

# 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.

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 wast 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

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~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL ~

**Sunday, March 24th, 2024**  
**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

A triumphant entry into Jerusalem marked a double departure for Jesus and his three-year public ministry. The arrival at Jerusalem was both a precursor to his pending crucifixion and a deviation from the ministry in which Jesus had been content to travel the countryside on foot, attracting little fanfare. This time, he sent disciples ahead to fetch a colt for an arrival that included shouts of Hosanna from a local throng spreading cloaks and branches along the mucky road.

During his public ministry, Jesus performed many healings and miracles but often told those healed not to publicize what had happened. Arriving in Jerusalem to complete his earthly mission, Jesus embraced the publicity and reverence he had previously downplayed.

Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem was greeted both by those who accepted him as a saviour and others who erroneously saw Jesus as a leader who would overthrow Roman rule. The latter group's shouts of Hosanna would soon be supplanted by cries to crucify him when Jesus didn't fulfill their worldly wishes.

On the solemn day, as we begin Holy Week, let us dig deep and rekindle our own profession of life-giving faith enkindled by Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem. May our voices join with those who cry, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
 —Francis Campbell, Enfield, NS



**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Masses—  
 March 23rd and March 24th, 2024**

**Saturday 5:00pm Mass at St. Anne's**  
 —for the people of the parish

**Sunday 11:00am at St. James**  
**Rest of the soul of Richard Spykerman**  
 —Frank Spykerman

**Holy Week Celebrations — March 25th to March 30th,  
 2024**

**Tuesday 11:00am Mass at St. James**

**Wednesday NO MASS— Confession at St. Peters in  
 Parry Sound at 6:00pm**

**Holy Thursday Celebration at St. James at 7:00pm**

**Good Friday Celebration at St. James at 3:00pm**

**Easter Celebrations— March 30th and March 31st,  
 2024**

**Saturday 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. James**  
**Rest of the soul of Richard Spykerman**  
 —Frank Spykerman

**Sunday 9:00am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Anne's**  
 — 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](mailto:office@stjamesmactier.ca)
- **2023 tax receipts have been mailed. Please inform us if you have had an address change or if there are any discrepancies at [office@stjamesmactier.ca](mailto:office@stjamesmactier.ca) or call the office.**
- **2024 Offertory envelopes update— 2024 Offertory envelopes are ready and can be picked up at St. James the Great and St. Anne's. We had to reduce the number of envelopes this year, so if your number was above #65 you have been reassigned a new number. Please look for your last name when looking for your envelopes. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

**For the new martyrs:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm. To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit [www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

**MARCH DEVOTION**

March is the month of devotion to St. Joseph, whose feast falls on March 19th. The date of the solemnity of St. Joseph dates to the end of the 15th century; within the next few centuries, the entire month as a time for devotion to St. Joseph became part of tradition. In a society which seems to discourage the importance of marriage and fatherhood, St. Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin and the man given the responsibility of raising Jesus, is an incredible model of an obedient, faithful, Christian father. There are indulgences attached to devotion to St. Joseph during this month: three hundred days daily for those who privately or publicly perform some pious practice in honour of St. Joseph, during the month, a plenary indulgence on any day of the month under the usual conditions.



**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.

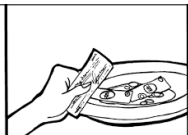
**ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD— MARCH 25**

**The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord**

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity. Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us. (Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/annunciation-of-the-lord/>)

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