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First Sunday of Advent

St. James the Great Parish & St. Anne's Mission

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St. James the Great Parish
509 High Street, Mactier



St. Anne's Mission
1150 Whiteside Rd, Fenn's Point (Bala)

**Celebrate
with us**

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY: 5PM • St. Anne's Mission

SUNDAY: 11AM • St. James the Great Parish

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes prior to Mass



Pastor: Fr. Jithin Jose CMI

Admin Assistant: Kristen Penfold

Office & Rectory: 82 Joseph St. Mactier
705-375-2478

Scan the QR Code to connect with us

BAPTISM

Parents seeking baptism for their children
should approach the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage
must meet Fr. Jithin at least one year prior to
a desired date.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office as soon as
possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
Interested in receiving the Sacraments?
Contact the Parish Office.



We want to know who you are....

New to the Parish? Please complete and place this form in the offertory basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

**Stewardship: How would you like
to contribute to your Parish?**

☐ Traditional Offertory Envelopes

☐ Electronic Giving

First Sunday of Advent ✝ November 30, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

MT Wednesday, Dec. 3 · 10AM: No Intentions
MT Thursday, Dec. 4 · **No Mass – Clergy Christmas (PTBO)**
PS Friday, Dec. 5 · 11:30AM Adoration & Confession
12:10PM: No Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent

FP Saturday, Dec. 6 · 5PM: Missa Pro Populo (For the People)
PS Sunday, Dec. 7 9AM: + Martin Quenneville
MT Sunday, Dec. 7 · 11 AM: Deceased members of Schell Families

MT **St. James the Great** - 509 High St. Mactier, ON

FP **St. Anne’s Mission** - 1150 Whiteside Rd. Fenn’s Point (Bala), ON

HH **Our Lady of Mercy** - 2590 Honey Harbour Rd. Honey Harbour, ON

PS **St. John the Baptist** - 16 Port Severn Rd. N. Port Severn, ON

Advent Begins: A Time to Wake Up in Faith

Advent is a season of longing, hope, and holy expectation. Today, as we enter a new liturgical year, the Church invites us to slow down and look deeper—not at the busyness around us, but at the quiet movements of God within us. The Gospel reminds us to “stay awake,” not in fear, but in love. Jesus calls us to be attentive to His presence, because He comes not only at the end of time, but in the ordinary moments of each day.

This season is a gentle reminder that God is always arriving. He comes in the smile of a child, in the patience we show one another, in the courage to forgive, and in the faith to begin again. Advent teaches us that God’s grace often appears quietly, like dawn breaking through darkness.

The prophet Isaiah envisions a world where swords become ploughshares and nations seek peace. Advent invites us to take one small step toward that vision—perhaps by reconciling with someone, offering help to a neighbor, or choosing kindness when it is difficult. In these simple acts, Christ is born again in our world.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we remember that even the smallest light has the power to break darkness. Let us prepare our hearts with hope, watchfulness, and joy. May this season awaken in us a renewed desire for God and a renewed commitment to walk in His ways. Come, Lord Jesus. Make our hearts your home.

Fr. Jithin Jose, CMI

TODAYS READINGS

First: Isaiah 2:1–5
Second: Romans 13:11–14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37–44

Offer the Gift of the Mass

Have a Mass celebrated for a loved one or a special intention. To arrange a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

WELCOME

We’re glad you’re here! We believe that every person is on a spiritual journey, and what matters most is not where one is along the way, but the commitment to walk the path of faith. We warmly welcome all—no matter the stage of your spiritual life, your questions, struggles, or failures. We simply invite you to journey with us and remain open to what God is calling you to become. Scan the QR code or give us a call—we’d love to connect with you.

New Sunday Missal Available

The new Living with Christ Sunday Missals begin this weekend. Get your copy for \$5 after Mass.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes will be available for pickup at the entrance of the church starting next weekend for all who used them this past year. If you’re not currently using envelopes and would like to begin, Kristen can provide you with a blank box—simply call or email office@stjamesmactier.ca the office to a

Help Keep Our Records Up To Date

If you’ve moved or changed your phone or email office@stjamesmactier.ca or contact the Parish Office.

Christmas Schedule:

Christmas Eve 4PM St. Anne’s Mission
Christmas Eve 7PM St. John the Baptist
Christmas Eve 7PM St. James the Great

Christmas Day 9AM St. John the Baptist
Christmas Day 11AM St. James the Great

Christmas Holiday Train

Catch the magic this Sunday, November 30, when the CPKC Holiday Train rolls through our region with four festive stops. Now in its 27th year, the Christmas train will once again feature a free concert from the brightly lit travelling stage, with country artists Jade Eagleson and Teigen Gayse performing live. If you are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate, as the Holiday Train will be collecting for local food banks.

Train Stops:

Mactier – 3–3:20PM at the old CP Station

Parry Sound – 4:30–5PM at 1 Avenue Road
Shawanaga – 5:30–6PM at the Band Office beside Village Road
Rutter – 7:10–7:40PM at the Rutter Train Station

Lighting the Advent Wreath

We are seeking parishioners to help light the Advent Wreath before Mass begins. If you’d like to participate, speak with Fr. Jithin after Mass to sign up.

Please Note

Due to a lack of internet access in the office mid-week, we are unable to print hard copies of the bulletin. The bulletin will still be available online and through the e-bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

WORSHIP OFFERING for November 23, 2025

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be.” Matthew 6:21

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