00pm at St Anne's
 For all the faithful departed

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
 +Repose of the soul of Bertha Tolles
 —Brenda and Mark Baker

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
- Farewell to our summer parishioners. We will see you again in the spring!

OCTOBER DEVOTION

The month of October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical colour green. This symbol of hope is the colour of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honours and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" 142 (Mediator Dei).



POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

For as shared mission: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, [visit 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.



FINALIZING THE DETAILS

There's no escaping it, our days are numbered. But we can get ready and be prepared. Across five weeks, guest speakers will lead discussions about how each person can finalize the details needed to ensure they are cared for, their wishes are respected and our faith in the resurrection revealed.

Join us Thursday evenings, **starting November 7th** in the Knights of Columbus Parish Hall behind St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parry Sound. **Presentation begins at 7PM**; light refreshments being served at 6:45PM.

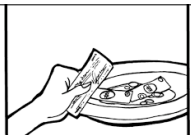
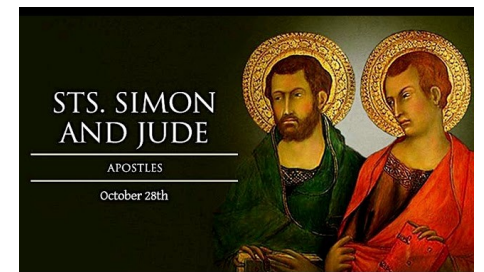
- November 7th - Downsizing**
with Real Estate Business Coach Sandra Porretta
- November 14th - Estate Planning**
with Financial Planner Barb Kerr
- November 21st - Pre-arranging a funeral**
with Funeral Directors Hugh Logan & Nicole Kuta
- November 28th - End of Life Care**
with Fr. Tom Lynch
- December 5th - Planning Funeral Celebrations**
with Fr. Jerry Tavares

**NOVEMBER 2ND – ALL SOUL'S DAY
 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Since the early Church, Christians have prayed for the dead. By the 7th century, some monastic foundations reserved this day to pray for deceased members and benefactors. By the 14th century, the commemoration had spread through Europe and was universally accepted in the Latin Church.

**SAINTS CORNER—ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE—
 OCTOBER 28th**

The names of Simon and Jude appear in New Testament lists of the apostles, but little less is known about either. Since there are two apostles named Simon and two named Judas (Luke 6.14-16 and Acts 1.13), these are distinguished as Simon the Zealot and Judas the son (or the brother) of James, the other being Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot. Simon is surnamed the Cananaean or the Zealot, names which refer to his zeal for the Law. Jude (Judas) is also called Thaddeus (Matthew 10.4 and Mark 3.18); the one mention of him outside of the lists is in John (14.22-23) where he is referred to as "Judas (Not Iscariot)." Traditionally, both these apostles suffered martyrdom. In a later tradition, Jude became a patron saint of so-called hopeless causes.



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