

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 42 (3359) October 18th, 2020

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- A



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?

(loyolapress.com)

†R.R.

Give the Lord glory, glory and honor.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas' and Pranckevicius' deceased family members
(S.Brough and D.Pranaitis)
- 11 a.m. For living and deceased parishioners
- †Salomeja Lukociunas and deceased family members (J.Duda)
 - for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas' deceased family members (R.Pleinys)
 - †Rimas Smalenskaskas (2nd anniv.) (V.Puzeris)
 - for Orvidas' deceased family members (Z.Augaitis)
 - †Bridget Vorps (D.Vorps)
 - †Danguole Radzevicius (Ruta G.)
 - †Antanas and Jadvyga Paskevicius (family)
 - †Vanda Kirkiliene (4 week) (M.Grambus)
 - †Marijona and Bronius Danilevicius (D.Danaitis)

2020 CALENDAR

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

CANCELLED

November 14

Annual Parish Dinner

CANCELLED

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

(in Lithuanian)

December 6

Scouts' Kucios

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

TODAY we have the
Archdiocese of
Toronto collection
for-

"World Missions
Sunday".

We will have
envelopes.
Thank you.

**Because of
COVID-19,
Resurrection
Parish Office**

**hours
will be**

9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Cantors of the Masses:
9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough
11 a.m. - Julija Danaitis, Laima Underis,
Grazina Jak, Danute Pranaitis
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (October 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); request grace of health for Skirmantas Trainys (D.A.Garsva);

TUESDAY (October 20): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Irena Paskauskas (Dana and Audra Danaitis families);

WEDNESDAY (October 21): 7 p.m. †Balys and Klementina Poskus (by will); for Ivoska and Benetis deceased family members (E.Benetis);

THURSDAY (October 22): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Brone Greiciunas (Prakapas family);

FRIDAY (October 23): 7 p.m. for Drulis deceased family members (J.G.Stasiulevicius);

SATURDAY (October 24): 9 a.m. †Petras Stapandauskas (Prakapas family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Vanda and Algis Ulbinas (A.Vaskevicius);

SUNDAY (October 25): 9 a.m. †Monica and Clare Creedon (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Stase Bitleris (†A.Ledas); †Juozas and Albina Kriauciunas (O.Balsys and family); †Dana Beresnevičius (B.Tamosiunas); in thanksgiving (Ruta G.); †Irena Paskauskas ("Kretinga"); †Liudas Matukas (3rd anniv.) (family); †Romas Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); for Bacenas deceased family members (M.R.Rusinas); †Viktoras Budra (10th anniv.) (G.Budra).

Capital Fund - \$ 307,049

THANK YOU...

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

Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" October 10th - 11th

33 envelope - \$ 1,075
No envelopes - \$ 29
Direct deposit - \$ 1,665
Attendance 90
eTransit - \$ 1,100
eTransit (for Mass) - \$ 180

*In memory of Irena Paskauskas,
G.Lapas donated to the parish - \$ 50*

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!



The executive committee of the Friars' Minor Order of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Province have invited Fr. Paulius Vaineikis, OFM to return to Lithuania where he is very much needed at Kretinga's high School and parish.

Fr. Paulius will be leaving us on November 3rd. Fr. Paulius came to our parish in June, 2019 and has worked enthusiastically and selflessly at camp "Kretinga", held Zoom meetings with parish Youth and their families and assisted with parochial activities.

We are most grateful for his zeal and participation with our Youth and their families. We send him to Lithuania with our prayers and good wishes.

May the Lord bless him
in all his endeavours in the future.

Once again, all are invited to join a small group that meets weekly via Zoom to prepare for the upcoming Sunday liturgy by reading the scriptures together (if you use an App - ID 880 6505 3081, Passcode - 724612; if you are connecting via Internet, link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>; if you use your cell, you may use numbers +1 647-374-4685 or +1 647-558-0588), on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Sharing is usually in Lithuanian.

"Reading the Sunday gospel and readings, and spending some time in group discussion to understand the context, helps me participate more consciously in the Mass. Without this advance preparation, I don't always "hear" the Word." (Ruta – one of the group's participants).

Anyone who would like to listen to the Word more consciously is very welcome to join.

Fr. Aurelijus Kasparavicius, OFM

On October 25th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory and orders must be made no later than October 22nd by email to Grazina Valinitiene grazinav2@hotmail.com. 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.

