

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 12 (3645) March 22nd, 2026

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT- A



Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. Today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly

whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

†R.R.

***With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.***

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Silvija Freimanas	(V.Puzeris)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
†Rimantas Anskis	(Stanevicius family)
†Malvina Markulis	(IM)
†Tomas Prakapas	(family)
†Stanley Urbantas	(T.Urbantas)
†Carole Anne Simanavicius	(“Kretinga”)
†Marija and Bronius Karasiejus	(R.J.Karasiejus)
for Zavis' deceased family members	(G.Gaizutis)

2026

**March 28**

*Lenten Retreat for Women  
sister Igne*

**March 29**

*Parish Annual Meeting*

**April 2-5**

*Holy week*

**April 5**

*Easter*

**April 17-18**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**April 26**

*First Communion*

**May 31**

*Confirmation*

**June 6**

*Run for Hope*

**June 14**

*We welcome summer*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 5-18 (EN.)*

*July 19 - August 1 (LT.)*

**October 23-24**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 7**

*Annual Dinner*

**December** (date TBD)

*Advent Retreat*

**December 13**

*Christmas Music Evening*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

**Every Thursday  
during Lent,  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
at 5:30 p.m. will take  
place before the  
evening Holy Mass.  
Reflections on  
the Stations of  
the Cross  
Fridays during Lent  
at 6:15 p.m. before  
the evening  
Holy Mass.**

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Cassandra Kaminskas,  
Ramona Kaminskas, Audra Rusinas  
11 AM - Julija Danaitis, Zita Nausedas,  
Ausra Pleinys, Dana Pranaitis,  
Ruta Rusinas  
organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Mass

**MONDAY** (March 23): 7 p.m. †Adele Jurkonyte-Storyk (7th anniv.) (family);  
**TUESDAY** (March 24): 7 p.m. for living and deceased benefactors;  
**WEDNESDAY** (March 25): 7 p.m.;  
**THURSDAY** (March 26): 7 p.m. †Lisa Jaglowitz (family); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);  
**FRIDAY** (March 27): 7 p.m. †Stella Klorikaitis (T.Urbantas);  
**SATURDAY** (March 28): 9 a.m. †Valentinas and Maria Indris (R.Indris); †Cecilija and Jurgis Senda (Senda family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";  
**SUNDAY** (March 29): 9 a.m. †Eugenija Bacevicius (A.S.Kiss); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas (granddaughter); †Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter); †Gediminas Smolskis 100 years since birth (R.R.Smolskis); †Teodoras Stanulis (8th anniv.)(family); †Danute and Kazimieras Manglicas (Cuplinskas family); †Aivaras Zabas (family); for Dirmantas', Nevulis' and Groen in't Woud living and deceased family members (VDG).)

### IN MEMORIAM

We bid farewell to our beloved parishioner  
†**VITAS LEVISAUSKAS**, 88  
Blessings of the Lord for his family.  
**May He Rest in the Peace of Christ.**

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

### Sunday (03.15) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

37 envelopes - \$ 1,800  
No envelopes - \$ 92.25  
Direct deposit - \$ 1,340

In memory of Marius Rusinas,  
R.Rusinas donated to the parish \$ 500

**THANK you for your generosity...**



**You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on March 29th after 11AM Mass.** A review of parish council activities and future plans will be presented, and the Financial Advisory Committee will report on the parish's Financial status. On this occasion, we will listen to songs performed by the choir "Svaja." The parish will treat you to lunch and delicious desserts prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew, and social committee will provide refreshing beverages.

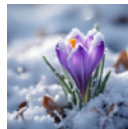
**Let us participate.**



**We invite women on Saturday, March 28th, from 9-12 a.m. for a retreat with Sister Ignė Marijošiūtė** from Putnam, Connecticut she will **facilitate a faith development program.** The event will be hosted in Lithuanian and English.  
*Let's dedicate this Lenten morning to spiritual renewal.*

On March 28, from 12pm to 5pm, "Kanados Father Putrimas Ateitininkai!" invite everyone to a special afternoon — a meeting with Sister Ignė. The gathering will take place in the Resurrection Parish hall, where we will share a meal, sing, and spend time together.

