

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 9 (3642) March 1st, 2026

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT- A



In the first reading, God promises Abram a great blessing but there is one condition - Abram must do what God wants him to do. This means leaving his home and friends and travelling to a new land where God promises to build a great nation from Abram's family. Abram obeys, walking away from his home, awaiting God's promise of even greater blessings in the future. God may be trying to lead you to a place of greater service. Don't let the comfort and security of your present position make you overlook God's plan for you. Trust in the Lord.

In these verses of the second letter to Timothy, Paul gives a brief summary of the gospel. God loves us, calls us and sends Christ to die for us. We can have eternal life through faith in him, because he breaks the power of death with his resurrection. We do not deserve to be saved. Nevertheless, God offers us salvation. What we must do is believe in him and accept his offer. Trust in the Lord.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. These disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples especially noted when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

The transfiguration is a vision, a brief glimpse of the true glory of the King. This is a special revelation of Jesus' divinity to the three disciples and it is God's divine affirmation of everything Jesus had done and was about to do. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his resurrection.

"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."
(Ps.33:22) Amen. †R. R.

*May your love be upon us, o Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Vida and Antanas Adamonis	(O.Stoncious)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world asking for health and God's protection for Joanna	(VDG)
†Alida Groen in't Woud	(family)
†Kristina Simkus - Sukauskas	(GJ)
†Fr. Antanas Prakapas, ofm	(Prakapas family)
†aunt Alina, Veronika and Alberta	(A.Kaulius-Barry)
†Ona and Stasys Dackus	(granddaughter)
†Anele Kuncaitis (1 month)	(D.J.Didzbalis)
†Aldona Skucas	(G.Matukas)
†Vytautas Vebeliunas (20th anniv.)	(M.Vebeliunas)



2026

March 8

St. Casimir Fair

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



**NEXT
SUNDAY,
MARCH 8TH,
CLOCKS GO 1 HOUR
FORWARD**

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas,

Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - children

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (March 2): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (March 3): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (March 4): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Antanina Prakapas (Prakapas family);

THURSDAY (March 5): 7 p.m. †Ona Dackus (granddaughter);

FRIDAY (March 6): 7 p.m. †Stanislaw and Bronius Juskevicius (T.Urbantas);

SATURDAY (March 7): 9 a.m. †Birute and Teodoras Stanulis (I.Kavanagh); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 8): 9 a.m. †Anele, Juozas and Suzan Urkis (Urkis family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Bronius Mausevicius (30th anniv.) and deceased family members (family); †Aivaras Zabas (R.J.Balaisis); †Jeronimas Pleinys (family); †Kazimieras and Ceslovas Rimkevicius (RU); †Jonas Remesat ("Kretinga"); †Julius Degutis (B.B.Degutis).

IN MEMORIAM

We bid farewell to our beloved parishioners

†**JOHN PETKEVICIUS**, 98

†**PETER ANTONY PLUCAS**, 73

Blessings of the Lord for their families.

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ.

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (02.22) & "Vilnius Manor"

Collections

34 envelopes - \$ 875

No envelopes - \$ 158.30

Direct deposit - \$ 1,515

In memory of †Sigute Stuopis,

G.Ignaitis donated \$ 200 to the parish

THANK you for your generosity...

Congratulations to all Casimirs.

We wish you health, faith and blessings of the Lord

Prayer



St. Casimir, in your great devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, queen of heaven, who many times showed a special care for our homeland, may the merits of our Saviour and the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary obtain for us the grace from the Lord. May faith and mutual love kindle our hearts. May our young people understand the beauty of a chaste and virtuous life.

We pray that the Lord's fatherly providence leads our nation on the path of righteousness to peace and well-being.

Amen.

We invite women on Saturday, March 28th, from 9-12 a.m. for retreat. Sister Ignė Marijošiūtė from Putnam, Connecticut will facilitate a faith development program/retreat for women.

The event will be hosted in Lithuanian and English.

Let's dedicate this Lenten morning to spiritual renewal.

Sister Ignė's biography -



Sister Ignė Marijošiūtė born in 1943, Kaunas. Grew up in the U.S.A. and encountered Lithuanian religious sisters during summer camps. After graduating, she entered the convent to dedicate her life to God. She worked with Lithuanians not only in various organizations and summer camps in the USA (most notably Neringa), but also worked for thirteen years at Toronto's Resurrection Parish and in Mississauga.

After Lithuania regained its independence, she traveled back and forth from USA to the Lithuania every six months for ten years, to consult on various administrative and pastoral issues of institutions. Later, Cardinal Bačkis invited her to directly engage in the work of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference. At that time, she lived in Lithuania for a longer period, concurrently heading up her congregation.

