

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 31 (3505) July 30h, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



In the first reading, we discover that Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people. When given a chance to have anything in the world, Solomon asks for wisdom (“a discerning heart”) in order to lead well and to make correct decisions. We can ask God for the same wisdom. Solomon asks for discernment to carry out his job but he does not ask God to do the job for him. We can also ask God what he wants to do *through* us and not *for* us. Let us ask God to give us the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to follow it through.

In Paul’s letter to the Romans, we read that God’s ultimate goal for us is to make us like Christ. As we become more and more like him, we discover our true selves, the people we were created to be. How can we be conformed to Christ’s likeness? By reading and paying attention to the Word, by studying his life on earth through the Gospels, by being filled with his Spirit and by doing his work in the world.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. It is possible that Jesus is instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. The religious leaders were looking for a future kingdom preceded by judgement. Jesus however teaches that the kingdom of heaven is now and the judgement is the future. †R.R.

"Lord Jesus, may your word take deep root in my heart and transform my way of thinking, discerning, and acting. Help me to be a faithful disciple of your word."

"Lord, I love your commands."

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Richard Jaseliunas	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world special intention	(NN)
	†Felicija Urbonas (36th anniv.)	(R.M.Rusinas)
	†Irena and Vincas Ignaitis	(family)
	†Justinas Zaksauskas	(Daiva and Mindaugas)
	†Gytis Vaisnoras	(I.Vaisnoras)
	†Salomeja Poderis (15th anniv.)	(family)
	†Mecys Businskas	(Businskas family)
	†Juozas Gecas (1st anniv.) (Florida)	(Aldona)
	request grace of health for Aldona special intention	(sister Irena)
	blessings of the Lord for Kisielius family	(Daiva)
		(GJ)



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organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

July 31 - August 6

MONDAY (July 31): 7 p.m. †Petras Puzauskas (B.B.Degutis);

TUESDAY (August 1): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (August 2): 7 p.m. †Brone Vilkus (B.B.Degutis); †Stase Businskas (Businskas family);

THURSDAY (August 3): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); special intention (Daiva);

FRIDAY (August 4): 7 p.m. †Antanas and Tekle Grigutis (B.B.Degutis);

SATURDAY (August 5): 9 a.m. request grace of health for Barkauskas' family (Prakapas family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (August 6): 9 a.m. †Zita and Jonas Didzbalis (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Stasys Prakapas (family); for Kazlauskas' deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas); †Marija and Kazimieras Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); in thanksgiving - †Bronius and Marija Matusevicius (I.M.).

The week's Holy Masses

August 7 - 13

MONDAY (August 7): 7 p.m. †Romus Kalinauskas (B.B.Degutis);

TUESDAY (August 8): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (August 9): 7 p.m. †Rick Pastorelli (1st anniv.) (J.Pastorelli);

THURSDAY (August 10): 7 p.m. †Sofija Oleka (O.Oleka); †Antanina Jankunas ("Kretinga");

FRIDAY (August 11): 7 p.m. †Anele Agurkas (B.B.Degutis);

SATURDAY (August 12): 9 a.m. †Suzana Lembertas (1st anniv.) (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Sofija Dilkus (I.Matus);

SUNDAY (August 13): 9 a.m. †Brone Beresnevicius (N.Slivinskas); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Albina Laurinaitis (G.Laurinaitis); †Bob White (5th anniv.) (V.White); †Vladas Koncius (daughter and family); for Palazijus' deceased family members (M.Grambus).

Capital Fund - \$ 346,510
THANK YOU...

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

Sunday and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

July 16th - 34 envelopes - \$ 1,355

No envelopes - \$ 82.05

Direct deposit - \$ 1,230

July 9th - 42 envelopes - \$ 987

No envelopes - \$ 79.55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,025

At camp "Kretinga" Masses - \$ 1,305

THANK you for your generosity...



This year Camp **Kretinga** (Lithuanian speaking) had 25 counselors including senior staff and 80 campers. Camp

Nurses - Judita Gabrys, Meda Krukonis

and Danielle Drescher were looking after

the health of the campers.

