

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 4 (3426) January 23rd, 2022

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C



Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel.

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

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| 9 a.m. | †Pranas and Juzefa Dovidaitis | (daughters) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | blessings of Lord's for Province leader Fr. Evaldas Darulis, OFM | |
| | and all Franciscan Fathers | |
| | †Eugenijus Siciunas | (wife) |
| | †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevicus | (family) |
| | †Aloyzas Kuolas (20th anniv.) | (A.Kuolas) |
| | for deceased friends | (JMC) |
| | †Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas | (D.A.Nausedas) |
| | †Marija and Bronius Karasiejus | (R.J.Karasiejus) |
| | †Rokas Dobrovolskis (4 w.) | (grandmother) |
| | for Nomeika deceased family members | (Z.Romanoviene) |
| | †Ona Anskis | (Stanevicius family) |
| | †Daiva Vorps | (LCWL Executive) |

Sunday Masses

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Mass Cantors:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Laima Underys

organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (January 24): 7 p.m.

†Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas (J.Cuplinskas);

TUESDAY (January 25): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors;

WEDNESDAY (January 26): 7 p.m.

†Jelena Dalecina (O.Krasauskas); blessings of the Lord for friend Angele (GJ);

THURSDAY (January 27): 7 p.m.

†Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas (J.Ruslys); requesting the grace of health for Rita Palubinskas (V.Poskus); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

FRIDAY: (January 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

SATURDAY (January 29): †Algis Vaisnoras (D.Simanavicius); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Juozas and Ona Malinauskas (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (January 30): 9 a.m. †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas (10th anniv.) (Paulius and family); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas, †Gene and Romas Simkus (GJ); †Donata Jarmusiene (V.Zaleckaite); †Juozas, Viktoras and Alfonsas Merkevicus (D.Danaitis); †Onute Kirsinas (R.Balaisis) †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevicus (Vaskevicius family); †Stefa Vasiliauskaite-Rimavicius (A.Jaksevicius).

Capital Fund - \$ 327,579

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of January 16th

21 envelopes - \$ 725

No envelopes - \$ 10

Direct deposit - \$ 1,170

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Kretinga Franciscan Capitulum report:

Congratulations to the newly elected leadership of the Lithuanian Province of the Order of Friars Minor, and to our very own Franciscan Fathers.

Kretinga Franciscan Capitulum report:

Fr. Evaldas Darulis, OFM was elected to lead the Province for the 2022-2025 years; Vice-provincial Fr. Andrius Nenenas OFM.



As Councilors for the 2022-2025 years: Fr. Paulius Bytautas OFM, Fr. Andrius Dobrovolskas OFM, Fr. Tomas Žymantas OFM ir Fr. Alvydas Virbalis OFM.

The following brothers have been appointed to serve our parish:

Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius OFM -

guardian and senior of the friary, Br. Aurelijus Kasparavicius, OFM - parish vicar, Fr. Jonas Sileika, parish pastor.

We wish all the Franciscan Fathers strength, good health... may God bless you all!



This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!



Dear Parishioners,

On January 5, 2022, the Province of Ontario announced new restrictions to combat the quickly spreading Omicron variant of COVID 19. These temporary restrictions, currently in force until at least January 26, impact certain activities at our parish.

- Capacity for Mass participants in our church is capped at 90 people.
- Except for those of a very critical nature, meetings of parish organizations must take place virtually.
- We are temporarily pausing Sacramental Preparation classes.
- All sporting activity is on hold until further notice.

We are ever grateful for your continued patience and perseverance in maintaining the health and safety protocols that remain in place to protect the community and invite you to join in prayer for an end to the pandemic.

Given the high transmissibility of the omicron variant, it is now more important than ever to follow public health directives. Please:

*wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while you are in the church building;

*sanitize your hands upon entering;

*register with the volunteers so that in the unfortunate event of a COVID case we will be able to contact you promptly;

*practice physical distancing while waiting to register, taking seats, and in line for communion; *follow guidance from the ushers for seating; sit only in marked seats;

*stay at home if you are experiencing cold symptoms.

We also ask that you not congregate in the narthex after Mass.

Live streaming of Mass from our parish is continuing in English at 9 AM and in Lithuanian at 11 AM.

Blessings and let's unite in prayer wherever we are.



