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

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~ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL~

Sunday, September 26th, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who is Jesus that even someone outside his group of followers could cast out demons using his name? Today's Gospel from Mark helps us reflect, among other things, on Jesus' divinity. This is the same Jesus who changed water into wine (Jn 2.1-11); the very Jesus of whom the disciples witnessed: "even the winds and the sea obey him" (Mt 8.27).

In today's Gospel, Jesus also teaches about the seriousness of sin. Our bodies, with which we are called to glorify God, are sometimes used for evil. Jesus does not suggest that we literally cut off our limbs, but uses hyperbole or exaggeration to convey that our love for God must be greater than our self-seeking. What aspect of my life needs to be "cut off" as it draws me away from God? What do I do with my hands, see with my eyes, feed into my mind or speak with my tongue that leads me to sin? Jesus calls us to radically transform our being, to use our bodies for love of God.

In the Eucharist, Jesus lives what he teaches. He offers himself unreservedly for our transformation. When we hear, "This is my body, which will be given up for you" and partake in his most precious body and blood, may we be transformed to reflect in our own bodies the person of Christ we receive.

—Allison Endrizzi
North York, ON



Sunday Masses— September 25th and September 26th, 2021

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
Special Intention for all the priests and religious
—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

Weekday Masses — September 27th to October 2nd, 2021

Monday Fr. Collins' day off
Tuesday 10:30am at St. Peter's, Parry Sound
Wednesday 9:00am at St. James
Thursday 12:15pm at St. James
Friday 11:00am Adoration before Mass
12:15pm at St. James

Sunday Masses— October 2nd and October 3rd, 2021

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
Special Intention in loving memory of Don 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.

COVID-19 Information Update:

Update about the health precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic as Step 3 of the Reopening Plan continues, the fourth wave of the pandemic impacts the province, and a couple of legislated requirements are introduced. For the full September 16, 2021 update, please go to: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/how-do-i-find/covid-19-update.aspx>

PARISH HALLS

Parish Halls can be opened for meetings/events observing the following points listed below:

- Participants will wear a face mask.
- Physical distancing between participants/households of 6 feet or 2 metres will be maintained.
- No food will be served.
- Contact tracing records for the event or meeting will be maintained and kept on file for 30 days.
- No new parish hall rentals - only meetings and rentals for groups that have previously used and/or rented the parish hall.
- No funeral or after Mass receptions.
- Participants attending an event or meeting at a parish hall need to present their Vaccine Passport as of September 22, 2021.

VACCINE PASSPORT

The province of Ontario is instituting a Vaccine Passport. The Vaccine Passport is not required for places of worship where a religious celebration is taking place. However, the Vaccine Passport is required in "meeting and event spaces."

The Vaccine Passport will include both receipts for the two doses of the vaccine and photo identification. The Vaccine Passport requirement became effective on Wednesday, September 22nd.

Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger and unable to be vaccinated will also be exempted from these requirements.

For the period between September 22 and October 12, 2021, it is intended that people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of vaccination. These rapid antigen tests would have to be privately purchased.

The Vaccine Passport will become available through technology as a QR code and more information about this will be issued when it becomes available.

Face masks and social distancing are still required. Daily online COVID-19 screening prior to attending Mass is still required. The pandemic is not over, and your attention to these points of care is appreciated. Your leadership and our collective efforts will assist with keeping us all in good health.

PLEASE NOTE:

-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

-There will now be Mass on Thursdays at 12:15pm and Adoration on Fridays at 11:00am followed by Mass at 12:15pm, as well as the Wednesday Mass at 9:00am.

-Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: It will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25, 2021. The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Please join in prayer by going to: <https://youtu.be/hczPRW8iglk>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

[NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - September 30th](#)

This federal statutory holiday was passed by parliament in June of 2021. It was a bi-partisan vote recognizing the need of Canadians to undertake the serious work of reconciliation and decolonization. The purpose of the day is to engage in efforts directed toward personal education about the issues impacting the work of reconciliation. Parish offices across the Diocese will be closed on September 30th. The office will reopen after that as per usual hours of operation. To support the education efforts, please click and read this webpage on the website for the Diocese of Peterborough:

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/residential-schools.aspx>

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

Background on the Gospel Reading (source: loyolapress.com)

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.



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