

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 22 (3602) June 1st, 2025



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - C



Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever.

Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

ALLELUIA

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Rasa Pajaujis-Shook	(D.J.Didzbalis)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
	†Ona and Vytautas Judvytis	(daughter)
	†Rasa Pajaujis-Shook (1st anniv.)	(D.J.Didzbalis)
	†Antanina and Antanas Dunauskas	(O.Stoncius)
	†Jonas Morkunas	(A.Morkunas)
	†Maryte and Ricardas Vaitkevicius	(Slivinskas family)
	†Juozas Kalinauskas	(Juodis and Bansevicius families)
	†Agota Gustainis	(Styra family)
	†Tyrune Siciunas	(B.Kazlauskas)
	†Irena Baltakys - Vadauskas	(Vadauskas family)



2025

June 1

Cemetery day

June 7

Run for Hope

June 8

Confirmation

June 13-15

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

June 22

St.John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

November 29

MOZAİKA

A Silent Art Auction

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

**Parish office
hours**

June - October

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday

9 a.m. - 1 pm.

July 1 - closed

August 4 - closed

September 1 - closed

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - Lile, Lina and Aleksia Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (June 2): 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius (RU); †Albina and Juozas Buoziš (Buoziš family);

TUESDAY (June 3): for living and deceased benefactors;

WEDNESDAY (June 4): 7 p.m. 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Ona Skukauskas, Nina Skukauskas-Feochari and Gintaras Skukauskas (D.V.Skukauskas); †Birute Juozapavicius (family);

THURSDAY (June 5): 7 p.m. †Ona Inciura (R.Inciura); †Sigute Stuopis (N.Gudelis);

FRIDAY (June 6): 7 p.m. †Onute Malinauskas (Prakapas family);

SATURDAY (June 7): 9 a.m. †Agota Gustainis (S.Houlihan); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (June 8): 9 a.m. †Gita and Algis Beresnevičius (Slivinskas family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Vytautas Judvytis (daughter); †Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter); for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas' deceased family members (family); †Sigute Stuopis (G.Ignaitis); †Irena Jurkus (B.Tamosiunas); †Nina and Zbigniewas Dobrowski (B.Kazlauskas); †Jadze Stanaitis (I.Stanaitis); †Egle-Aldona and Ceslovas Gudaitis (Gudaitis family); †Fr.Laurynas Kemesis (Gudaitis family); †Ona and Eligijus Narusis (R.J.Karasiejus).

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

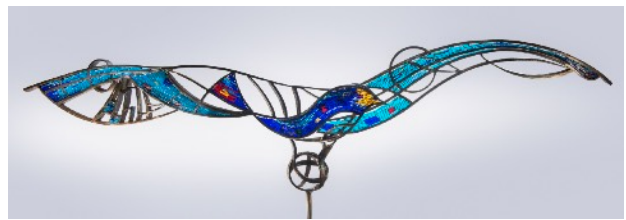
Sunday (05.25) & "Vilnius Manor"
Collections

41 envelopes - \$ 1,615

No envelopes - \$ 102

Direct deposit - \$ 1,335

THANK you for your generosity...



Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, strength and sweetness of God!

Come, You, movement and peace!

Renew our courage, Fill our solitude in the world,

Create in us intimacy with God!

We no longer say, like the prophet:

"Come from the four winds",

As if we did not yet know from where you came;

*We say: Come, Spirit from the pierced side
of Christ upon the cross!*

*Come from the mouth of the
Risen One!*



12th Annual Run for Hope - June 7th.

Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to

St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipėda, LT.

Pre-registration is open until May 9th: \$25 for adults, \$15 for children. You will also be able to register on the morning of June 7th: adults \$35, children \$25.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/KremEbHXgMwRm9j7A>

e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com (please indicate your name)

In person registration will take place each Sunday after Mass, downstairs in front of the parish café.

You can make a donation by writing a check to: *Franciscan Fathers*;

Memo: *Vilties Bėgimas*. You can leave the checks at the parish office.

If you have any questions, please contact: gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca

Support the fight against cancer with the Run of Hope cream!

We invite you to contribute to a noble cause while taking care of your skin and supporting the Oncology Center in Klaipėda!

By purchasing the all-natural **Run of Hope cream for \$15**, you're not only caring for your health, but also helping in the fight against cancer. The cream is made from natural ingredients that moisturize and nourish the skin, helping to restore its elasticity and softness. It's a perfect choice for those who value natural products and take care of their body.

All profits go to the Oncology Center so that together we can support patients facing this difficult challenge. Every purchase you make contributes to research, treatment, and assistance for people battling cancer.

Don't wait – care for your skin and make a difference at the same time!

You can buy the cream in the café foyer after Holy Mass!



You are invited to

**RCU Fun Day — Saturday, June 7 from 11am
to 1pm at Resurrection Parish !**

Enjoy free pizza, ice cream, a bouncy castle for little ones, and a giant obstacle course for the bigger kids.

