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 God's Blessings from the Smailys Family	 Greetings from Doyle Capital Corporation	<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 St. James The Great Catholic Women's League	<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.			 Pray For Peace  W. McCook Miller
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, July 25th, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christianity's deepest truth is that it is not a list of precepts but rather a relationship with the Triune God. To accept this invitation to participate in the divine life is to also elevate our human relationships. Through our one baptism and one faith we are united in the Mystical Body. In the Holy Eucharist, this union is intensified in the most efficacious and wondrous way.

Paul rouses us from our sleep to urge us to live a life worthy of the call we have been given. This call, which was slowly and lovingly revealed by God, is seen in today's readings. The call is to live a eucharistic life: a life that is not radically individualistic but radically ground up and poured out, in love, for God and neighbour. Receiving his body, blood, soul and divinity into our souls and bodies, we become living tabernacles. Our purpose is to bring Christ to others. As Elisha says, we are to give to the people to eat.

The Eucharist is the mystery of Christ's love, which is the most beautiful thing on earth. Nowhere is the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist clearer than in today's Gospel. All people hunger for God. We need to desire more than anything to forget ourselves and bring Jesus to the multitudes for the salvation of the world.

—Lorelei Kenny  
Stratford, PE



### Sunday Masses— July 24th and July 25th, 2021

**Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's**  
**In celebration of Nan Allen's 90th Birthday**  
—Ann Sheffar

**Sunday 9:00am at St. Anne's**  
**Special intention for the care of Dr. Terry Wolff**

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

### Weekday Masses — July 26th to July 31st, 2021

**Monday NO MASS**  
**Tuesday 10:30am at St. Peter's, Parry Sound**  
**Wednesday 9:00am at St. James**  
**Thursday NO MASS**  
**Friday NO MASS**  
**Saturday NO MASS**

### Sunday Masses— July 31st and August 1st, 2021

**Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's**  
**In loving memory of Donal Sheffar**  
—Ann Sheffar

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

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

**\*It is MANDATORY for you to wear a mask at Mass and receive communion in the hand. Contract tracing is no longer required. Thank you and God Bless for your cooperation.\***

### Step 3 of Ontario's Reopening Plan begins Friday July 16th!

The provincial government announced last Friday that Ontario will be moving to Step 3 of the "Roadmap for Reopening" plan as of 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 16, 2021.

In Step 3, there is no capacity limit for churches and missions. However, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household.

There is no need for contact tracing at the services in the church or mission unless there is a funeral. At this time, face mask use indoors is mandatory for the celebrants and the faithful, even for those who are fully vaccinated. You can find all the regulations for Stage 3 at [Diocesan website COVID-19 link: COVID-19 UPDATE - Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough](#) [\(peterboroughdiocese.org\)](#)

The weekly bulletin is sent out every Friday 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). You can also view the bulletin on our website at [www.stjamesmactier.ca](http://www.stjamesmactier.ca).

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### -Live streaming of the Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Please join in prayer: <https://youtu.be/pcpsmv0EW64>

**-World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly---Sunday July 25:** The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life has produced a short video message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on Sunday, 25 July 2021. The video message brings to life the theme chosen for this day, "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20). It seeks to encourage young people, families, and communities to draw near and to spend time with grandparents and the elderly, cherishing their essential role for the Church and society. The video message can be found here below and can be found on the CCCB website under the Office for Family and Life resources. <https://www.cccb.ca/faiht-moral-issues/family-and-life/grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

-On the weekend of July 31/August 1, the diocese will take a special collection supporting both Peterborough Campus Ministry and the Office of Vocations. See bulletin insert for more information.

**-Mass Requests:** Whenever you celebrate a forthcoming birthday, wedding or death anniversary always thank God. What better way to show our gratitude to Him, than offering a Holy Mass for such with your intentions. Please email or call the office, or let Fr. Collins know if you require a Mass Request.

We have received inquiries about donations during this time. If you are interested in setting up a pre-authorized offering plan (POP), the form needed can be accessed through our website at: [www.stjamesmactier.ca/give](http://www.stjamesmactier.ca/give) or by email [office@stjamesmactier.ca](mailto:office@stjamesmactier.ca). Or you can donate to our parish through the following [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48037> Or by mail: **82 Joseph Street, PO Box 32, MacTier, ON P0C 1H0**

You are no longer required to register online for Masses. There are no capacity limits for churches but please practice physical distancing and continue to wear a mask.

### Gospel Reading

*John 6:1-15*

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

### Background on the Gospel Reading (source: [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungerers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others. John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



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