

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - A



Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life. May your love rule in my heart that I may only think, act, and speak with charity and good will for all." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Ona Kirvaitis	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world Novena	
	†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (1st annv.) in thanksgiving	(“Kretinga”) (GJ)
	†Leokadija Nevulis (18th anniv.)	(granddaughter Vida)
	†Elzbieta Ribokas	(Suziedelis family)
	†Antanina Adomonis and Vida Adomonis-Thomas for Petraitis' and Valinta deceased family members	(family) (G.Valintiene)
	†Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis	(IM)
	†Veronika and Linas Balaisis	(IM)
	†Elzbieta Puodziukas (12th anniv.) for Marteckas deceased family members	(family) (Senda family)
	†Ona and Eligijus Narusis	(R.J.Karasiejus)
	†Liudas Matukas	(G.Matukas)
	†Brone and Jonas Greiciunas	(family)



2023

December 8 - 10
Advent Retreat
(in Lithuanian)

December 10, 9 am
Mass / Confession
Fr. Algirdas
Malakauskas, ofm

December 10, 4pm
38th Annual
Christmas Concert

December 24
9:45 p.m. -
Christmas music
10 p.m. -
Christmas Eve Mass

December 25
Christmas Day
9 a.m. Mass (in EN)
11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

2024 January 1st
NEW YEAR
9 a.m. Mass (in EN)
11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

**Office hours during
the Holidays**

December 22
OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 25-26
CLOSED

December 29
OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

January 1, 2024
CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Daina Babeckas

11 AM - choir "Volunge" and Gintas Pabedinskas
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (November 27): 7 p.m. Novena; †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Mary Anne Kuslikis (sisters);

TUESDAY (November 28): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Irena Morkunas, Antanina Leparskis and Elena Bersenas (A.Morkunas);

WEDNESDAY (November 29): 7 p.m. Novena; †Antanas Kartavicius (Buozis family);

THURSDAY (November 30): 7 p.m. Novena; †Eremina Norvaisa and for Norvaisa, Ramanauskas' & Silvaggio deceased family members (Norvaisa family); †Juozas Budeika (Neverauskas);

FRIDAY (December 1): 7 p.m. †Ceslovas Kavaliauskas (Prakapas family); †Fr.Aviza, Fr.Meskauskas, Fr.Sandanavicius & Fr.Sakalys (O.Krasauskas);

SATURDAY (December 2): 9 a.m. †Edmundas Urniezius and deceased family members (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" for Tvarijonaitis', Navickas', Zilinskas' and Kartavicius' deceased family members (I.F.Zilinskas);

SUNDAY (December 3): 9 a.m. †Ona Kirvaitis (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Edita Putrimas (1st anniv.) (family); †Ona and Stasys Dackus (granddaughter); †Aldona Zemaitiene (daughter); †Vladas Kobelskis (GK); †Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis (20th anniv.) (family); †Elena Bersenas, Antanina Leparskis, Zuzana Stravinskas, Irena and Juozas Morkunas (Zita and Sigita); †Juozas Maciulis (44th anniv.) (family); †Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis (family); †Irena and Anicetas Zalagenas (I.Matus).

Capital Fund - \$ 360,910

Donation celebrating 70th Anniversary - \$ 11,035

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (11.19) and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

48 envelopes - \$ 2,162

No envelopes - \$ 212.10

Direct deposit - \$ 1,225

Shepherds' Trust - \$ 1,695

THANK you for your generosity...

*„Whatsoever you do unto the least of these,
you do it unto me.“*

SINCERE THANKS -

to the Parish's Social Committee and All helpers for organizing our 70th Anniversary celebration;

to Genovaite Kobelskis and Ina Gutauskas and their assistants and servers for the delicious food.

FOR ALL program creators and performers, light and sound supervisors.

(75 people participated in the program).

Also, thank you to the donors of the lottery items.

