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	<i>Greetings from the Godsoe, Barrett, Brennan, Fenchuk, Herbert, Tittel Families</i>		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
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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)

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, May 9th, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

We live in an unpredictable world. We can never know how things will turn out or how people will react to our words. We can't be sure what tomorrow will be and because of painful experiences we've had amidst a world in flux, we can become afraid. We begin to fear losing control over our lives, to fear the criticism of others and to fear unexpected injury or loss.

How should we respond to this fear? How ought we as Christians encounter the unknown future? Our temptation can be to maintain a sense of control. We do this in a thousand different ways: by seeking to manipulate others, by hoarding our goods for potential future need, by building barriers between ourselves and strangers or those who remind us of our vulnerability. But the truth is that we don't need to protect ourselves from the harshness of an unpredictable world.

Today God remind us that we need not fear at all, because he is sovereign and he loves us. God chose freely to create all that exists out of love and he sustains us in existence out of that same love.

Love is the driving force of the universe. All we need to do is entrust ourselves to providence, to this current of grace. Today, Jesus gives us the simple solution to fear: "Abide in my love."

—Gabrielle Johnson
Edmonton, AB

Sunday Masses— May 8th and May 9th 2021

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
Mass intention for The Sheffar Family
—Ann Sheffar

Saturday 7:00pm at St. James
—for the People of the Parish

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
Special Intention for Christine Spykerman
—CWL

12:00pm Baptisms—
Coleson James John Anderson and
Penelope Nicol

Weekday Masses — May 10th to May 15th, 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— May 15th and May 16th 2021

Saturday 5:00pm at St. Anne's
Mass intention for All the Priests and Religious
—Ann Sheffar

Saturday 7:00pm at St. James
—for the People of the Parish

Sunday 11:00am at St. James
Special Intention for Teresa Opalinski
for her 90th Birthday
—Dr. Alexander Opalinski

*It is MANDATORY for you to wear a mask at Mass
and receive communion in the hand.
Contract tracing is required.
Thank you and God Bless for your cooperation.*

28 Day Provincial State of Emergency and a Stay-at-Home Order was extended by Premiere Ford to May 19, 2021.

The Premier's announcement impacts the churches in these ways:
NORTHERN DEANERY – Effective Monday, April 19, 2021, Bishop Miehm gives his permission for the Sunday and weekday Masses to be celebrated publicly with 10 people (including the priest and liturgical ministers) if the pastors feel that it is safe and feasible to do so. All health precautions related to the pandemic must be observed.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough has a YouTube channel. The Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays until further notice. The Masses will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube channel follows:
Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough - YouTube
Let us continue to care for and look after one another's good health during this third wave of the pandemic.

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

If you have any questions or need to contact the office for mass requests or any other enquiries, it is best to email office@stjamesmactier instead of calling the office as Mandy, the secretary is working from home at this time.

PLEASE NOTE:
-We have added an extra Sunday Mass at St. James on Saturday at 7:00pm due to popular demand. With the new restrictions of only 10 people allowed at Mass, this allows for more people to attend.
-ALERTS ABOUT COVID-19 VIRUS EXPOSURES AND OUT-BREAKS: As soon as the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough is informed of an exposure, confirmed case, or outbreak of the COVID-19 virus at a parish or mission, it is posted on the website at the link below. Additionally, parishioners are encouraged to visit the website of their local health unit to check on the number and locations of outbreaks in the region. https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/how-do-i-find/covid-19-update.aspx
-Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Easter: +His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm celebrates the Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Easter from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough, ON. (May 9, 2021) The Mass will be broadcast on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough YouTube channel starting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Please join in prayer by clicking this link: https://youtu.be/SX8PdPkwAic

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

You can now register for masses online! For more information go to www.stjamesmactier.ca or if you get the weekly bulletin by email, you will receive an email with links that will go live on Sunday afternoon.



Happy Easter season dear people of God, and many thanks to you most faithful parishioners for your continuous support to our parish's financial needs. Your graciousness in sending in your collections and donations are greatly appreciated. Please do continue.

Moreover, many of you have responded quickly to getting yourself vaccinated as required, just as I did on the 6th of this Month (April), and hoping to complete it in subsequent Months. This is the best way we could overcome this pandemic and come back together again. Please be encouraged to get it done as soon as you can.

Thank you once again and may God bless us all as we play our part to keep each other safe.

—Fr. Collins Okafor, SMMM

Gospel Reading
John 15:9-17
Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

Background on the Gospel Reading (source: loyolapress.com)
Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel. One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY”



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