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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)

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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Sunday, October 11th, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

What is our heart’s loyalty? In today’s Gospel, the Phari-sees attempt to trap Jesus by asking about the obligation of paying taxes to the emperor. They know that if Jesus says that taxes should be paid, he would show a loyalty to another authority over their religious authority. But Jesus does not answer as they expect.

“Give... to God the things that are God’s.” Jesus’ answer helps us reflect on loyalties in the new light. What are the things that are God’s? Our hearts are made to seek and to glorify God. Our lives are God’s! The path of faith is to discover what things we are giving priority to in our lives and to intentionally set God ahead of all of them. We put obstacles in our spiritual path whenever we set *anything* above seeking God in the heart of the Gospel and placing God first in our hearts.

So how do we clear away the obstacles from our path? We acknowledge that the “things that are God’s” are *all* things. We owe God our very hearts, first and foremost, uncluttered by other attachments. When something else comes first before God, we have placed ourselves as the first priority. Seeking to discover how our priorities are not first rooted in trust and gratitude for God helps to loosen their hold on us.

— Kelly Bourke
Regina, SK



Sunday Masses — October 17th and October 18th

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

Weekday Masses — October 19th to October 24th

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 24th and October 25th

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.

Further to Bishop Daniel Miehm’s 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?

The Premier 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:

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

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

Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Tom Lynch, the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough, celebrates Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. (October 18, 2020)
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Tom Lynch, Lector: Deirdre Thomas, Cantor: Fr. Paul Massel, Cantor and Pianist: Kelly Robertson. This YouTube link will be live as of 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

<https://youtu.be/JJdf80SkJOA>

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

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

In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar’s image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus’ response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?



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