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	Greetings from the Godsoe, Barrett, Brennan, Feuchuk, Herbert, Tittel Families	Space Available
 Greetings from Mary-Ellen & Tim Forwell and Family	 Best wishes from Annette & Fred Ternoway "May God grant you many happy years."	 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 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 & 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.		 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.

Office Admin./ Bookkeeper:	Mandy Near 705-375-2478 (Thurs-Fri 10am-2pm)
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Sunday, November 29th, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent

As we begin the season of Advent, we hear Jesus exhort the disciples to watch as they wait by using a parable of the master of a house who leaves on a journey of indeterminate length. During that time, what will the servants do?

In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a rather bleak picture of what happens over time when the people of God live by their own devices. Isaiah's plea for reconciliation reminds us that the God of Israel is the only God, no matter where or when the people have sought other gods. They find themselves in the emptiness of their disobedience, far from God's saving mercy.

We are God's people, waiting and watching. Advent is our time of journeying towards love and a reminder that our human nature is flawed. Devotion to gods of our own making will keep us separated from Jesus. In the second reading, Paul boldly reminds us what our hope is: "You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will strengthen you to the end...God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Watch, then, that we journey every moment with Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Johanne Brownrigg
Orleans, ON



Sunday Masses — November 28th and November 29th

Saturday	5:00 pm at St. Anne's +Annie MacLean (mother of Donna Stimson)
Sunday	11:00 am at St. James +Mr. and Mrs. A Mifsud, Judy Cleveland, Mrs. A Colroo, Mr. Larry Lautner

Weekday Masses — November 30th to December 5th

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

Sunday Masses — December 5th and December 6th

Saturday	5:00 pm at St. Anne's — for the People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00 am at St. James —for the People of the Parish

*It is now **MANDATORY** for you to wear a mask at Mass and to receive communion with hands.
Thank you and God Bless for your cooperation.*

Reopening Planning Committee Update: IMPORTANT CHANGES
NEW - GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH MEASURES- The Government of Ontario has a new framework for the description of COVID-19 health precautions. The Health Unit in each area will determine the level of risk and accordingly, the health precautions to be put in place. The Framework has five levels: Green – prevent, Yellow – protect, Orange – restrict, Red – control and Lockdown. It is the authority and responsibility of the local Health Unit to determine and monitor the stage for their regional jurisdiction. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit serving St. James and St. Anne's has moved to ORANGE LEVEL effective Monday, November 23, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. **Parishes will continue to restrict attendance at all liturgical celebrations to 30% capacity. Indoor meetings are restricted to 50 people maximum.**

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS IN OUR PARISHES

- Safely determine 1/3 capacity of a church
- Sanitize and be vigilant about the hygiene practices at the church
- Post signage for the wearing of face masks, entrances, exits, use of hand sanitizers, etc.
- Establish distinct doorways for entering and exiting.
- Make the Diocesan announcement before the weekend Masses during the pandemic.
- REVISED – Follow safe health precautions for singing at Masses.
- Instruct parishioners about clear procedures for the distribution of Holy Communion
- Face masks are now required in places of worship and work sites in the province of Ontario. Make sure signage is posted, priest is wearing the mask when he is not speaking/singing, the parishioners are verbally reminded to wear mask and have a supply of face masks on hand in case parishioners have forgotten to bring a face mask. (Those who have a medical exemption from wearing the face mask are to be respected and welcomed.)

PARISH BULLETINS & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

Parishes may prepare paper parish bulletins effective immediately and plan a touchless way to make parish bulletins available to parishioners. Similarly, for the distribution of offertory envelopes, parishes will do so in a manner that avoids touching and the gathering of people around a table.

SUNDAY MISSALS AND MISSALETTES:

Parishes can order missals and/or missalettes for parishioners and plan a touchless way to deliver the missals/missalettes. If the parish orders missals/missalettes, follow the same guidelines as noted above for parish bulletins and offertory envelopes. Advise parishioners that paper items left in the church during the pandemic will be collected and put in the recycle bin.

SALE OF GOODS AT THE PARISHES:

Please do not host or hold events for the purpose of selling items such as but not limited to Christmas cards, calendars, Holy Land items, etc. Any such items not essential to the operation of our parishes should not be sold at this time.

You can find the full Reopening Planning Committee document at: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/resources/General/Homepage-banners/COVID-19/Communication/Nov-10-2020-Reopening-Planning-Committee-Update.pdf>



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. You can also view the bulletin on our website at www.stjamesmactier.ca

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 or by email office@stjamesmactier.ca. Or you can donate to our parish through the following canadahelps.org link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48037>
Or by mail: **82 Joseph Street, PO Box 32, MacTier, ON P0C 1H0**



Thank you parishioners who have been so gracious to our parish during this pandemic, sending in your donation to help the parish's financial needs. We are grateful to you and pray that God grant you recompense.
—Father Collins Okafor, SMMM

PLEASE NOTE:

-The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops ("CCCCB") has produced a series of videos entitled *Journey through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in the Season of Advent. This video series will be posted on the CCCC website at the link below: <https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>
-With much appreciation for the work of Fr. Craig Cruikshank and the Sacramental Preparation team at St. Joseph Parish in Bowmanville, the online resources for First Reconciliation sacramental preparation during this pandemic have been completed. The link to these resources follows below.

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/life-and-faith/sacrament-of-reconciliation-during-covid-19.aspx>

-We should have our new missals by next week. There was a publishing delay. If you would like a missal, contact the office to arrange a contactless way to pick one up or you can order one at https://en.novalis.ca/collections/subscriptions?gclid=Cj0KCQIA7qP9BRCLARIsABDaZzjqMmZMNJ8rH2PfXxT1lv_lw-IFi37W0n3X5Ga7QG7mItpGxfBPDMGaAuIpEALw_wcB or by calling 514-523-6222

-Offertory envelopes are ready for 2021. Please see Father Collins to make arrangements or call or email the office to ensure to avoid large gatherings and contact with people.

-Mass for the First Sunday in Advent: +His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm celebrates Mass for the First Sunday of Advent at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. (November 29, 2020). Please join in prayer!

This YouTube link will be live as of 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2020.
<https://youtu.be/E3-I9dCZpsw>



Stewardship News....*Thank you for your kind support.*
Last Week's offering- \$260.00