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 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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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)

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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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- Office Admin./
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Marie Dion
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Sunday, September 27th, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus explains today that our love for God is revealed especially through our actions. We can profess our faith with words and make lofty promises, but if we fail to keep these promises they have no value.

In today's Gospel, both sons disappoint their father, one by his refusal to work in the vineyard and the other by his empty promises. Yet the rebellious son has a complete change of heart; he repents and does his father's will. The unrighteous tax collectors and prostitutes were open to Jesus' teaching and call to conversion. They recognized their need for forgiveness and responded with concrete faith. God asks us to be compassionate and genuinely concerned to help others. Paul offers us examples of how true followers of Jesus should behave. He invites us to place the wellbeing of others before our own, and to follow Christ's example of humility and selfless love.

Although we hope to always say yes to the Father and to be faithful to these promises, at times we stumble. God is infinitely patient and always offers us the opportunity to repent and receive his loving mercy. Let us open our hearts to the Lord today and allow him to transform our lives, and let us ask for his guidance to faithfully respond to everyday events with patience, generosity and love.

—Nada Mazzei
Toronto, ON



Sunday Masses — September 26th and September 27th

Saturday **5:00 pm at St. Anne's**
 7:00 pm at St. James

Sunday **9:00 am at St. Anne's**
 11:00 am at St. James
—for the People of the Parish

Weekday Masses — September 28th to October 3rd

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 — October 3rd and October 4th

Saturday **5:00 pm at St. Anne's**
 7:00 pm at St. James

Sunday **9:00 am at St. Anne's**
 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.

Further to Bishop Daniel Miehm communications on September 19, 2020 regarding the social limit gatherings being reduced across the province, effective immediately.

- Social gatherings indoors have been restricted to 10 people.
- Social gatherings outdoors are now restricted to 25 people.

Places of worship remain at 30% capacity with 2 metres/ 6 feet of physical distancing, hand sanitizing, regular cleaning and the Health Unit Orders pertaining to the wearing of face coverings/face masks in place.

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/how-do-i-find/covid-19-update.aspx>

***Clarification on provincial restrictions:**

The reduced limits do not apply to places of worship that are monitored - this assumes that physical distancing, the wearing of face masks, washing of hands, etc. are in place. While gathering indoors with groups up to 50 in a parish hall with all of the restrictions is permissible - the real question as we move into the second wave of the pandemic is - is this advisable, prudent, and wise care of each other?

Yesterday, the Premier is released the province's plan for the second wave of COVID19. Given the numbers in the Durham region and the increasing numbers in Ontario - it might be good to consider the question beyond - what can we do? - to - what should we do? Additionally, the Bishop will be releasing an announcement to be read at every weekend Mass during the pandemic. As you know, this is a serious matter and every effort to assure the faithful in that regard will provide them with reassurance.

The weekly bulletin is sent out every Friday via email. If you would like to be added to the bulletin email list, please contact Mandy in 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.

Upcoming Special Collection information:

—Needs of the Canadian Church – September 27th

There are two (2) October POPs (automatic withdrawals for those signed up for these special collection donations) as follows:

—The original, pre COVID-19, special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works was scheduled on May 15, 2020. Parishes were notified that this special collection was re-scheduled by the Holy See to October 4th, 2020. POP was NOT processed or withdrawn from parishioner's bank accounts on April 15, 2020. This collection was rescheduled by the Holy See to October 4th, 2020 and will be withdrawn by POP on October 15, 2020. Envelope Collection will be October 4th.

—World Missions POP date remains unchanged from the original special collection withdrawal date of October 15, 2020. Envelope collection will be October 25th. Hence the two withdrawals for parishioners on October 15th, 2020.

UPCOMING:

The additional masses at St. James and St. Anne's will end *after* Thanksgiving. There will be no Cranberry Festival this year.

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: in person and by postage. We are grateful to you and pray that God grant you recompense. —Father Collins Okafor, SMMM

Thank You

This is the situation of attendance as of last weekend:
St. Anne's Sat. at 5:00 pm– **40% space unoccupied**
Sun. at 9:00 am– **30% space unoccupied**
St. James Sat. at 7:00 pm– **80% space unoccupied**
Sun. at 11:00 am– **20% space unoccupied**

This percentage is calculated from the 30% capacity allowed by the Provincial Government.

The Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be celebrated by +Most Reverend Bishop Miehm at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. Please join in prayer!
YOUTUBE LINK: The YouTube link will be live at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_Cd0rFPwUxMtMRhS_UtCxcg/videos

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

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

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



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