After returning to Putnam, she was responsible for the retreat house, Centras, as well as the Matulaitis nursing home. She continues to help at summer camps at Neringa as much as she can.

You are invited to a Lenten Meet by "Kanados Father Putrimas Ateitininkai!"

Join us for a meaningful Lenten gathering.

🕒 When: Saturday, **March 28**, 2026

🕒 Time: 12pm - 5pm

📍 Where: Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, Toronto
This is a time to pause, reflect, and grow.

👥 Who is welcome? ALL are welcome. Come as you are.

This Lenten Meet is graciously funded by Parama Credit Union and RCU.

Every Thursday during Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass.

Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.

We invite everyone, especially our youth, to join us today after the 11 a.m. Holy Mass in our parish hall for a gathering with our Lenten retreat leader Fr. Mantas Mileris, SJ.

During the afternoon, we will enjoy light refreshments and coffee.

We warmly look forward to seeing you all!



All are invited to the Toronto Lithuanian Scouts' annual St. Casimir's Fair, on Sunday,

March 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. downstairs, in the parish hall.

At the fair, you will find many interesting goods - handicrafts, delicious food, delicacies, sweets.

Zeppelins and kugel will also be sold in the parish cafeteria.



Come enjoy the fun and joyful atmosphere of the fair!



Two Shepherds — One Mission

Lithuanian Museum Archives of Canada

invites you come to Resurrection Parish on Sunday, March 1st, to visit an exhibition dedicated to Bishop Paulius Baltakis, ofm and Msgr. Edmondas Putrimas, who devoted nearly four decades to serving the Lithuanian diaspora.

Through their commitment to pastoral care, cultural preservation, and work with youth, they strengthened the faith, identity, and unity of Lithuanians around the world. From the difficult years behind the Iron Curtain to addressing today's social challenges, their influence shaped generations and ensured that faith and community remained at the heart of Lithuanian identity—wherever in the world these communities settled.



2025 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

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Lithuania and around the world,

We have experienced many times how good it is to be together and how important it is to remain united. We rejoice in the song and dance festivals in Lithuania and the diaspora, and in the Lithuanian Days organized in various countries. It is meaningful to gather for communal prayer in parishes and churches not only on major holidays, but also every Sunday. As always, on the upcoming feast of St. Casimir, the patron saint of Lithuania, on Sunday, March 1, we will join in prayer to ask for God's blessing for Lithuanians around the world.

Next June, the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy will take place in Vilnius. It was from this city that the message of God's Mercy spread throughout the world. By accepting God's gift of mercy, we are invited to be merciful ourselves, to share kindness, hope, and faith. Even when we have different opinions, we can achieve a lot together when we understand that we are united by our common Christian faith and prayer.

Thirty-five years have passed since the events of January 13. At that fateful time, Lithuania's freedom, right to self-determination, and freedom to profess one's faith were defended by people who gathered in large numbers in Vilnius at the television tower, the tv studios, and the Seimas (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania. A dozen of them sacrificed their lives so that we could live in a free country today. The contribution of Lithuanians living abroad was no less important – they raised the cause of Lithuanian freedom and rallied political, moral, and material support. This became a living testimony that, despite the distances, the Lithuanian nation is one.

In a turbulent and tense world, where peace and coexistence between nations are being tested, it is still important for everyone to come together. Lithuanians around the world need to remain active so that Lithuanian parishes, communities, and organizations remain alive, and camps and Lithuanian schools continue to operate, where children and young people not only expand their knowledge about Lithuania and learn the language, but also experience belonging to one nation. It would be good if they could also learn more about the faith.

This year, we are also celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. In the past, this organization has done a lot to spread the word of truth – the Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania – so that the world would learn about the situation in the enslaved homeland. Today, its mission is to strengthen Lithuanian activities in Lithuania and the diaspora, to support faith, family, and youth education. Like other Lithuanian organizations, it operates thanks to the generosity and dedication of Lithuanians and shows how much we can achieve by joining forces.

As we celebrate the Day of Prayer for Lithuanians Around the World, let us entrust ourselves, our families, and the entire Lithuanian nation to God's Mercy and to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Mercy. Wherever we live, the Lord strengthens our faith, unity, and determination to work for God, our neighbors, and our homeland. On March 1, let us join in common prayer in our parishes and communities. At 12:30 p.m. Lithuanian time, Holy Mass will be broadcast from Vilnius Cathedral on Radio Marija and LRT-Plus.

+ Archbishop Gintaras Grušas, President of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference

+ Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, SJ, Delegate of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference

for pastoral ministry of Lithuanians abroad

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SAVE THE DATE
2026 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Lithuanian House: 1573 Bloor Street W
Registration: 6:30PM, Meeting: 7:00PM

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