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<div>God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can and Wisdom to know the difference.</div>		<div><div>JOHNSTON &amp; DANIEL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE BRIAN MCELWAIN SALES REPRESENTATIVE 118 Medora St., Box 338, Port Carling, ON P0B 1J0 Cell: 416.816.2141 Office: 705.765.6855 brianmcelwain@johnstonanddaniel.com cottagemuskoka.ca</div></div>	<div>ACT OF CONTRITION MY GOD, I AM SORRY for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen. <small>© 2010 Creative Communications for the Parish, 1564 Fenncorp Drive, Fenton, MO 65026-2942, Art by Sally Bush. Printed in the USA. PPT</small></div>
<div><div>Greetings from Mary-Ellen &amp; Tim Forwell and Family</div></div>	<div><div>Best wishes from Annette &amp; Fred Ternoway "May God grant you many happy years."</div></div>	<div><div>Greetings from Arnold &amp; Delores Nussey</div></div>	
<div></div>	<div>God's Blessings from the Smailys Family</div>	<div><div>Greetings from Doyle Capital Corporation</div></div>	<div>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</div>
<div><div>Greetings from St. James The Great Catholic Women's League</div></div>	<div>G. H. Grassby &amp; Associates Incorporated Gerry Grassby 77 Park Crescent, Richmond Hill L4E 3J5 Office: 905-773-8320 Cell: 416-697-1604 Muskoka: 705-762-1835</div>		
<div>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.</div>			
<div>E May God Give to You</div>		<div>RR His Comfort and</div>	<div><div></div><div>Pray For Peace W. McCook Miller</div></div>
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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, February 16th, 2020**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us that he has not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.

Just because God loves us, does not mean he has to do what we want him to do. We can't manipulate God or guilt-trip him into doing what we want. It's humbling for us to realize that we are not entitled to his favour. God chooses to help us with perfect freedom from a place of pure love. The law that he gave to us was not meant to limit us, but to ensure we use our freedom in a way that is good for us and others.

Love requires freedom, and freedom means we have to respect the other person's ability to say "no" to us. If we truly desire to be in a mature relationship with God, then we need to respect this freedom and ensure we use our freedom in a way that gives God glory, which will strengthen our relationship with God and others.

Today we celebrate the Eucharist, a sacrifice made freely on our behalf, let us repent of the times we've trespassed against God and our neighbour, and embrace the gift of God's law and the true freedom it leads us to.

—Cheridan Sanders  
Toronto, ON



**Sunday Masses — February 15th and February 16th**

**Saturday at St. Anne's**  
—NO MASS

**Sunday 11:00 am at St. James**  
**Special Intention for Tracey Kiley**  
— Don Kiley

**Weekday Masses — February 17th to February 22nd**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>mass at Parry Sound</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 am at St. James</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>mass at Parry Sound</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:30 am at St. James</b> *Adoration starts at 10:00am until 11:00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 am at St. James</b> <b>+Mike Spillane</b> — Helen Dixon

**Sunday Masses — February 22nd and February 23rd**

**Saturday at St. Anne's**  
—NO MASS

**Sunday 11:00 am at St. James**  
**+Mike Spillane**  
—Doreen Lance

*There will be no masses on Saturdays at St. Anne's for energy saving. Masses will resume on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at 5:00 pm.*  
*From February 16 until March 1, 2020, mass will be at 11:00 am at St. James.*  
*Saturday mass will resume at St. James on Feb. 15, 2020 at 9:00 am.*

**Diocesan Pastoral Planning Update:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough moved from the Entry Phase of Pastoral Planning to the Formal Phase in 2019. The Formal Phase of the Pastoral Planning Process will continue until 2021 culminating in the launch of a new Pastoral Plan for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. Here is some information about the process with the invitation for your participation and input. Let us keep this planning process in our prayers that the Spirit of God will lead us with wisdom, charity, and courage. Please check out this link for an overview of the pastoral planning process and a list of information about the work of the Committee.  
<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/pastoral-planning.aspx>

**2020 Camp Northern Lights Special Collection:** Bishop Miehm has advised that the 2020 Camp Northern Lights special collection in parishes is scheduled for two weekends in February— February 8/9th and February 15/16th, 2020.

**RESETTLED:** This video is about refugees who were sponsored and welcomed through the parish teams of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough. The video has been posted on the Diocesan YouTube page. The video is heartwarming and inspiring! Please enjoy watching Reset-tled. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuHJ0i0xT8c&feature=youtu.be>

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:17–37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

**The Seven Holy Founders of the of Servite Order- Feast day February 17:**

Imagine that seven famous businessmen in New York left their homes and careers today to live together in solitude and prayer. The world would be surprised and led to reflect on its values.

Seven wealthy, well-known cloth merchants lived in Florence, Italy in the mid-thirteenth century: Bonfilus, Monaldi, John Bonagiunta, Gerard Sostegni, Bartholomew Amidei, Benedict dell' Antella, Ricoverus Uguccione, and Alexis Falconieri. They found themselves in a society in which many people ignored God's law. Riches and the easy life meant more to these people than the love of the poor and service to the needy. These seven men decided to withdraw from the city and to lead lives of prayer and penance. They chose to turn their lives over to God and give witness to all that is good and true.

It took great courage for these men to leave their prosperous businesses and live a life of prayer and penance. They had been leaders in society, so their decision to change their way of living caused a stir and inspired others to rethink their values and make some changes in their lives. This group of men fostered devotion to the Blessed Virgin, particularly in her seven sorrows. They called themselves the Servants of Mary or Servites. Eventually all the founders but Alexis were ordained. When their order was finally approved, Alexis was the only founder still living.

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