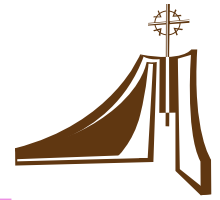


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old

Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus? (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Here I am, Lord, here I am, Lord: I come to do your will

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

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| 9 a.m. | †Aldona Podsadecki | (S.Kopera) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | †Danute Kersis (15th anniv.) | (daughter) |
| | †Ona Anskis | (Stanevicius family) |
| | in thanksgiving | (GJ) |
| | †Irena and Ceslovas Salciunas | (family) |
| | †Danielius and Petronele Peciulis | (daughter) |
| | †Vytas and Onute Marcinkevicius | (O.Peciulyte) |
| | †Rimas Zavis | (G.Gaizutis) |
| | blessings of the Lord for Sofija Augaitis celebrating her 102nd birthday (A.Ratavicius) | |
| | †Petras Jurenas | (family) |

2021 CALENDAR

**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE
PRAYER**

**ON
WEEKDAYS
(MONDAY-
FRIDAY)
FROM 5 PM
TO 7 PM**

**SUNDAYS
FROM 1 PM
TO 3 PM
(CHANGE FROM
PREVIOUS
SUNDAYS)**

**THE HOLY
MASS
CAN BE
SEEN ON
YOUTUBE**

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (January 18): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (O.A.Vysniauskas); †Mary Anne Kuslikis (A.E.Bubulis);

TUESDAY (January 19): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

WEDNESDAY (January 20): 7 p.m. †Laima Macionis (H.Simanavicius);

THURSDAY (January 21): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Zenonas Kucinskas (D.Kucinskas);

FRIDAY (January 22): 7 p.m. †Sofija Styra, Ada Leads and Adele Karauskas (E.Benetis);

SATURDAY (January 23): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (L.Underis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (January 24): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Elenute Kriksciunas ("Kretinga"); for Samulevicius' deceased family members (Samonis family); †Manuel Barata Rodrigues (Akelaitis family); †Alfredas Stanevicius (15th anniv.) (A.G.Valavicius); †Tekle Pauliukonis-Kalvinskas (O.Peciulyte); †Vytautas and Onute Marcinkevicius (O.Peciulyte); †Sheila Stephen (D.D.Danaitis-Stacey); †Bronius Karasiejus (R.J.Karasiejus).

Capital Fund - \$ 316,944

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections, beginning week of
January 5th - 14th**

7 envelopes - \$ 285

Direct deposit - \$ 1,565

*In memory of Aldona Podsidecki friends
donated \$230 to the parish*

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!

Dear parishioners, In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: resparish@prisikelimas.ca or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_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/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/

Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

**Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for YOU ALL
in this difficult time. Let us have hope...**



As we are aware, COVID 19 has had a huge impact on all of us, and especially the elderly living at Labdara. As visitors are not allowed at this time, they are in need of warmth and closeness.

Therefore, Prisikelimo Parapija is organizing a Valentine's Day card event for Labdara residents. We are looking for volunteers to write warm, heart-felt greetings to the residents.

Cards can be dropped off inside of the church's office front doors where you will find a decorated collection box.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday February 7th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

These acts of kindness may be small, but they are mighty. In a resident's life, these greetings are assured to bring them happiness, tears of joy, and encouragement so that they feel they are not forgotten.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in 't Woud - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.

Our parish started a FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto.
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 at Audience: We can always praise God, whose love never fails



Continuing his catechesis on prayer at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on “the prayer of praise”, which is possible in every circumstance because God is always faithful.

Pope Francis reflected on the dimension of praise in prayer, at the General Audience on Wednesday, taking as his starting point “a critical moment in the life of Jesus.”

At the beginning of His ministry, when He had already begun to preach the Kingdom of God and perform miracles, “the mission of the Messiah goes through a crisis,” the Pope said: John the Baptist expresses doubts, while the people to whom He had preached showed hostility to Jesus and His message.

But “precisely in this disappointing moment,” Pope Francis said, “Jesus does not lift up a lament to the Father, but rather a hymn of jubilation... in the midst of a crisis, Jesus blesses the Father, He praises Him.”

God is praised for Who He is

Jesus praises God for Who He is, calling upon Him as “Father, Lord of heaven and earth.” Jesus acknowledges His Father as Lord of the universe, and conversely recognizes “the Lord of all that exists,” as His Father. “Praise springs from His experience of feeling the He is ‘Son of the Most High,’” the Pope said.

God favours the little ones

In His prayer, Jesus goes on to praise God “for favouring the little ones.” Pope Francis explained that in His ministry, Jesus saw those who were considered “wise” and “learned” react to His preaching with suspicion, while the “little ones” were open to His message. “This can only be the will of the Father,” the Pope said, “and Jesus rejoices in this. We too must rejoice and praise God because humble and simple people welcome the Gospel.”

Jesus’ prayer of praise “in that moment of seeming failure” leads us to see our own failures in a different light, Pope Francis continued. He explained that praising God, especially “when it seems evil prevails and there is no way to stop it,” is necessary, not for God’s sake, but for our own.

Praising God in times of trial

The Pope cited the catechism, which says that the prayer of praise “shares in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing Him in glory.”

Paradoxically, he said, it is not only at times of happiness, when we feel blessed, but especially “in difficult moments” that we must praise God – precisely, so that, rising up to God, we will be able “to see a new panorama, a broader horizon.”

The example of the Saints

Saint Francis, in his Canticle of the Creatures – *Laudato sí* – offers an excellent example of praising God in time of difficulties.

The prayer was composed at the end of Francis’ life, when he was beset by difficulties. Yet in that moment, Pope Francis said, the saint “praises God for everything, for all the gifts of creation, and even for death, which he courageously manages to call ‘sister.’”

The example of the saints, Pope Francis said in conclusion, shows us “that we can always give praise, in good times and bad, because God is the faithful Friend. This is the foundation of praise: God is the faithful Friend, and His love never fails.”

(Vatican radio)

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