

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 8 (3481) February 19th, 2023



2023

**February 22**

*Ash Wednesday*

**February 26**

*Sports club "AUSRA"*

*Mass*

**March 5**

*St. Casimir Fair*

**March (date TBD)**

*Lenten Retreat*

**April 2-8**

*Holy week*

**April 9**

*Easter*

**April 21-22**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**April 30**

*Parish 70th*

*anniversary lunch*

**May 7**

*First Communion*

**June 3**

*Run for Hope*

**June 4**

*Confirmation*

**June 25**

*St. Johns' day*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 2-15 (En.)*

*July 16 - 29 (Lith.)*

**October 20-21**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**October 14**

*MOZAIKA*

*A Silent Art Auction*

**November 18**

*70th Anniversary*

*Parish Dinner*

**December (date TBD)**

*Advent Retreat*

**December 10**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*



The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbour are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

## *The Lord is compassion and love.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Maria Arruda	(D.Pranaitis)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world	
†Eugenijus Cuplinskis	(family)
†Genovaite Simkus	(GJ)
†Kazys Janeliunas	(family)
†Vanda and Stasys Vaitkus	(V.Puzeris)
†Marija Pabedinskas-Fisher (1st anniv.)	(Pabedinskas family)
†Stase Zavys	(R.J.Karasiejus)
in thanksgiving to the Lady of Siluva	(R.J.Karasiejus)
†Romualdas Juknevicus (1st anniv.)	(family)

**Cantors of the Masses:**

9 AM - Zita Nausedas

11 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

organist - Ilona Beres

**The week's Holy Masses**

**February 20 - 26**

**MONDAY** (February 20): 7 p.m. †Jonas Maziliauskas (28th anniv.) (I.Kavanagh); †Juozas Kuculis (D.J.Didzbalis);

**TUESDAY** (February 21): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (February 22): 7 p.m. †Maryte Andriulevicius (Buozis family); for deceased parishioners (M.Balaisis);

**THURSDAY** (February 23): 7 p.m. special intention (BR); †Juris Liepnieks (V.Dubrowski);

**FRIDAY** (February 24): 7 p.m. †Veronika Balaisis (1st annv.) (M.Balaisis);

**SATURDAY** (February 25): 9 a.m. †Arthur Augenas (Jaglowitz family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Povilas Venskaitis (Z.Venskaitis);

**SUNDAY** (February 26): 9 a.m. for sports club "Ausra" living and deceased members; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas ("Kretinga"); †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas (GJ); for Cuplinskas', Stonkus' and Matulionis' living and deceased family members (family); †Ipolitas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Vytautas and Albinas Buragas (D.Berius); †Motiejus (50th anniv.) Burauskas and Burauskas' & Samulevicius' deceased members (Samonis); †Laimute Gudinskas (R.R.Syvokas); †Liudas Matukas (family); †Tadas Klupsas (Matukas family).

**Capital Fund - \$ 337,290**

*E.Shishkus - \$ 450*

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections in "Vilnius Manor"  
and February 12th**

48 envelopes - \$ 1,999

No envelopes - \$ 87.00

Direct deposit - \$ 1,470

**THANK you for your generosity**



**My family - a precious gift from God  
Congratulations**

**to you all on Family Day!**

*May you and your family, those close to you, be united in mutual understanding, forgiveness and respect.*

*May the virtues of Faith, Love and Hope guide each and every one. May the Lord's peace and blessings be with you.*

**On February 20th parish office will be CLOSED**

**RESURRECTION PARISH  
NOTICE - REQUEST**

During the preparation of the 2022 receipts of donations - **VERY MANY** inconsistencies were noticed in your addresses. **AGAIN, PLEASE** notify the office of a change of address or any discrepancy, so that there are no mistakes or misunderstandings in the future.

Also, **PLEASE COMPLETE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN THE ENVELOPE** when donating. There will no longer be an envelope number in the diocesan program. Therefore, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that the envelope information is completely filled out.

**THANK YOU ALL for your donations,  
care and love for the Parish.**



**2023 CAMP "KRETINGA"**

**English camp July 2nd - 15th**

**Lithuanian camp July 16th - 29th**

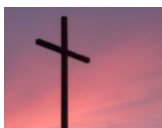
**Campers registrations: [campkretinga.squarespace.com](http://campkretinga.squarespace.com)**

**Counsellors (born 2006 or earlier) registrations:**

**[campkretinga.squarespace.com](http://campkretinga.squarespace.com)**

Counsellors need to apply by March 1st.

