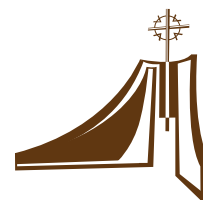


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, I believe and I profess that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Take my life, my will, and all that I have, that I may be wholly yours now and forever." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living!*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

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|---------|--|----------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | in thanksgiving - celebrating Vytas and Aldona Levisauskas' 60th wedding anniversary | (family)             |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners   |                      |
|         | †Ona and Stanislovas Leskauskas  | (A.Morkunas)         |
|         | †Eugenijus Siciunas  | (wife)               |
|         | †Romas Tumpa   | (L.Tumpa)            |
|         | †Stasys Prakapas   | (B.Kazlauskas)       |
|         | †Brone Vilkus  | (Senda family)       |
|         | †Vytautas Neimanas   | (J.G.Neimanas)       |
|         | †Juozas Stankaitis   | (A.Ratavicius)       |
|         | †Jonas Buksaitis (7th anniv.)  | (family)             |
|         | †Juozas Svetlauskas  | (Danute)             |
|         | requesting grace of health for Rita Birgiolas  | (Stanevicius family) |

### Sunday Masses

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## Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Grazina Adie, Danguole Lelis,  
Laima Underis, Julija Danaitis,  
Gintas Neimanas, Romas Puteris,  
Ted Chornomaz, Taras Chornomaz  
organist - Ilona Beres

## THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (September 13): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); special intention (Groen in't Woud family);

**TUESDAY** (September 14): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Eugenijus Siciunas (L.Senatore);

**WEDNESDAY** (September 15): 7 p.m. †Alfonsas and Birute Juozapavicius (G.R.Petrauskas); for nuns (O.Torres);

**THURSDAY** (September 16): 7 p.m. †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family); †Stasys Prakapas (V.V.Baliunas); †Albina Laurinaitis (R.Stravinskis); †Ruta Cepulienė (V.Zaleckaite);

**FRIDAY** (September 17): 7 p.m. †Stasys Prakapas (Jaglowitz family);

**SATURDAY** (September 18): 9 a.m. †Mecys and Stase Businskas (Juzukonis family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Ona and Petras Derliunas (E.Shishkus);

**SUNDAY** (September 19): 9 a.m. †Henryka Maksymin (K.Fialho); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Onute Beresnevicius (B.Tamosiunas); †Stasys Prakapas (O.Bansevicus and family); †Stase and Mecys Businskas (M.Marcis); requesting grace of health for Rita Birgiolas (R.Buksaitis).

## Capital Fund - \$ 321,604

In memory of Stasys Prakapas,  
D.A.Pabedinskas donated \$ 100

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

## Collections of August 29th

27 envelopes - \$ 1,127  
No envelopes - \$ 76.75  
Direct deposit - \$ 1,220

## Collections of September 5th

29 envelopes - \$ 1,510  
No envelopes - \$ 31.05  
Direct deposit - \$ 2,400  
eTransfer - \$ 200  
eTransfer (Mass intention)- \$ 100

**THANK you for your generosity**



**This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!**

As summer comes to a close, we will all gradually return to schools and studies and work and church. Let us follow all necessary precautions to keep the community safe and healthy.

**Let's get together for coffee on Sunday,  
September 19th after 9AM and 11AM Mass.  
Social distancing in effect. Coffee will be provided.**

Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines, including priests and music ministry members. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.

Of course, all existing precautions will 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.

Understandably, not everyone feels 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.

Blessings and let's unite in prayer wherever we are.

Today we are collecting donations for the "Holy Land". You will find the envelopes in the church hallway. Thank you ..

**First Communion** registration and activities will begin on October 17th, 10a.m. in the parish meeting room.

The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

THANK YOU to Rasa Balaisis for preparing the children for First Communion.

**Confirmation** registration and activities will begin on October 24th, 10a.m. in the parish meeting room.

The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

THANK YOU to Paulius Sukauskas for preparing the children for the Sacrament.

Our parish, from September 19th, CONTINUES our FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and INVITES ALL to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

## IN MEMORIAM

**JUSTINA DUDA, 98**

She will be greatly missed by her daughters Sigita Duda Huys and Jolanda Dziengo, grandchildren Julia Huys, Matthew Huys, Stephanie Dziengo, Melanie Dziengo and great-grandchildren Aria, Mason ir Emery.

Sincere condolences to her family. Please remember her in your prayers.



The Camp Kretinga community invites all parishioners and friends of Resurrection Parish to join the "JERUSALEMA" DANCE CHALLENGE.

**Sunday, September 26 after 11AM Mass—dance lesson and rehearsal**

**Sunday, October 3 after 11AM Mass—Andy Kaknevičius will film our performance of „Jerusalema“. Come dressed in your best Lithuanian gear!**

From fleet-footed dancers to those just beginning to walk or those who need assistance—all ages and abilities are welcome to join.

