

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 6 (3376) February 7th, 2021

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. (loyolapress.com) "Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service." (dailyscriptures.net) †R.R.

Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Aldona Podsadecki	(D.Pranaitis, S.Brough, R.Zander)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for living and deceased friends	(GJ)
	†Domarkas Slizauskas	(A.Abromaitis)
	†Adele Caltukas and her relatives	(Samonis family)
	†Edvardas Peciulis	(O.Dirmantas)
	†Birute Vaitiekunas	(R.L.S.Kuliavas)
	†Irena and Henrikas Matusevicius	(R.J.Balaisis)
	†Jonas Cerbas (1st anniv)	(L.Cerbas-Mickus)
	†Edvardas (30th anniv.), Marijona and Justas Punkris	(I.Punkris)
	requesting blessings of the Lord and grace of health	(R)
	†Elena Puranas	(N.Benotas)



2021 CALENDAR

**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE
PRAYER
ON
WEEKDAYS
(MONDAY-
FRIDAY)
FROM 5 PM
TO 7 PM**

**SUNDAYS
FROM 1 PM
TO 3 PM
(CHANGE FROM
PREVIOUS
SUNDAYS)**

**THE HOLY
MASS
CAN BE
SEEN ON
YOUTUBE**

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (February 8): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (Augutis family); †Born Maziliauskas (7th anniv.) (I.Kavanagh);

TUESDAY (February 9): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Brone Maziliauskas (V.Zaleckaite);

WEDNESDAY (February 10): 7 p.m. †Edvardas Peciulis (R.Stravinskas); †Balbina Tamulionis (D.A.Nauseda);

THURSDAY (February 11): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); for Vainys' deceased family members (Balaisis family);

FRIDAY (February 12): 7 p.m. †Steponas Ignatavicius (R.Stravinskas);

SATURDAY (February 13): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (R.Stravinskas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (February 14): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Birute Kriauciunas McKenny (O.Balsys and family); †Virginijus Siciunas (5th anniv.) (T.Siciunas); †Laima Butenas (Akelaitis family); †Cesius Kuras (family); †Jonas Poska (J.Poska); †Oksana and Boris Petrusiw (Alksnis family); †Vilius and Jadvyga Ruslys (N.Ruslys); Juozas, Marija, Juozas and Rimantas Zoruba (M.Grambiene).

Capital Fund - \$ 316,944

THANK YOU...

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO, IN SUCH A DIFFICULT 2020 YEAR, SO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO FRANCISCAN FATHERS' PROJECTS AND TO THE PARISH. TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020 WILL BE MAILED THIS COMING WEEK.

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

Collections, beginning week of
January 31st - February 4th

8 envelopes - \$ 660
Direct deposit - \$ 1,165
eTransfer - \$ 700

THANK you for your generosity

Dear parishioners, In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: resparish@prisikelimas.ca or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/.

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -

Website: www.prisikelimas.ca

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

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Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

**Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for YOU
ALL in this difficult time. Let us have hope...**



As we are aware, COVID 19 has had a huge impact on all of us, and especially the elderly living at Labdara. As visitors are not allowed at this time, they are in need of warmth and closeness.

Therefore, Prisikelimo Parapija is organizing a Valentine's Day card event for Labdara residents. We are looking for volunteers to write warm, heart-felt greetings to the residents.

Cards can be dropped off inside of the church's office front doors where you will find a decorated collection box.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday February 7th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

These acts of kindness may be small, but they are mighty. In a resident's life, these greetings are assured to bring them happiness, tears of joy, and encouragement so that they feel they are not forgotten.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in 't Woud - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



**Congratulations
to Marija Gudelis,
who is celebrating her
105th Birthday on February 5th.
Blessings of the Lord, Marija!**

Our parish CONTINUES and INVITES ALL to join a FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto. NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

REMINDER

Join the Toronto Lithuanian Community as we learn from Danguole Breen, the curator of "[Democracy - One Defining Moment](#)" a special digital gallery put on through the [Lithuanian Museum-Archives of Canada](#).