Prices: 1 cabbage roll - \$5; 1 potato dumpling (cepelinas) - \$5; 1 portion potato casserole (kugelis) - \$12

Pick-up will be outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

Pope at Audience: God remains near to us in suffering when we pray



In his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the witness of prayer as laid out in the Book of Psalms, saying the door to God's heart is always open in our moments of pain.

Pope Francis continued his catechesis cycle on prayer at the weekly General Audience, focusing on the Book of Psalms. He called the Old Testament book a "gymnasium and home of countless men and women of prayer."

How to pray

As part of the books of wisdom, the Psalms communicate to the believer "knowing how to pray".

"In the Psalms we find all human sentiments: the joys, the sorrows, the doubts, the hopes, the bitterness that colour our lives," said the Pope.

God, he added, inspired the language of prayer in the books so that those who read them might learn how to praise, thank, implore, and invoke Him.

"In short, the Psalms are the word of God that we human beings use to speak with Him."

The prayers in the Psalms arise out of lived experience, not abstract ideas, said the Pope. "To pray them it is enough for us to be what we are," with all our problems and uncertainties.

Question of suffering

Pope Francis went on to explore how the Psalmist confronts the issue of suffering, saying it is accepted as part of life and thus transformed into a question.

"Until when?" he said, is the question that remains unanswered. "Every suffering calls for liberation, every tear calls for consolation, every wound awaits healing, every slander a sentence of absolution."

The Psalms, said the Pope, reminds us that life is not saved unless suffering is healed.

The person who prays, he added, knows that they are "are precious in the eyes of God, and so it makes sense to cry out."

Prayer: a cry to God

The Psalms show us that crying out to God in prayer "is the way and beginning of salvation."

Pope Francis said prayer turns pain into "a relationship: a cry for help waiting to intercept a listening ear."

"All human pains for God are sacred," he added. "Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name."

God's door always open

So, said Pope Francis, the believer finds an answer to suffering in the Psalms.

"He knows that even if all human doors were barred, God's door is open. Even if the whole world had issued a verdict of condemnation, there is salvation in God."

The Pope said the person who prays knows that problems are not always solved, but "if we are listened to, everything becomes more bearable."

God cries with us

In conclusion, Pope Francis said prayer saves us from suffering in abandonment, because our prayers rise up to God who "cries for every son and daughter who suffers and dies."

"If we maintain our relationship with Him," he said, "life does not spare us suffering, but we open up to a great horizon of goodness and set out towards its fulfilment."

THE PARISH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
CONTENT OF THE ADS

PLEASE NOTE:

Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO write the charitable purpose: **Donation to Parish or Mass.**

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.**



**Will assist you
in buying or selling
your House or a Condo**

JURGIS KULIEŠIUS M.Eng.,
Jerzy Kulesza
Sales Representative
Tel. **416.568.1604**

kuleza@sympatico.ca
kulezahomes.com



Sutton West Realty Inc.,
Brokerage 416.236.6000



ROYAL LEPAGE

Lina Kuliavas - Sales Representative
Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd.,
Brokerage
416-762-8255 bus // 416-616-1600 cell
Lina@Kuliavas.com



**DAILY
INTEREST
SAVINGS**

Canadian
U.S.
Euro

Affiliated Insurance Management

Home, Auto & Business Insurance

Competitive rates
Expert, professional advice
Personal service
Supporting the Lithuanian community

Contact:

Rima Dresher, rimad@affiliatedinsurance.ca
Rick Dresher, rickd@affiliatedinsurance.ca

2012 Ontario Insurance Brokerage of the Year

905.845.4201

www.affiliatedinsurance.ca



More options
for your banking
needs...

**ATM Available
Now!**



RCU
CREDIT UNION
KREDITO UNIJA

Tel. 416-532-3400

Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

Associate Pastors: Fr. Aurelijus Kazimieras Kasparavicius, OFM
Fr. Paulius Vaineikis, OFM

Parish economist: Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM

Serving Priests: Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, OFM
Msgr. Edmundas Putrimas

Emeritus Rev. Kazimieras Kaknevičius

Deacon: Dr. Kazimieras Ambrozaitis

Parish office administrator: Gitana Judvytyte

Office hours:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone.: (416) 533 0621

Fax.: (416) 533 7247

Web: www.prisikelimas.ca

Email: resparish@prisikelimas.ca

Church of the Resurrection

1 Resurrection Rd., Toronto, ON. M9A5G1