

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, make me vigilant and attentive to your voice that I may heed your call at all times. May I find joy in your presence and delight in doing your will." (dailyscripture.net)

†R.R.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

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| 9 a.m. | †Rimantas Bartusevicius | (O.Stoncius) |
| 11 a.m. | For living and deceased parishioners | |
| | Novena | |
| | †Kazimieras, Irena and Bronius Ardavicius | (N.Ardavicius) |
| | †Monika Bumbulis and Mary White | (V.White) |
| | †Emilija and Alfertas Niderus | (D.Danaitis) |
| | request grace of health and blessings of the Lord | |
| | for Garsva and sister Jovita families | (D.A.Garsva)) |
| | †Rita Radziunas | (M.R.Rusinas) |
| | †Petras Adamonis (10 th anniv.) | (family) |
| | †Ona Jankauskas (10 th anniv.) and Jonas Kuliesius (R.J.Kuliesius) | |

2020 CALENDAR

November 14

Annual Parish Dinner

CANCELLED

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

(in Lithuanian)

December 6

4 pm - 5 pm

"Kretinga Camp
Advent Gathering -
Christmas Concert"
(via the Zoom app -
details to be
announced later)

December 6

Scouts' Kucios

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

CANCELLED

December 25

Christmas

On November

11th,

the Parish

office

WILL BE

CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses:
9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough
11 a.m. - Gabriele Navickas,
Tessa Groen in't Woud, Gintas Pabedinskas,
Zibute Janeliunas
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (November 9): 7 p.m. Novena; †Zigmas Zilinskas (I.Kavanagh); †Peter Inciura (5th anniv.) (R.Inciura);

TUESDAY (November 10): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; Novena; †Fr. Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm and Fr.Liudas Januska, ofm (G.Slabosevicius);

WEDNESDAY (November 11): 7 p.m. Novena; †Ramunas Underys (family);

THURSDAY (November 12): 7 p.m. Novena; †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Dr.Ona Gustainis (family);

FRIDAY (November 13): 7 p.m. Novena; †Irena Paskauskas (O.Ycas);

SATURDAY (November 14): 9 a.m. Novena; †Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Antanas Dilkus (family);

SEKMADIENIS (November 15): 9 a.m. †Ona Kirvaitis (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; for Sidabris' deceased family members (J.Duda); †Viktoras and Vladas Vaikutis (Daiva); †Jeronimas Zukauskas (30th anniv.) (family); †Steponas Ignatavicius (B.Tamosiunas); †Gintautas Mazauskas (R.J.Kuliesius); †Rita Radziunas (Stanevicius family); †Stase and Mikas Petrulis (C.B.Jonys); †Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa).

Capital Fund - \$ 311,049

N.N., N.N. - \$ 3,000

THANK YOU...

*"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" October 31st - November 1st

42 envelope - \$ 2,630
No envelopes - \$ 67.30
Direct deposit - \$ 1,995
Attendance 105
eTransit - \$ 100

N.A.Simonavicius donated - \$ 1,000

L.A.Kaminskas donated to the parish renovation - \$ 1,000

THANK you for your generosity



**THIS IS THE PARISH HOME
FOR ALL OF US
- SO WELCOME HOME!**

During the period of gradual re-opening, we continue to act with the greatest of care and caution in order to protect the health, safety and life of every community member. Public health guidelines and respect for our fellow parishioners require us to:

- Masks or face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces in Toronto, including our Church; **WEAR MASKS FOR THE DURATION OF MASS** (unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so); removing them only to consume host after receiving Communion
- Sanitize our hands upon entering the building
- Provide contact information to the volunteers at the entrance, for contact tracing purposes, should there be an occurrence of Covid 19
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres while inside the building; pews have been marked with green tape to denote safe seating
- Follow directional markings in the church to maintain proper distancing
- Refrain from congregational singing, as there is evidence that singing can result wide spread of droplets, thus increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever or cough. Understandably, for some members of our community, a return to Mass at this time is not advisable due to poor general health or immune system issues. Please note that Cardinal Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those unable to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. The archdiocese will continue to livestream Sunday Masses, and you may wish to join in prayer with the parish community via our YouTube channel, as we will continue to provide recordings during this gradual re-opening period.

Weekdays – parishioners are invited to participate in daily weekday Masses at **7PM (maximum capacity – 25)**

Sundays – parishioners are invited to participate in Sunday Masses

We will accept registrations before entering the church.

Please - be patient.

9AM in English (maximum capacity – 90)

Doors will be open at 8:30 AM and close between 10 AM - 10:30 AM.

The church has to be sanitized between Masses

For 11AM Lithuanian Mass (maximum capacity – 90)

the Church will be opened at 10:30AM

P.S. *we are beginning to distribute paper copies of the parish bulletin. In order to limit the potential for spreading the virus, and in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, the bulletin will be handed out as you exit the church.