Join us for a meaningful Lenten gathering.



*Spring is a time of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.*

We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community.

**We welcome everyone to the parish cafe TODAY and 29th. After 9am and 11am Masses, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

For further questions, please contact Tessa Dirmantaite Groen in't Woud [tessag@primus.ca](mailto:tessag@primus.ca)

*We thank you for your continued generosity.*



Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home is looking for a part-time Arts&Crafts volunteer to work with our seniors.

Whoever is interested, please contact Nerijus Augutis at Labdara: 416-232-2112 ext412 [volunteering@labdara.ca](mailto:volunteering@labdara.ca)

**TODAY SHARE LIFE Campaign.** Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using the **DONATE NOW.**

Thank you...

**St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery is announcing a fundraising campaign** to purchase a new lawnmower suitable for the cemetery.

Please make cheques payable to St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery noting in the memo line that this gift is for the Lawnmower Campaign. Please send your donation to: 2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga ON., L5C 1T3 or leave it at the cemetery office.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13th - **PALM SUNDAY**

9 a.m. Holy Mass (English)

11 a.m. Holy Mass

(the Blessing of palms will take place in the vestibule followed by the procession into the sanctuary)

April 2nd - **HOLY THURSDAY**

7 p.m. Holy Mass

(Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders)

April 3rd - **GOOD FRIDAY**

2:50 p.m. Musical reflections

3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

(This is a liturgy of Word and Service.)

We gather to reflect on the Passion and our salvation)

Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb

April 4th - **HOLY SATURDAY**

Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb

8:00 p.m. Blessing of the fire and preparation of the Easter Candle Vigil Liturgy of the Word and Holy Mass of the Resurrection

(In this evening's liturgy, we welcome Christ as our Light, reflect on our salvation history, renew our Baptismal vows, and celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection)

April 5th - **EASTER SUNDAY**

9 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (English)

11 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (Lithuanian)

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE **APRIL 17-18**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success! Men, women, teens, welcome!

**We kindly ask you** to come on **Monday, April 13th** at **10AM** to set up the tables, and on **Tuesday, April 14th** **10AM** to gather for the distribution of items.

#### **ATTENTION:**

**we will NOT be having a 'CAFE'** and **will NOT be selling baked goods** BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

**We ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Tuesday, April 14th at 10AM!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

**We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

Teens who volunteer will receive

"Community Service" credit.

**We ask for your cooperation and THANK YOU in advance!**

\*For other info please contact: Raminta Nakrosius

416-669-0271; Dalia Rocca 905-820-3088;

Ramune Stravinskas 416-523-1095.



### 2026 CAMP "KRETINGA"

July 5th - 18th **English camp**

July 19th - August 1st **Lithuanian camp**

Registration link [https://form.jotform.com/camp\\_kretinga/2026-camp-kretinga-registration](https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2026-camp-kretinga-registration)

**We can't wait to see YOU ALL!**

**All of our youth are really looking forward to the summer camp... Unfortunately, WE HAVE VERY IMPORTANT NEWS FOR EVERYONE AND A SPECIAL REQUEST.**

Last week, a near accident almost occurred—the large boys' barrack nearly collapsed. Immediate repairs are now necessary to make the building safe again.



Unfortunately, the large girls' barrack is in almost the same poor condition and also requires urgent attention.

This situation caught us completely by surprise. Both of these buildings are the main spaces where children stay during the camp. Without them, we will not be able to ensure the safe and smooth operation of the camp.



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### **We sincerely ask for your help.**

Every donation, no matter how big or small, is extremely important and will contribute to the renovation of these buildings and the safety of the children.

**We thank you in advance for your kindness, support, and generosity.**

**Donations will be collected on Sundays after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the church vestibule, or you may leave them at the office.**

**Please make cheque payable to Franciscan Fathers; Memo: Camp "Kretinga."**



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THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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

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