Open to all RCU members and the community — come join the fun!

Lithuanian food - Our fabulous Lithuanian Kitchen team will be back next Sunday, June 8th, after Mass to offer you Suvalkija-style kugelis (potato pudding), delicious cold beet soup and Lithuanian style meat balls.

Please come and enjoy a wonderful Lithuanian lunch and fellowship.
NO PRE-ORDERS.

Canadian Lithuanian Youth Association INVITATION

The Canadian Lithuanian Youth Association (CLYA) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. To commemorate such a special occasion, CLYA is hosting an Anniversary celebration at the Resurrection Parish on September 27th.

Tickets for the event will be sold Sundays after Mass from June 1st until June 29th or can be purchased online.

More info: kljsevents@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 22nd ST. JOHN'S FEAST PICNIC

Come celebrate St. John's Feast at Resurrection Parish's parking lot picnic!



- Lithuanian traditions, music & more
 - Kids' activities
 - Food for purchase
 - Beer & wine bar

St. John's celebration - June 22nd

**call for vendors to participate in the Artisanal Market
12 noon in the Resurrection parish parking lot.**

Besides having lunch and being entertained at the St. John's celebration at Resurrection Parish on June 22nd, we invite those who would be interested in selling handmade goods to participate. Do you have a craft to sell? Baked goods? If so, and you would be interested in taking part, please contact Irene Poskus

at iposkus@yahoo.ca or 416-899-4636
for more information and/or to reserve a table.



SHARE LIFE Campaign next Sunday, on June 8th. Envelopes can be found attached to the bulletin and in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet www.archtoronto.org and using the **DONATE NOW**.

Thank you...

Pope Leo: Compassion is a matter of humanity, not a religious issue



Reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan at the weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV challenges everyone to not let our busy lives "prevent us from feeling compassion" towards others.

Continuing his reflections on the parables in the Gospel during his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Leo XIV recalled the "learned and well-prepared man—a doctor of the Law" from Luke's Gospel. The Pope says this young man is too focused on himself and ignores others.

The doctor of the Law speaks to Jesus, inquiring how he can inherit eternal life. But Pope Leo exposed "the deeper need for attention" behind this question as the young man asks Jesus to explain the word "neighbour."

Whom have I loved?

To answer this, Jesus recounted a parable that changes the young man's question entirely from "Who loves me?" to "Whom have I loved?"

The Pope explained the first is immature, "while the second is the question of an adult who has understood the meaning of life." The first is inactive, while the second requires action.

Jesus then shares the parable of the Good Samaritan, whose setting is the road a man takes to travel from Jerusalem on a mountain to Jericho, which is at sea level. Pope Leo likened this journey to life, calling it a "difficult and dangerous road."

On his journey, the man is beaten, robbed, and left for dead, which can happen to us when "circumstances, people—even those we've trusted—strip us of everything and leave us out in the open."

It is not a religious issue

But, the Pope pointed out, it is in these encounters with others that we come to know who we really are. When we meet someone in need, we are faced with a choice: "to care for them or to look the other way."

In the parable, two people, a priest and a Levite, who we would imagine would stop and care for the hurt man, simply choose to ignore him. This, Pope Leo highlighted, shows that "religious practice alone does not automatically lead to compassion." It is not a characteristic of religion but one of being human. Human beings are called to be compassionate, no matter their religion.

The priest and the Levite represent all of us—in a hurry to get home. This hurry can keep us from being compassionate because, the Pope warned, people "who believe their journey takes priority are not willing to stop for others."

Compassion - taking risks

Only a Samaritan, "someone from a people traditionally despised," stops to help the wounded man. The Samaritan helps, not out of a religious requirement, but because "he is one human being in front of another human being in need."

Compassion, Pope Leo stressed, takes form through concrete actions, because in order to help someone, "you cannot stay at a distance." To be compassionate, you have to get involved and be prepared to "even get dirty, perhaps take risks."

The Samaritan is an example of compassion because he physically takes care of the wounded man. The Pope underlined that truly helping someone "means being willing to feel the weight of another's pain." He pointed out that only when we recognize that we ourselves are the wounded man can we truly feel compassion.

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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.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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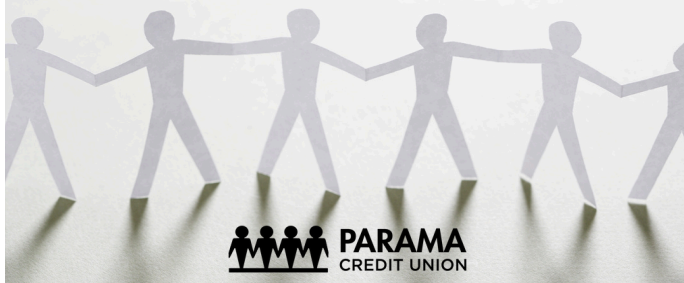
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