Our wonderful gourmet chefs and

kitchen assistants prepared

yummy mouth watering meals.

They are: Ina Gutauskas, Edita

Cerniauskas, Gailius Skrinskas,

Andrius Paranavas, Indre

Patkaciunas, Sonata Bancevicius,

Lisa Utz, Regina Murza and Grazina Adie.

Camp helpers: Laura Zownir, Aldona Remesat,

Amelia Lentsch, Matas and Jurgita.

Our maintenance men,

a.k.a. "Team Danger", Wally Dauginis and Tadas Kartavicius.

Our night guard, Arnas Jankauskas,

Arturas Goloburda and Jonas

Freimanas, made sure that we slept

safely and peacefully.

Musicians: Dana Biskys and Janet Krisciunas.

Our amazing videographer, Andy Kaknevičius, was creating our wonderful camp video again this year.

THANK YOU!

Pope's August prayer intention: For World Youth Day in Lisbon

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention in video for the month of August, which is dedicated to the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, and invites young people to set aside fear and embark on a joyful journey to bear witness to Christ in our world.

The video was created in collaboration with the Lisbon 2023 WYD Foundation and the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, and is about young people and World Youth Day. Pope Francis' message emphasizes his invitation to young people to quickly take the path of bearing joyful witness to the Gospel.

The video begins with Pope Francis reassuring young people of their importance for the Church, noting the Church needs young people in order to survive.

Pope Francis responds to several young people from different continents who pose questions in various languages, including youth from the Philippines, Brazil and the Ivory Coast.

Some ask whether the Church is just for the elderly; why he chose Mary as the theme for World Youth Day; and, what is the Pope's own hope for this international meeting of young people in Portugal.

Pope Francis explains that Mary's attitude is a lesson for all her peers.

"As soon as Mary knew she was going to be the Mother of God, she didn't stay there taking a selfie or showing off ... The first thing she did was to set out on a journey, in haste, to serve, to help."

Later, the Holy Father shares his desire to plant "a seed for the world's future."

He also prays for a world which puts love at the center, especially at a time when "we are at war," as well as joy, "because if we Christians have no joy, we are not credible, no one will believe us."



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Nr. 32 (3506) August 6th, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - A



The lesson of the Transfiguration should help us move on, and follow Jesus without fear, weariness and regret. As what the three disciples ultimately realized, there is definitely a certain assurance that everything eventually turns out fine. It is like reading a novel where the happy ending is already known to us. No matter how difficult the problems that the main character encounters, we are not disheartened and continue reading because we know the story is sure to have a happy ending. The Father said, "Listen to him." In other words, "Do not be scandalized at the teaching of my son Jesus about his forthcoming Passion, death, and resurrection." Will they listen to Jesus? Will they stand by Jesus as he goes to his Passion and

death? We know the story. Peter denied Jesus in the courtyard of the high priest, and James, like the rest of the disciples, abandoned Jesus. Only John listened to Jesus and was not scandalized by the passion and death of Jesus.

In John's Gospel we read that John went right into the courtyard of the high priest while Jesus was being tried and went all the way to the cross of Jesus with the women. When the crunch came between Holy Thursday night and the first appearance of Jesus on Easter Sunday, Peter and James did not listen; they abandoned Jesus. Their abandonment of Jesus was only temporary, while John remained faithful right during Jesus' Passion. Later all three of them, Peter, James, and John became great witnesses to Jesus. They had seen Jesus transfigured and they heard the command of the Father to listen to Jesus. We meet Jesus in a most intimate way every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. It is the time when we are closest to Jesus. We meet Jesus in the Scriptures as they touch our hearts. Jesus speaks to us now when we read the Scriptures.

The Scriptures are not just about the life of Jesus; in the Scriptures Jesus also speaks to us about our lives and in them we meet Jesus as he speaks to us about our lives. We meet Jesus in a very special way in all the sacraments.

The Lord is king, the most high overall the earth.

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