***As we return to a "new normal", we expect more parishioners may return to Sunday Mass. Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.**

May the Lord bless us all and grant us his Mercy!

**God holds us in his loving care.
Let's pass it on through respect,
caring and protection of one another!**



Washable face masks with the Resurrection Parish logo are now available - \$10.00

By purchasing a mask you will support the parish, and by wearing one you will protect the community and our most vulnerable.

Masks are available for purchase on Sundays before Mass – please bring exact change to limit contact. THANKS...

As the pandemic continues and COVID 19 is still in our midst, we continue to adhere to public health directives, and to promote measures to protect the health and safety of the community. **The Parish Council has taken a decision to continue to restrict activities at the parish, including rental of halls and use of kitchen until further notice. We will continue to follow the situation and will revisit the decision on December 1st.**

We thank you for your support and understanding in anticipation of safer times.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...

A request regarding donor's envelopes – Please ensure that all the information requested on the donor's envelope is completed: your first and last name, current address, envelope number (if you are not using a personalized envelope, but a generic one).

We also urge parishioners to promptly notify the church office of a change of address in order to ensure the timely delivery of tax receipts at year-end.

* You can also donate through RCU or Parama Banks.

TODAY we have the Archdiocese of Toronto collection for - "Share life".

We will have envelopes. Thank you.

Next Sunday will be a collections for -

"The Shepherds' Trust" that funds collected in parishes served by these priests, be given to them as a contribution towards their retirement.

Pope at Audience: Prayer is rudder to guide course of our lives

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis says Jesus shows us that we must pray early, often, and in silence, and urges everyone to pray for those who are ill with Covid-19 and the medical personnel working



to treat them. Pope Francis began his Wednesday General Audience noting that the event must "unfortunately" be held once again in the library of the Apostolic Palace without the presence of the faithful. He called it a reminder of the importance of respecting the directives laid out by political and health authorities. He also invited everyone to pray for those who are ill with Covid-19 and for the medical personnel working hard to treat them.

"Let us offer the Lord this distance between us, for the good of all," he said. "And let us think often about the ill, those who are already considered left behind. Let us think about doctors, nurses, volunteers, and the many people who are working with the sick right now, who risk their lives but do it out of love, their vocation, and love for their neighbor. Let us pray for them."

Mysterious reality - The Pope then continued his catechesis on Jesus' example of prayer. "Jesus' prayer is a mysterious reality, of which we intuit only something, but which allows us to interpret His entire mission from the right perspective." Jesus, added the Pope, immersed Himself often in intimacy with God the Father, "in the Love that every soul thirsts for."

Rudder that guides His course - Pope Francis focused his reflections on a passage in the Gospel of Mark (1:32,34-38), in which Jesus heals many sick people late one evening before rising early to pray in a deserted place alone. After the disciples find Jesus to say the whole village of Capernaum is looking for Him, Jesus declares that He must preach to the other towns as well.

"Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus' course." This, said the Pope, means that Jesus lets God guide His path, and not the desires and adulation of others. He went on to draw four lessons from Jesus' witness of prayer. Jesus, said Pope Francis, teaches us above all that prayer should be "the first desire of the day." "A day lived without prayer risks transforming into a bothersome or tedious experience: all that happens to us could turn into a badly endured and blind fate."

However, Jesus demonstrates the need to be obedient and to listen, since prayer is first of all "an encounter with God."

"The problems of everyday life, then, do not become obstacles, but appeals from God Himself to listen to and encounter those who are in front of us."

Persistence - Secondly, said the Pope, Jesus teaches us that prayer is an art that must be practiced "with insistence." Though anyone can pray sporadically, Jesus reminds us that prayer requires discipline, practice, and constant effort. "Consistent prayer produces a progressive transformation, makes us strong in times of tribulation, gives us the grace to be supported by Him who loves us and always protects us."

Solitary and silent - Thirdly, Jesus' prayer is always solitary. "Those who pray do not escape from the world, but prefer deserted places." In the silence of prayer, said Pope Francis, our innermost desires and truths emerge into the light.

But most importantly, he added, silence is where God speaks. "Every person needs a space for him- or herself, to be able to cultivate the inner life, where actions find meaning."

To and fro in God

Finally, Pope Francis said, prayer as taught by Jesus is the place where we find that "everything comes from God and returns to Him."

He noted that prayer helps us to rediscover "the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation."

Peace and joy, concluded the Pope, is what we will find if we follow Jesus' example of prayer.

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Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the MEMO write the charitable purpose: **Capital Fund, Renovation fund, Monastery, Sielovada, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.**



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