A Christmas Celebration at "Labdara"

The COVID-19 Pandemic that we are all living through has had a profound effect on us all, especially on our seniors living at Labdara.

We would like to extend our utmost Thank You to the Dirmantas-Groen in 't Woud family for initiating, showing attention and demonstrating kindness and love to our elderly seniors living at Labdara Nursing Home.

We would like to thank the Resurrection Parish and all of the families who participated in writing lovely, heart-warming Christmas greetings as a part of the parish's greeting card collection. In addition, we thank the students at Our Lady of Sorrows; a local Catholic elementary school and the numerous non-Lithuanian speaking Kingsway neighbourhood families for their donations of jigsaw puzzles as well as an overwhelming amount of greeting cards.

Vida and her daughters, Aleksa, Jacintha, and Tessa, in addition to writing greeting cards for each resident, made plenty of posters to cover our hallways showing gratitude for all of the staff who work so tirelessly in keeping our seniors safe and healthy. As a result of this wonderful initiative, we were able to hand out 4 Christmas greeting cards to each of our seniors.

We are very appreciative for the outpouring of love from our community in helping to make our seniors feel so loved.

Our parish, from September 19th, CONTINUES our FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and INVITES ALL to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Lithuanian food for take out - on January 30th

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazina.valintiene@gmail.com. If you do not receive confirmation by email, please call 647-869-6164. In your email, please specify the items and quantities you wish to order, as well as the time you will be picking up your order.

PLEASE pick-up your orders outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM.
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Pope at Audience:

Joseph's paternity reflects God's tender love



Continuing his catechetical series on Saint Joseph, Pope Francis looks at his role as a loving father and a reflection of God's tenderness, which allows us to feel loved and welcomed in all our weaknesses. Speaking to pilgrims in the Paul VI Audience Hall, Pope Francis explored the role of Saint Joseph as a "father in tenderness."

Recognizing that the Gospels do not offer details on how he exercised his paternity, the Pope said we can be sure that Joseph being a "just" man translated into the education he gave to Jesus, and the loving care he showed Him.

God as Father

The Pope recalled how the Gospels attest that Jesus always used the word "Father" to speak of God and His love.

As an example, he said the parable of the prodigal son not only recounts the experience of sin and forgiveness, but the way the merciful father forgives his son, not through punishment but a loving embrace.

"Tenderness is something greater than the logic of the world. It is an unexpected way of doing justice. That is why we must never forget that God is not frightened by our sins, our mistakes, our falls, but he is frightened by the closure of our hearts, by our lack of faith in his love."

The tenderness of God's love

Recalling excerpts from his Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, the Pope went on to say that "there is great tenderness in the experience of God's love," and it is "beautiful to think that the first person to transmit this reality to Jesus was Joseph himself."

It would help us to reflect on our own experiences of this tenderness, and to ask ourselves if we have become witnesses to it.

The Pope encouraged us to mirror Joseph's paternity, and allow ourselves to be transformed by God's tender love for us.

"For tenderness is not primarily an emotional or sentimental matter: it is the experience of feeling loved and welcomed precisely in our poverty and misery, and thus transformed by God's love."

Redeemed weakness

God relies on our talents, but also our own fragilities to experience His grace and grow in love, the Pope said.

He also recalled the experience of Saint Paul when he wrote to the community of Corinth, when the Lord told him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Pope Francis added that this experience of God's tenderness through our weaknesses requires that we be "converted from the gaze of the Evil One who 'makes us see and condemn our frailty,' while the Holy Spirit 'brings it to light with tender love.'"

"That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness... We know that God's truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us."

We need a "revolution of tenderness," the Pope added, calling for a justice system that does not confuse redemption with punishment. For this reason, he called to mind those in prison, recalling that it is right they should pay for their crimes, "but it is even more right that those who have done wrong should be able to redeem themselves from their mistake."

In conclusion, the Pope offered this prayer:

St Joseph, father in tenderness, teach us to accept that we are loved precisely in that which is weakest in us.

Grant that we may place no obstacle between our poverty and the greatness of God's love.

Stir in us the desire to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation, that we may be forgiven and also made capable of loving tenderly our brothers and sisters in their poverty.

Be close to those who have done wrong and are paying the price for it;

Help them to find not only justice but also tenderness so that they can start again.

And teach them that the first way to begin again is to sincerely ask for forgiveness. Amen.

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