

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr.49 (3471) December 4th, 2022

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A



2022

December 11

37th Annual

Christmas Concert

December 24

9:30 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)

2023 January 1st

NEW YEAR

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)



In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord. (loyoalpress.com)

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

*Justice will flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Richard Jaseliunas ("Kretinga")
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in Ukraine and the world
†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas
for Judvytis', Dackus' and Vydmantas' living and deceased family members (GJ)
†Elena Bersenas, Antanina Leparskis and Irena Morkunas (Z.Cers)
†Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis (V.White)
†Aldona and Juozas Zemaitis (daughter)
†Juozas Maciulis (43rd anniv.) (family)
†Albina Simukenas (1st anniv.) (sons Remigijus & Aras)
†Stasys Prakapas (family)
†Jonas Buksaitis (R.Buksaitis)
†Angelika Sungaila (V.White)

**Office hours during
the Holidays**

December 23

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 26-27

CLOSED

December 30

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

January 2, 2023

CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - *Danute Pranaitis*

11 AM - *"Volunge" women's ensemble
and choir "Svaja"
organist - Ilona Beres*

HOLY MASSES December 5th - 11th

MONDAY (December 5): 7 p.m. †Ona Kirvaitis (family);

TUESDAY (December 6): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Alfonsas Juozapavicius (10th anniv.) (family);

WEDNESDAY (December 7): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh); †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family);

THURSDAY (December 8): 7 p.m. †Daiva Vorps (friends); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (V.White); †Petras Augaitis (family);

FRIDAY: (December 9): 7 p.m. †Laima Macionis (V.White);

SATURDAY (December 10): 9 a.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (R.R.Smolskis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Elena Krilavicius (5th anniv.) (daughter Virginija and family);

SUNDAY (December 11): 9 a.m. †Bronius and Bronius Stoncius (O.Stonsius); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Vaclovas Anskis (Stanevicius family); †Vytautas Miniota (A.Jurcevicius); for Sukauskas', Miniota and DeFine deceased family members (family); request grace of health for parish priests (Ruta G); †Nijole Mazukaitis (1st anniv.) (daughter Vilma); †Mindaugas Gabrys (family); †Marija and Marijonas Petrikas (daughter); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (KLLM); †Dainius (1st anniv.) and Valerija Grinevicius, Eugenija and Petras Petrulis (Diana G.); blessings of the Lord for Neringa Taraskeviciene and Urte (NT).

Capital Fund - \$ 330,520

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of November 27th

39 envelopes - \$ 1,780

No envelopes - \$ 102

Direct deposit - \$ 1,200

THANK you for your generosity



Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday evenings during Advent. We look forward to your attending the encounter with Jesus
Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. (in Lithuanian)

"Didžioji naktis"

37th Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday December 11th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church

All our choirs are participating.

We look forward to seeing you all!



Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai

are available in the Parish Office,
Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 4 pm.,
also on Sundays after Mass.

It is a Lithuanian tradition that when we are seated at the Kucios table, we share this symbol of the living bread - Jesus Christ as He comes into the world.

Christmas is fast approaching.

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

Beginning today, and throughout Advent,
donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania
will be accepted in the church vestibule.

In the true Christmas spirit, why not consider making a donation instead of buying gifts?



Christmas Craft Sale -

December 11th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm **Resurrection Parish.**

We invite everyone to our Annual Christmas craft sale on
Sunday, December 11 in the Resurrection Parish Hall
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. presenting various arts and crafts for everyone on your Christmas list!

With the spirit of the Christmas season upon us, let us look into our hearts with kindness and gratitude and help our friends living at "Labdara" nursing home feel the virtues of Advent.

We are inviting all parishioners to make one or more heartfelt greeting cards at home or in the parish cafeteria on the following Sundays after 9am and 11am Mass; December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Your greeting cards will bring them hope, love, joy and peace as well as a feeling of close connection to our community. In addition, we will be collecting donations of new jigsaw puzzles (24, 50, 100...up to 300 pieces) for our friends at Labdara. Puzzles provide many exceptional benefits including exercise for the mind and help with socialization.

Greeting card and puzzle donations may be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors or in the parish cafeteria after Sunday masses up until Sunday December 18th, as this will allow enough time for your gifts to be handed out by the staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaitė-Groen in 't Woud; vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



CONSULAR MISSION IN TORONTO ON 10-11 DECEMBER, 2022

Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Canada will conduct a consular mission in Toronto, Ontario, on 10-11 December, 2022. Lithuanian consular officers will accept the following documents of citizens of the Republic of Lithuania:

- requests to issue or change a passport and identity card;
- residence declarations of citizens who have left Lithuania for a period longer than 6 months;
- requests for issuing a certificate of return of a person;
- reports on lost personal documents;
- requests to account acts of civil status registered in a foreign country;
- requests to change the name, surname;
- records confirming applications for the issuance of a civil status certificate;
- requests for issuing consular certificates;
- in addition, will perform notarial actions:
 - confirming the fact that the person is alive and is in a certain location (SODRA)
 - testifying the authenticity of the document transcript, its extract and signature.

The consular mission will be held at Prisikélimo parapija (Church of the Resurrection) 1 Resurrection Rd Toronto, ON., M9A 5G1. Consular services will be provided from 09 am. to 12 pm. and from 1 pm to 6 p.m. **Only persons who have pre-registered and received confirmation of registration will be served during the consular mission.** Registration for admission takes place until December 3 at electronic registration system - <https://keliauk.urm.lt/consult-registration>

When registering, please indicate the desired consular service, the desired reception time, the personal code of the person who needs to receive the consular service, and your phone number.

During consular missions, the fee for consular services is increased by 50%. (consular fee amounts are published [here](#)). Only debit/credit cards and *Interac* e-transfers will be accepted during the mission.

Information about the functions performed by the officers of the consular mission and the documents required for submission, can be found on the website of Embassy's website. Don't hesitate to inquiry about the consular services provided by phone +1 613-567-5458

Before registering for the consular mission, please assess whether the necessary services of the Lithuanian institutions could be provided remotely. Below we present a list of relevant services for Lithuanian citizens living abroad and links to the portals through which you should apply for these services:

migration.lt

- notification of the loss of a document confirming personal identity and citizenship;

ePaslaugos.lt

- declaration of departure from Lithuania;

- Issuance of a certificate on the initiation of a pre-trial investigation or conviction (non-conviction); iPasas.lt

- inclusion of acts of civil status registered abroad in accounting in Lithuania;

- Issuance of extracts certifying records of civil status acts and their multilingual forms;

- issuance of certificates on marital status and on the absence of obstacles to marriage

- birth registration;

- submission of a request to register a marriage;

- change of name, surname due to the inclusion of acts of civil status registered in a foreign country in accounting in Lithuania;

eNotaras.lt

- approval of contracts, powers of attorney, statements and other documents (except for approval of wills and their acceptance for safekeeping and confirmation of the fact that a person is alive and in a certain place); Electronic archive information system

- issuance of documents confirming seniority and salary received

- issuance of documents confirming civil registration fact (birth, marriage, divorce or death) until 2007;

- issuance of documents confirming the fact of living in Lithuania (before 1942) and family composition;

- issuance of other documents confirming certain legal facts.

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