This digital gallery commemorates the events of January 13, 1991 and sheds a spotlight on Toronto and Canada's ongoing response.

WHEN:

Sunday, February 7 from 3:00- 4:30 pm

WHERE:

A link will be provided via ZOOM.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Please send an email

to TorontoKLB@gmail.com by Saturday February 6 to confirm your attendance along with any questions you might have for Danguole in advance. 😊

We look forward to learning and reflecting with you all soon! We welcome both English and Lithuanian speakers to this event.

Visit the digital gallery in advance at: <https://www.lithuanianheritage.ca/january-13>

On February 14th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@hotmail.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. 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 Francis on Human Fraternity:
We are all born of the same Father**



Pope Francis highlights the theme of fraternity in a video message for the first International Day of Human Fraternity celebrated on Thursday. He calls for a world of mutual respect, stressing that we can either choose to be brothers and sisters or we lose everything.

Pope Francis marked the first-ever International Day of Human Fraternity on Thursday, in a virtual event hosted by Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed in Abu Dhabi, with the participation of the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and other personalities.

During the occasion, the Holy Father, in a video message, expressed his gratitude to those who had contributed to the promotion of fraternity in spite of the challenges.

"Sisters and brothers - that is the word," the Pope said. "Sisters and brothers to affirm fraternity in a special way to you, my brother, my friend, my companion of challenges and risks in the struggle for fraternity."

The Pope offered special recognition to the Grand Imam, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, for his testimony and collaboration in writing the document presented two years ago. Pope Francis also expressed his gratitude to the Crown Prince of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed for his belief in the project, and Judge Abdel Salam for his active participation in its advancement. "Thank you all for committing to fraternity," Pope Francis said, "because today fraternity is the new frontier of humanity. Either we are brothers, or we destroy each other." Pope Francis went on to insist that "today, there is no time for indifference" and "we cannot wash our hands" off the present situation with distance, disregard and contempt. He affirmed that we are either brothers and sisters, "or everything falls apart," adding that this is the frontier on which we have to build - "the challenge of our century and the challenge of our times."

Fraternity, the Pope continued, "means an outstretched hand. Fraternity means respect. Fraternity means listening with an open heart. Fraternity means firmness in one's own convictions" because "there is no true fraternity if one's convictions are negotiated."

Brothers and sisters despite differences - Pope Francis also emphasized that despite differences in cultures and traditions, we are brothers and sisters, "born of the same Father." In this regard, fraternity must be built, not by negotiation, but through respect for our different cultures and traditions. "It is the moment of listening. It is the moment of sincere acceptance. It is the moment of certainty that a world without brothers is a world of enemies," the Pope said.

He further underscored that "we cannot say we are either brothers or not brothers," stressing rather that "we are either brothers or enemies" because indifference is "a very subtle form of enmity."

"We do not need to be at war to be enemies, disregarding each other is enough," the Pope said, adding that it is time to stop the attitude of looking the other way and ignoring others as if they did not exist.

2021 Zayed Award for Human Fraternity - A part of the celebrations for the International Day of Human Fraternity is the presentation of the 2021 Zayed Award for Human Fraternity to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, and Moroccan-French activist, Latifa Ibn Ziaten.

Addressing the UN Secretary-General, Pope Francis congratulated him for the award and expressed gratitude for his efforts towards promoting peace "that will only be achieved with a fraternal heart."

Directing his attention towards the second 2021 Zayed Award honoree, Latifa Ibn Ziaten, the Pope acknowledged her inspiring testimony of painfully losing a child yet channeling her pain towards fostering love and fraternity.

"Yes, sister, your words are not hearsay or a conventional 'we are all brothers': they are a conviction. A conviction embodied in pain, in your wounds," the Pope said.

"Thank you for your testimony," said Pope Francis. "And thank you for being the mother of your son, of so many boys and girls, for being the mother today of this humanity that is listening to you and learns from you: either the path of fraternity, of brotherhood, or we lose everything."

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