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



Save the date: Friday, April 7th for a Lenten youth retreat at the Church of the Resurrection from 3-9 pm.

Simple home-cooked vegetarian meal; vigil by the tomb of Jesus; Stations of the Cross; discussions; art; prayer; Church yard spring clean; and more. 15\$ per person.

Please register with an email to [ateitininkai.virtualus@gmail.com](mailto:ateitininkai.virtualus@gmail.com).

Six hours of community service granted by an OCT.

Adults interested in volunteering are asked to email using the same email.

**Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Cardinal Thomas Collins and appointed, as 14th Archbishop of Toronto, Archbishop Frank Leo who, formerly, was the the Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal**



**Donations** for victims of the **Hurricane, Earthquake** may be made

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief>

or through the parish, making cheques payable to: **Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief.**

*Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.*

Our parish “Labdara” committee **CONTINUES The 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.



Silent Art Auction

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Church of the Resurrection main hall

ALL are invited to support  
MOZAIKA II  
by donating artwork  
(eg. paintings, prints, sculptures)

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**Pope at Angelus: Faith is a love story with God**



Pope Francis invites Christians to give of themselves totally and love God without reserve in order to fulfil their faith.

How to be fulfilled in faith and reciprocate God's love was the message at the heart of the Pope's reflection on Sunday as he addressed believers gathered for the recitation of the Angelus.

Reflecting on the Gospel of the day, Pope Francis said Jesus “makes us understand that religious rules are necessary, they are good, but they are only the beginning: to fulfil them, it is necessary to go beyond the letter and live their meaning.”

Taking his cue from the Gospel of Matthew in which Jesus says “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil” (Mt 5:17), he explained that *To fulfil* is a key word to understand Jesus and his message.

*Ritualistic observance is pointless* - It is not enough to lead a life respecting the laws, he said, to refrain from killing but hurting with words, to refrain from committing adultery but living a love “tainted by duplicity and falsehood,” to take a solemn oath “if one then acts with hypocrisy. “This,” he underscored, “is not fulfilment.”

The Holy Father explained that “Making an offering to God reciprocates the gratuity of his gifts.”

The message is clear, he said: “God loves us first, freely, taking the first step towards us, without us deserving it.”

*“We cannot celebrate His love without in our turn taking the first step towards reconciliation with those who have hurt us.”*

“In this way, there is fulfilment in God's eyes,” the Pope continued, “otherwise external, purely ritualistic observance is pointless.”

He said that “religious rules are necessary, they are good, but they are only the beginning: to fulfil them, it is necessary to go beyond the letter and live their meaning.”

*“The commandments that God has given us must not be locked up in the airless vaults of formal observance.”*

*Aspire to the maximum* - Pope Francis said that this is a timeless issue and reminded believers that faith is not “a formal observance, which is satisfied with the *bare minimum*, whereas Jesus invites us to aspire to the *maximum possible*.”

*“God does not reason with calculations and tables; he loves us as one who is enamoured: not to the minimum, but to the maximum! He does not say, “I love you up to a certain point”.”*

True love, the Pope continued, “is never up to a certain point, and is never satisfied; love goes beyond, one cannot do without.”

He said the Lord showed us this “by giving his life on the cross and forgiving his murderers, and he entrusted to us the commandment most dear to him: that we love each other *like he* loved us.

*“This is the love that gives fulfilment to the Law, to faith, to life!”*

Pope Francis concluded encouraging Christians to ask themselves how they live their faith: “Is it a matter of calculations, formalism, or a love story with God? Am I content with not doing harm, of keeping the “façade” in good order, or do I try to grow in love for God and others?”

Every now and then, he said, check yourself on Jesus' great commandment, asking whether “I love my neighbour as He loves me?”

*“Because perhaps we are inflexible in judging others and forget to be merciful, as God is with us.”*



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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.

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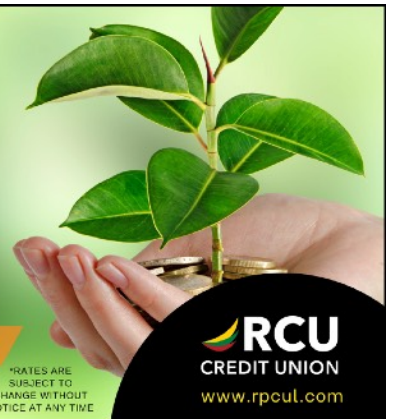
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