

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT - C



There are two kinds of sinners in today's Gospel passage - the adulterous woman and the Scribes and Pharisees. They are totally lacking in the compassion that God displays and expects his followers to have.

God established a covenant with the Israelites and made them His own. Their relationship was often looked upon as a marriage – Israel the bride and God the bridegroom. Unfaithful to the covenant, like an adulterous wife, they abandoned their God

turning to pagan gods. They actually prefigure 'the adulterous woman' in today's Gospel. But God out of compassion, love and mercy for them, cared for them and always forgave them. In the First Reading Isaiah delivers a message of great hope and promise to the exiled Israelite people. The prophet exhorts his fellow Israelites to look to the past and to remember the wondrous acts of their God, all through their history. He challenges them not to 'dwell' in the past, but to take 'hope' from the past and look for similar divine acts of mercy and power in the future: "... see I am doing something new!"

"In the second reading, St. Paul lays out his resume. In terms of the Judaism of his time, Paul was about as accomplished as one could hope to be: he was a defender of the tradition, steeped in the wisdom of his people, and blameless under the law. But after seeing Jesus risen from the dead, Paul said that he counted all of those achievements as loss and refuse. So we, he implies, should not base our lives on our accomplishments, degrees, social status--but rather on Christ crucified and risen.

The woman in this story is not just an isolated sinner. *She represents all of us.* She represents you and me. The self-appointed, righteous Scribes and Pharisees, whose harsh judgment of the woman clouded their consciences to their own sinfulness. *They also represent you and me.* We sin in both ways - when we hurt others by indulging our desires at their expense and when we hurt others by setting ourselves up as superior and better than they.

The image of Jesus, though, is one of kindness and hope with the woman caught in adultery, so also with the Scribes and Pharisees. He doesn't say that the woman didn't sin, or the Scribes and Pharisees were innocent. And, he neither condemned them nor punished them; instead he showed them his compassion and mercy, and exhorted to sin no more. Jesus offers that same compassion and mercy to each one of us, and also says to us - **"neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more."** He does not expect perfection of us. However, he expects us to strive for perfection. God is not finished with us yet.

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Algirdas Smolskis (1st anniv.)	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
	†Antanas Laurinaitis	(daughter)
	†Izabele Matusevicius (58th anniv.)	(relatives)
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis	(D.Gaputis)
	†Algis and Edukas Zemaitis	(I.Zemaitis)
	†sister Mary Louise Brooks (37th anniv.)	(I.Matus)
	†Birute Tamoliunas (5th anniv.)	(Zubrickas family)
	for Kazlauskas' deceased family members	(B.Kazlauskas)
	in thanksgiving	(JP)

2025

**April 13**

*Lithuanian food day*

**April 17-20**

*Holy week*

**April 20**

*Easter*

**April 26**

*"Volunges sparnais..."  
concert*

**April 27**

*Parish Annual Meeting*

**May 2-3**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**May 4**

*First Communion*

**June 7**

*Run for Hope*

**June 8**

*Confirmation*

**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*

**December (date TBD)**

*Advent Retreat*

**December 14**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

### Cantors of the Masses:

**9 AM** - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz,  
Zita Nausedas

**11 AM** - Lile, Lina & Aleksia Vadauskas  
**organist** - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (April 7): 7 p.m. †Marius Rusinas (Jaglowitz family);

**TUESDAY** (April 8): for living and deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (April 9): 7 p.m. †Vincas Baliunas (Prakapas family);

**THURSDAY** (April 10): 7 p.m. †Frank Polyak (D.T.Hawkins); †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

**FRIDAY** (April 11): 7 p.m. †Regina and Juozas Piecaitis (V.Baliunas); request grace of health for friend (B.Kazlauskas);

**SATURDAY** (April 12): 9 a.m. †Ada Lemezys (I.Kavanagh); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (April 13): 9 a.m. †Ruta (1st anniv.) and Stasys Bekeris (V.Puzeris); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Sonata Ambrozaityte (GJ); †Jonas Zaleckas (V.Zaleckaite); †Ona Balsys (I.Balsys); †Stase and Rimantas Bartusevicius (O.Stoncius); †Kestutis Sukys (R.J.Kuliesius); †Kazimieras and Ceslovas Rimkevicius (RU); †Juozas Kalinauskas (Rekus family); †Dr.Sigitas, Albinas and Jonas Kazlauskas (V.Baliunas); for Cuplinskas', Stonkus' and Matulionis' living and deceased family members (Cuplinskas family).

**"Capital Fund" - \$ 519,248**

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday (03.30) & "Vilnius Manor "**  
**Collections**

34 envelopes - \$ 938

No envelopes - \$ 232

Direct deposit - \$ 1,055

Our Lady of Siluva Church in London,  
Ontario, donated \$ 4,000 to the parish  
Saint Casimir's Church in Delhi, Ontario  
donated \$ 775 to camp Kretinga

**THANK you for your generosity...**



**Every Thursday during Lent**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass.

Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

**Reflections on the Stations of the Cross** Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 13th - PALM SUNDAY**

**9 a.m. Holy Mass (English)**

**11 a.m. Holy Mass**

(the Blessing of palms will take place in the vestibule followed by the procession into the sanctuary)

**April 17th - HOLY THURSDAY**

**7 p.m. Holy Mass**

(Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders)

**April 18th - GOOD FRIDAY**

**2:45 p.m. Musical reflections**

**3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord**

(This is a liturgy of Word and Service.

