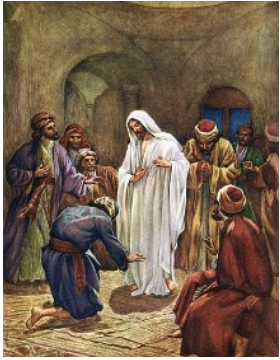


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 15 (3542) April 14th, 2024

3rd EASTER SUNDAY - B



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects

this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified.

They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Show us, Lord, show us path of life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Marta and Vladas Simanavicius	(daughters)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
	†Ona Balsys	(I.Balsys)
	†Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis	(daughter)
	†Stasys Bekeris	(V.Puzeris)
	†Kestutis Sukys	(R.J.Kuliesis)
	†Sofija Augaitis	(C.Bakker)
	special intention	(GJ)
	for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members	(Cuplinskas family)



2024

April 21

Annual Parish Meeting

April 26-27

Spring Rummage Sale

May 5

First Communion

May 26

Confirmation

June 1

Run for Hope

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

August 17 - 24

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - choir "Svaja"

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (April 15): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (April 16): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

WEDNESDAY (April 17): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Dana Puzeris (M.Grambus); 7 p.m.;

THURSDAY (April 18): 7 p.m. †Irena and Juozas Morkunas (A.Morkunas);

FRIDAY (April 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Ursule and Albinas Kartavicius (Buozis family);

SATURDAY (April 20): 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (GJ) ; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" blessings of the Lord for Violeta and her family (I.Matus);

SUNDAY (April 21): 9 a.m. †Vincas Sinkevicius (N.Slivinskas, V.Randle); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Beningna Ragauskiene (10th anniv.) (Liliana and Lina); †Jonas Gustainis (5th anniv.) (family); for Kazlauskas' deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas); for Kalinauskas' deceased family members (Prakapas family); †Jonas, Albinas and dr.Sigitas Kazlauskas (V.V.Baliunas); †Norbertas Lingertaitis (L.Underys); †Laimute Gudinskas (daughter); †Algimantas Syvokas (3rd anniv.) and deceased family members (R.R.Syvokas); blessings of the Lord for Birute Kazlauskas celebrating her birthday (D.A.Nauseda).

Capital Fund - \$ 371,845

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (04.07) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

38 envelopes - \$ 1,475

No envelopes - \$ 126.55

Direct deposit - \$ 2,560

For Renovation fund:

R.Bekeris - \$ 500; V.A.Puzeris - \$ 500

THANK you for your generosity...



You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on April 21st after 11AM Mass.

A review of parish council activities and future plans will be presented, and the Financial Advisory Committee will report on the parish's Financial status.

Elections for parish council will also be held. If you would like to nominate someone for parish council, please obtain their agreement and advise Linas Zubrickas zlinas@hotmail.com by April 20th.

The parish will treat you to a lunch of delicious sausages prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew, and the social committee will provide refreshing beverages.

Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and INVITES, till April 21st, ALL to participate. We will continue to collect food in the fall. NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

The collected food is delivered to Haven on the Queensway.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



On behalf of Nursing Home "Labdara" residents we are giving sincere Thanks to Dirmantas-Groen In't Would family and Resurrection Parish parishioners for beautifully handmade Easter postcards, over 120 of them, made with love! Your attention and care shown to residents of Labdara is like, ray of warm sunshine warming our hearts and bringing smiles to our faces!

THANK YOU...

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SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

April 26 - 27

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

Men needed to set up tables

Monday, April 22nd, 10am - 12 noon .

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES: we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

We ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Tuesday APRIL 23rd at 10AM!

Some items that DO NOT sell are:

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit .

We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!

*For other info please contact:

Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271;

Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088.

Lithuanian House Announcement

This year On Monday, April 22, we invite members of the Toronto Lithuanian House organization to the annual reporting meeting in the Lithuanian House in Toronto (1st floor hall). Registration of the participants of the meeting - 5.30pm, the beginning of the meeting - 6.30pm. After the meeting - Lithuanian meal.