SINCERE THANKS - *for the organizers of Sunday's Family day, the Parish Children's Choir, readers and young performers of the musical part.*

SINCERE THANKS - *to ALL parishioners of Resurrection Parish, guests, benefactors and EVERYONE who participated in the celebration, for donations, love and care for the parish...*

LORD'S BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE..

In memory of Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas, today after Mass, camp "Kretinga" invites everyone to the parish hall to enjoy sweets and coffee.

"KIŠKIŲ KLUBAS" - *TODAY after 11am Mass, children together with their parents are invited to the small hall to enjoy making Christmas crafts, hosted by "Kiškių klubas". All welcome...*

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERINGS GIVEN FOR THE NOVEMBER NOVENA..

With the First Advent Sunday, December 3rd, 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.





“DŽIUGI DANGAUS GIESMĖ”

38th Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Church

All our choirs are participating.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Christmas is fast approaching.

As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

Beginning Sunday, December 3rd, and throughout Advent, **donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania**

will be accepted in the church vestibule.



Christmas Craft Sale -

December 10th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm **Resurrection Parish.**

We invite everyone to our Annual Christmas craft sale on

Sunday, December 10th in the Resurrection Parish

Hall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. presenting various goodies, arts and crafts for everyone on your Christmas list!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS. EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...

Information for donating envelopes - BIG CHANGES - the envelopes will no longer have a number -

therefore, please ensure that **all** the **information** requested on the donor's envelope is **completed**: your first and last name and full current address.

We also urge parishioners to promptly **notify** the church office of a **change of address** in order to ensure the timely delivery of tax receipts at year-end.

PLEASE DON'T wait until the last week of December to transfer, bring or send donations to the Parish.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: **envelopes**

eTransfers (email: 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.

Also, you can donate through **banks** -

RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: When writing cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish**, in the **MEMO** write the charitable purpose: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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Pope at Audience:

Christians must be courageous instruments of inclusive love



At his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis highlights the universal nature of Christian proclamation, emphasizing that encountering Jesus and sharing the Gospel is a call for all, irrespective of boundaries or limitations.

Opening his catechesis at his General Audience on 22 November, the Holy Father recalled the theme from last week, during which he, along with the faithful, reflected on Christian proclamation being “joy”.

The second aspect of the Christian proclamation, and the focus today, the Pope noted, is that “it is for everyone”.

The 'humanizing power' of the Gospel

“When we truly meet the Lord Jesus, the wonder of this encounter pervades our life and demands to be taken beyond ourselves”, the Pope said. He added that Jesus’ desire for this is for everyone as his Gospel contains “a humanizing power and fulfilment of life that is destined for every man and woman”.

Pope Francis emphasized this point by recalling a passage in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium*, in which he wrote that everyone has “a right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.”

The 'Universal destination' of the Gospel "Brothers, sisters", the Pope continued, “let us feel that we are at the service of the *universal destination of the Gospel*; and let us distinguish ourselves for our capacity to come out of ourselves, to overcome every limit”.

Jesus and the Canaanite

He stressed that Jesus’ journey is an everlasting lesson for everyone. The Pope then recalled a Passage from Matthew, in which a Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter. Initially hesitant, Jesus says that His mission is for Israelites, not foreigners. The woman persists, showing strong faith by saying that even dogs get crumbs. Impressed, Jesus grants her request, recognizing her unwavering belief.

“This meeting has something unique about it” noted the Pope. “Not only does someone make Jesus change His mind - and a woman at that, foreign and a pagan - but the Lord Himself finds confirmation that His preaching should not be limited to the people to whom He belongs, but open to all”, he explained.

A “pact” with God

The Holy Father then, in bringing his discourse to a close, went on to note that each person who is called on by the Lord is chosen so that they may reach others. That is the “pact” that has been made. “All the Lord’s friends have experienced the beauty, but also the responsibility and the burden of being 'chosen' by him”, added the Pope.

Being called by God is not about elevating oneself, the Pope concluded, but rather about becoming free and courageous instruments of inclusive love.

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