We gather to reflect on the Passion and our salvation)

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**April 19th - HOLY SATURDAY**

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**8:00 p.m. Blessing of the fire and preparation of the Easter Candle**

**Vigil Liturgy of the Word and Holy Mass of the Resurrection**

(In this evening's liturgy, we welcome Christ as our Light, reflect on our salvation history, renew our Baptismal vows, and celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection)

**April 20th - EASTER SUNDAY**

**9 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (English)**

**11 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (Lithuanian)**



**Spring is a time** of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.

We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community.

**We welcome everyone to the parish cafe TODAY & April 13th, after 9AM and 11M Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

For further questions, please contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in't Woud [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca) We thank you for your continued generosity.

In memory of †Algirdas Smolskis on the 1st anniversary of his death, his daughter Loretta Smolskis-Hillgrove is treating everyone to coffee after 9AM and 11AM Masses.

Please remember him in your prayers.

### **SPRING RUMMAGE SALE May 2nd - 3rd**

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

Men, women, teens, welcome!

**On April 28th, the hall is occupied for the election.**

**We kindly ask you to come on Tuesday, April 29th**

**at 9 AM to set up the tables,**

**10 AM to gather for the distribution of items.**

#### **ATTENTION:**

**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 29th at 12NOON!**

**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;

Ramune Stravinskas 416-523-1095.

**LITHUANIAN FOOD** - On **Sunday, Aril 13th** after Mass (starting at 9:45 AM), please join us in the parish hall to enjoy your favourite Lithuanian dishes and good company! No need to pre-order if you plan to dine-in.

**IF YOU WISH TO TAKE FOOD HOME YOU MUST PRE-ORDER by Friday, April 11th, 7PM.**

This helps our kitchen team to estimate quantities and ensure no one is disappointed.

**CASH ONLY at pick-up**, exact change much appreciated!

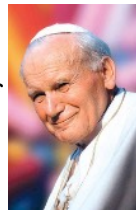
**Order here** <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/lietuviska-virtuve-prisikel-410562-971ea8>

Our parish "Labdara" committee **CONTINUES The FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES, till April 13th, 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.

**Thank you** in advance for your kind donations.

### **Pope St. John Paul II's prophecy of peace, 20 years later**

Twenty years after the death of Pope John Paul II on 5 April 2005, our Editorial Director explores how the Church celebrates the saint and recalls his unheeded words against war.



Twenty years have passed since the evening of Saturday, 2 April 2005, when millions of people around the world mourned the death of Saint John Paul II.

Two decades later, he is rightly remembered as a great defender of life, human dignity, and religious freedom. Most particularly remember his insistence against communism. However, few recall his other prophetic teachings, which are particularly relevant in our own dark moment of history.

In the year 2000, a significant part of our world was still intoxicated by the notion of the "end of history" after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Meanwhile, in the former Eastern Bloc countries, consumerism and secularization were spreading more than a revival of faith.

The Polish Pope chose to bring the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to St. Peter's Square and spoke words that at the time went largely unheeded: "Humanity stands at a crossroads. It now possesses tools of unprecedented power: it can turn this world into a garden or reduce it to a heap of rubble."

One year later, the tragedy of September 11th plunged the West back into fear.

As early as 1991, Pope John Paul II opposed the First Gulf War and was abandoned by those Western leaders who, just two years earlier, had praised his role in Eastern Europe.

In 2003, he was even more resolute in his opposition to war when, based on false evidence, several Western countries launched a second war against Iraq.

Already suffering from Parkinson's disease and physically weakened, Pope John Paul II felt compelled to warn the 'young' heads of government leading this new Gulf campaign.

He reminded them of the horrors of the last World War, which he, the elderly Successor of Peter and son of a martyred nation, had experienced firsthand.

During the Angelus, he spontaneously added this appeal: "I belong to the generation that lived through World War II and survived it. I have a duty to say to all young people, to those younger than me who have not had this experience: 'Never again war!'—as Pope St. Paul VI said on his first visit to the United Nations. We must do everything possible!"

Today, more than ever, as the world burns and nations rush to fill their arsenals, with propaganda fostering an atmosphere of alarm and fear to justify massive military spending, we must remember those prophetic words of the Bishop of Rome who came from "a distant country."

His successor now echoes that same cry, once again standing alone against the madness of war.



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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](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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**RCU ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

1 Resurrection Rd.  
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**62nd RCU Annual  
General Meeting will take  
place in person.**  
Details to follow.

**Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM**

**Associate Pastor/Parish economist:**

Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM

**Serving Priest: Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, OFM**

**Deacon: Dr. Kazimieras Ambrozaitis**

**Parish office administrator: Gitana Judvytyte**

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