*All COVID 19 safety protocols in effect. Masks and social distancing required.*

**We look forward to seeing our friends from „Volunge“, „Ausra“ sports club members, „Gintaras“ and Atžalynas“ dancers, „Maironis“ Lithuanian school pupils, our neighbours from „Labdara“ and all who are interested in being part of this event!!!**

What is „Jerusalema“?

About a year ago, South African DJ Master KG created a beat and set lyrics to it, based on a old African hymn. The steps of a traditional line dance were added and „Jerusalema“ went viral, capturing a universal expression of hope in a world so deeply impacted by the pandemic. Communities all around the world danced in support of front line workers, and frontline workers danced to keep going. Schools and businesses and churches joined in, and during this summer’s virtual edition of „Camp Kretinga“, so did we! And now we challenge you to join us in our expression of unity, hope, perseverance and thanksgiving.

Check it out! (Just one of thousands of videos on Youtube. There are tutorials, too!)

[https://youtu.be/6Zw0JfI5\\_bE](https://youtu.be/6Zw0JfI5_bE)



“Aušra” Sports Club registration is now live and completely online.

You may register for Basketball, Lacrosse, and Table Tennis for our dynamic September season start of sports fun, fitness and competition for 2021-2022.

<http://www.ausra.net/>

Also see our active “Aušra” Sports Club facebook page for more exciting sports news and Club updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/ausrasportsclub>

Ačiū, “Ausra” Board of Directors

## **Pope: Equality in Christ overcomes our differences**

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis highlights the equality of all Christians in Christ, noting that anyone who accepts Christ in faith has “put on” Christ and His filial dignity through baptism.



Continuing his catechesis on the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians during the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis noted the apostle’s insistence to Christians not to forget the novelty of God’s revelation that had been proclaimed to them.

The Pope reflected on St. Paul’s emphasis on faith in Jesus which has allowed us to truly become children of God and His heirs. Therefore, Christians are to remember with gratitude the moment we became such - the moment of our baptism - “so as to live the great gift we have received with greater awareness.”

*Faith makes us God’s children “in Christ”* - Once “faith has come” in Jesus Christ, the Pope noted, “a radically new condition was created that leads to divine sonship.” It is not a sonship involving all men and women insofar as they are sons and daughters of the same Creator; rather, faith allows us to be children of God “in Christ.” Being Children of God “in Christ” thus, makes a difference, because through Jesus’ incarnation he became our brother, and by His death and resurrection, He has reconciled us to the Father. So, “anyone who accepts Christ in faith, has “put on” Christ and His filial dignity through baptism.”

*Baptism transforms us* - Pope Francis further explained that for St. Paul, who made reference to baptism several times in his letters, “to be baptized was the same as taking part effectively and truly in the mystery of Jesus.” In the Letter to the Romans, for example, Paul stated that in baptism we have died with Christ and have been buried with Him, so as to live with Him (Rom 6: 3-14)

Baptism, therefore, is not merely an “external rite.” Rather, those who receive it “are transformed deep within” and “possess new life” which allows them to turn to God and call Him with the name of “Abba, Father.” The Holy Father, in this regard, encouraged Christians to find out their date of baptism and to celebrate it.

*Baptism goes beyond differences* - Speaking further, the Pope noted St. Paul’s audacious confirmation that the identity received with baptism is so new that it prevails over the differences that exist on the ethnic-religious level, beyond differences of Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female (Gal 3:28). “For Paul to write to the Galatians that in Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek was equivalent to an authentic subversion in the ethnic-religious sphere,” the Pope explained, because by the fact of belonging to a chosen people, the Jew was privileged over the pagan.

Similarly, taking out the distinction between the “free” and “slaves” introduced a shocking perspective, as by law, “free citizens enjoyed all rights, while not even the human dignity of slaves was recognized.” Likewise, equality in Christ, which overcomes the social differences between the two sexes, “was revolutionary at the time” and “needs to be reaffirmed even today.” In this way, St. Paul confirms the profound unity between all the baptized because every one of them is “a new creature in Christ.” Thus, every distinction is secondary to the dignity of being children of God who “creates a real and substantial equality.”

*Called to live as children of God* - The Holy Father then highlighted that we are called in a more positive way to live a new life that roots its foundational expression in being children of God, discovering the beauty of being “brothers and sisters among ourselves, because we have been united in Christ.” “The differences and contrasts that separation creates should not exist among believers in Christ,” the Pope said. “Rather, our vocation is that of making concrete and evident the call to unity of the entire human race.” In this manner, everything that exacerbates differences and causes discrimination no longer has any meaning, thanks to the salvation effected in Christ.

“What is important is that faith that operates according to the path of unity indicated by the Holy Spirit,” Pope Francis concluded, adding that “our responsibility is that of journeying decisively on along this path.”



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