We ask the members of the Lithuanian House Organization, who have changed their place of residence - to report new addresses to the office of the Lithuanian House tel. 647-471-4167 or e-mail diana@lithuanianhouse.ca

LN Board

Pope: Grace-sustained fortitude helps us daily

During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechetical series on virtues and vices, focusing on the cardinal virtue of fortitude, saying that sustained by grace, it can fuel our efforts daily and bring us closer to God. May Jesus and the saints' examples, inspire us to rediscover fortitude, which will, with God's grace, help us in our daily efforts...

Pope Francis gave this encouragement during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday in St. Peter's Square.

This week, the Pope continued his catechetical series on vices and virtues. After months dedicated to the vices, he transitioned to discussing virtues, thus far focusing on prudence, patience, justice, and now, fortitude.

The Catechism describes the cardinal virtue of fortitude as "the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good." Strengthens resolve, overcomes obstacles - Turning to the virtue, the Pope highlighted how it strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life, and enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions." "It is the most 'combative' of the virtues," the Pope said, as he recalled that prudence, was primarily associated with man's reason, and that justice, had found its abode in the will, while this third virtue, he said, "is often linked by scholastic authors to what the ancients called the "irascible appetite."

Ancient thought, the Pope said, did not imagine a man without passions, lamenting that, "he would be a stone." The passions are not necessarily "the residue of a sin," he said, but, he insisted, "they must be educated, channelled, purified with the water of Baptism, or better with the fire of the Holy Spirit." "A Christian without courage, who does not turn his own strength to good, who does not bother anyone," Pope Francis said, "is a useless Christian."

Within ourselves - Turning to the more passive aspect, the Pope addressed when fortitude is directed within ourselves.

"There are internal enemies we must defeat, which go by the name of anxiety, anguish, fear, guilt," the Pope said, calling them "all forces that stir in our innermost selves and in some situations paralyse us." "How many fighters succumb before they even begin the challenge! Fortitude is first and foremost a victory against ourselves."

Most of the fears that arise within us, he observed, are unrealistic, and do not end up happening anyway. "It is better, then," he said, "to invoke the Holy Spirit and face everything with patient fortitude: one problem at a time, as we are able, but not alone!" "The Lord is with us, if we trust in Him and sincerely seek the good," the Holy Father reassured, saying, "in every situation we can count on God's providence to shield and armour us." "The Lord is with us, if we trust in Him and sincerely seek the good. Then in every situation we can count on God's providence to shield and armour us."

Active aspect - The Pope then pointed out the second, "more active" nature of fortitude. As well as internal trials, there Pope said there are "external enemies," which are the trials of life, persecutions, difficulties that we did not expect and that surprise us. "Indeed," he said, "we can try to predict what will happen to us, but to a large extent reality is made up of imponderable events, and in this sea sometimes our boat is tossed about by the waves. Fortitude then makes us resilient sailors, who are not frightened or discouraged." Fortitude, he said, is a fundamental virtue because it takes the challenge of evil in the world seriously.

Cries out against evils -He lamented that some pretend it does not exist, "that everything is going fine," that "human will is not sometimes blind, that dark forces that bring death do not lurk in history." "But it suffices," he said, "to leaf through a history book, or unfortunately even the newspapers, to discover the nefarious deeds of which we are partly victims and partly perpetrators: wars, violence, slavery, oppression of the poor, wounds that have never healed and continue to bleed."

The virtue of fortitude, he said, "makes us react and cry out an emphatic 'no' to all of this." "There is a need," he observed, "for someone who can rouse us from the soft place in which we have lain down, and make us resolutely repeat our 'no' to evil and to everything that leads to indifference." Pope Francis concluded, by praying, "Let us therefore rediscover in the Gospel the fortitude of Jesus, and learn it from the witness of the saints."

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