CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS Nr. 15 (3385) APRIL 11th, 2021



2nd EASTER SUNDAY - B



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know,

however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas we may doubt the news that Jesus who was crucified

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for Kazlauskas' deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas) *†*Irena Smolskis (R.L.S.Kuliavas) *†*Linas Balaisis (3rd anniv.) (R.J.Balaisis) [†]Salomeja and Pranciskus Tvarijonavicius (I.F.Zilinskas) [†]Brone and Antanas Pabedinskas and Senkus' deceased family members (JMC) (M.Hagedorn) *Fridrikas, Marija and Karolis Hagedorn *†*Albina Laurinaitis (1 month) (family) requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma) (wife) *Eugenijus Siciunas requesting grace of health for parents (daughter Rasa)

The church is open for private prayer on weekdays (Monday-Friday) from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Sunday Masses online https:// www.youtube.com/ channel/ UC63RnbJxiayoKXd $UfnA_c-g/$. We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -Website: www.prisikelimas.ca Facebook Group: https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/ prisikelimo.parapija Mass recordings, broadcasts https:// www.youtube.com/ channel/ UC63RnbJxiayoKXd UfnA c-g? Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas **11 AM** - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (April 12): 7 p.m. †Ada Lemezys (I.Kavanagh); in thanksgiving (LU);

TUESDAY (April 13): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Jonas Zaleckas (V.Zaleckaite);

WEDNESDAY (April 14): 7 p.m. †V.G.Balciunas (G.Gaizutis; requesting grace of health for Laimute Grigaitis -Coyle ("Kretinga");

THURSDAY (April 15): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Albina Laurinaitis (D.J.Didzbalis)

FRIDAY (April 16): 7 p.m. requesting grace of health for family (R.R.Syvokas);

SATURDAY (April 17): 9 a.m. †Algis Rope (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (April 18): 9 a.m. †Ona Svarinskas (A.Ciaucionas); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Stasys Bekeris (V.Puzeris); †Benigna Ragauskiene (7th anniv.) (Liliana and Lina); †Jadvyga, Leonas and Juozas Zilinskas (I.F.Zilinskas); special intention (Ruta G.); †Juozas Morkunas (2nd anniv.) (A.Morkunas); †Teodoras Stanulis (Prakapas family); †Albina Laurinaitis (D.L.Simanavicius); requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,944

THANK YOU...

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

Collections of April 4th - Easter

42 envelopes - \$ 5,210 No envelopes - \$ 89 Direct deposit - \$ 2,085

Holy Land - \$ 745 THANK you for your generosity

Dear parishioners,

The imposition of COVID 19 restrictions on churches by the Ontario provincial government remains. All previous precautions remain in effect to ensure the health and safety of all:

*If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home

*Upon arrival at church, please check in with the volunteers

*Disinfect your hands and wear a face covering while you are in church

*Always maintain a safe distance of 2m. from others

The maximum number of Mass participants is currently limited, including priests and those participating in music ministry. As a result, we are temporarily implementing a mandatory registration system for Sunday Masses.

We regret that we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass in person. We will only be able to accommodate Mass participants who have pre-registered, and we ask for your patience and understanding.

Please use the link below to register for Mass on Sunday, April 11th. https://prisikelimoparapija.flocknote.com/signup/50908

When a new window opens, select the Mass you wish to attend and fill in your name and e-mail address. You may register up to three people.

IMPORTANT

*Please check for a confirmation email after you register; if you don't see one in your inbox (or junk), your registration was not successful.

*If you register and then realize you will not be able to attend, please cancel your registration to free up the spot for someone else.

Understandably, some of you will not feel comfortable or safe returning to church at this time. Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian will continue Sundays at 11, as will the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Until we can all safely worship together, let us remain united in prayer.

On April 18th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Preordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene <u>grazinav2@hotmail.com</u>. 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.

SHARE LIFE Campaign on April 18th. Envelopes you will find at the church vestibule.

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

and giving to Sharelife parish's campaign.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support ShareLife, we are making more than a financial contribution – we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese! Thank you...

KLJS DELEGATE APPLICATION for PLJS Kongresas

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The first virtual 2021 XVI World Lithuanian Youth Association Congress is fast approaching! We can't wait to see how "strands" of Puńsk, Poland—the host location—will be woven into the program.

Come join us via Zoom on June 19-20 and 26-27!

"And what should I do if I want to represent my Lithuanian youth community?" Well, look no further! [1] [1] KLJS is looking for young (16-35 y.o.) and energetic Lithuanians to represent Canada at this unforgettable event.

Interested in being a delegate?

Recent article

in punskas.pl >> Laima Sidarytė. XVI pasaulio lietuvių jaunimo kongresas "Ateiti kuria tradicija"

We also want to highlight this year's theme which loosely translates into English as "The future is inspired by tradition". The visual identity was created by design guru Vilius Marcinkevičius. The 90's-inspired and highly stylish visuals are intermixed with prolific Lithuanian artist Čiurlionis' motifs and Lithuanian folk patterns. Our team has been using these designs throughout the Congress promotions and expect to see the theme sprinkled throughout Congress.

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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 Francis recalls love for Eucharistic adoration from his youth



Pope Francis sends a handwritten note to Alpha

and Omega Catholic weekly in reply to a record from his youth containing his name as one of the faithful nocturnal adorers who prayed at the Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament in his home country, Argentina.

Pope Francis has sent a letter to Spanish Catholic weekly *Alpha and Omega* after receiving a photo of a record from the 1950's with his name and a number.

The record indicated that as a young man, Pope Francis was one of the many faithful who made regular visits to the Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to pray at night, alongside his brother Óscar.

Love for Eucharistic adoration from youth

"I was moved by the photocopy of the book on nocturnal adoration of the Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament," said Pope Francis in his handwritten note to the Spanish weekly.

From his home in the Flores neighborhood in the outskirts of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis as a youth, would often go by bus to the Basilica, alongside his brother, in 1954 and 1955.

It was there that he heard the phrase "*Venite adoremus*" (Come let us adore), which the Pope says he remembers "with emotion" in his note to the Spanish newspaper. As the nocturnal adoration was done in turns, the person from the previous shift would wake up the next person with the words "*Venite adoremus*" to remind them to go for the hour of adoration.

Pope Francis also explained in the letter that since at that time there was no evening Mass, many people who had been at parties during the day came to the Basilica on Saturday nights.

Influenced by the example of a merciful priest

"The adoration began around nine o'clock at night after the preaching of Father Aristi," explained the Pope in his letter.

At that time, the young Jorge Bergoglio was already living a Christian life, or as he describes it in his letter, he "already had the experience of St. Joseph of Flores" – the parish the Pope attended as a youth.

Pope Francis, in a meeting with priests in Rome in March 2014 explained that Fr. Aristi was his confessor and a good example of a merciful priest. Sacramentine priest Fr. José Ramón Aristi served as a Provincial in his order and as a professor. He was also a well-known confessor with long queues of people waiting for him at the Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis further told the priests that whenever an uncharitable thought crosses his mind, he touches a little cloth bag that he carries which contains the cross once attached to the Rosary with which Fr. Aristi was buried. "And I feel the grace! I feel its benefit," the Pope said. "What good the example of a merciful priest does, [the example] of a priest who draws close to wounds."

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