

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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3rd SUNDAY of the EASTER - A



On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do

they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter, we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist, too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Show us, Lord, show us the path of life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Michael Knorr (10th anniv.)	(McCulloughs)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Benigna Ragauskienė (9th anniv.)	(Lilijana and Lina)
	†Jonas Gustainis	(family)
	blessings of the Lord for Regina	(sisters)
	†Edita Putrimas	(Urnieszis family)
	†Birute (9th anniv.) and Jonas Danaitis	(family)
	†Malvina Markulis	(I.Matus)
	†Romas and Kestutis Tumpa	(L.Tumpa)
	†Marija Gudelis	(O.Dirmantas)
	request grace of the health for parish priests	(GJ)



2023

April 21-22

Spring Rummage Sale

April 30

Parish 70th anniversary
lunch

May 7

First Communion

May 28

Cemetery day

June 3

Run for Hope

June 4

Confirmation

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary Parish
Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Aleksia, Lina and Lile Vadauskas

11 AM - choir "Svaja"

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

April 24 - 30

MONDAY (April 24): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

TUESDAY (April 25): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Kazimieras Cepaitis (family);

WEDNESDAY (April 26): 10 a.m. "Labdara" for Krasauskas' and Tamkevicius' deceased family members (O.Krasauskas); 7 p.m. †Stanley Urbantas (T.Urbantas);

THURSDAY (April 27): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Anele and Jonas (M.V.Neverauskas); †Marius Lelenas (mother); †Sofija Skucas and Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

FRIDAY (April 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

SATURDAY (April 29): †Stanislova and Bronius Juskevicius (T.Urbantas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Jonas Vaskevicius (Vaskevicius family);

SUNDAY (April 30): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (9th anniv.) (S.Brough); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Antanas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Rymantas Chaponis (family); †Jonas Karka (30th anniv.) (family); †Edita Putrimas (Rusinas family); †Aldona Kuolas (20th anniv.) (A.Kuolas); †Juozas, Anastazija, Zibute and Danute Peseckas (O.Stoncius); †Ruta and Paulius Stankus (Vaskevicius family); †Vida Stripinis (Cuplinskas family); †Ona Narusevicius (8th anniv.) and Terese Lorencas (7th anniv.) (A.K.Ambrozaitis) †Salomeja Oleka (R.Oleka).

Capital Fund - \$ 345,260

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor"

and April 16th

36 envelopes - \$ 1,165

No envelopes - \$ 88.50

Direct deposit - \$ 1,135

THANK you for your generosity

PARISH 70th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

April 30th, 12:00 noon

Buffet / Wine & beer / Program /

Photo display / Take a picture / Lottery and more

Cost: adults - \$30.00, youth under 18 yrs. - \$20.00,

5 years and under - free.

Ticket sales for the lunch: Sundays after Mass.

More info: Dana Danaitis 416-318-6941,

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eTransfer: pietus70lunch@hotmail.com

We invite everyone to attend!



THE PARISH IS LOOKING FOR:

- **cleaner:** to clean and maintain the church and parish facilities;

- an **employee** who could take care of the halls and prepare them for events as needed, e.g.: parish events, funerals, on Sundays or during the week.

Please call the parish office - 416-533-0621.



Silent Art Auction - October 14th

ALL are invited to support MOZAIIKA II

by donating artwork: sculptures, paintings, prints.

We will gladly accept donations at

the Church office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com

"Auksinis" club euchre, "tukstantis" and games afternoon on Wednesday, April 26th at 1:00 pm.

All welcome..

RU announcement -

*RCU Credit Union is currently hiring Member Service Representatives. Part-time and full-time positions are available. RCU offers competitive wages, benefits, paid training, and so much more. Please visit <https://www.rpcul.com/about-us/careers> for more info.



Save the Date: Toronto Folk Dance Ensemble "Gintaras" invites you to their festival, **Gintarinės Joninės** on June 24th at Anapolis Halls. Guests from Lithuania, Sweden, Argentina, USA and the Ukrainian Dance School will perform. More information can be found at: torontogintaras.com

The best way to remember good works - repeat them.

E. Bacon

THANK YOU TO ALL for your support, hard work and care during last week's sale. Your heartfelt work and love of fellow neighbour will ensure that many of those struggling in Lithuania need not go without food.



God bless you all!

Labdara - The Parish Committee for Charitable Causes

Amazing news - on June 1st - 12th Aldona Kerpytė, director of the Klaipėda Oncology Center, is coming to Toronto and will participate in the "Run of Hope" on June 3rd. Ms. Aldona brings greetings, medals and souvenirs from the "Run of Hope" from Klaipėda.

Ms. Aldona would be happy to meet with parish oncology patients to share her experience. If you wish to see her, please let the parish office know 416-533-6021.

We are happy to have a guest!

2023 CAMP "KRETINGA"

English camp July 2nd - 15th

Lithuanian camp July 16th - 29th

Registrations: campkretinga.squarespace.com

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!

P.S. * paid positions available for help in the kitchen 2-4 weeks in July; *As well, could someone donate an SUV or VAN to the camp?

We WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL..

THANK YOU - As a never-ending source of attention, love and compassion, the Dirmantas-Groen in 't Woud family, the parishioners of the Resurrection Parish as well as neighbouring families presented our Labdara nursing home residents many wonderful gifts.

These gifts include a large number of colourful, handwritten, and decorated Easter cards, beautiful glass vases, and Tessa D-G baked quite a few, very delicious carrot cakes that were enjoyed by all the seniors!

A heartfelt thank you from all of Labdara's staff and residents. We wish everyone a warm and sunny Spring!



SHARE LIFE Campaign on April 30th. Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.

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

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...

Pope at Audience: Remember the suffering people of Yemen



Pope Francis continues his series of catecheses on apostolic zeal and speaks of the Church's many martyrs, praying especially for those working in Yemen, dominated by war for so many years. Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on apostolic zeal, and after describing the figure of St Paul as "a true 'champion' of apostolic zeal", said that, "today our gaze turns not to a single figure, but to the host of martyrs, men and women of every age, language and nation who gave their lives for Christ."

Martyrs, fruits of the Lord's vineyard

Speaking of martyrs, Pope Francis stressed that they should not be seen as 'heroes' who acted individually, but rather "as mature and excellent fruits of the Lord's vineyard," the Church.

Pope Francis added that Christians, in participating in the celebration of the Eucharist, "were led by the Spirit to set their lives on the basis of that mystery of love," which is that the Lord Jesus had given His life for them, and therefore they too could and should give their lives for Him and for their brothers and sisters.

Martyrs of the Church

The Pope then asked that we "remember all the martyrs who have accompanied the life of the Church."

He explained that Christian martyrs are more numerous in our time than in the first centuries, and recalled that the Second Vatican Council "reminds us that 'martyrdom, by which the disciple is made like his master who freely accepts death for the sake of the world, and by which he becomes like Him in the shedding of blood, is esteemed by the Church as a distinguished gift and a supreme proof of charity'."

Bringing his catechesis to an end, Pope Francis shed light on the Christian witnesses present all over the world, and in a particular way brings everyone's attention to Yemen, "a land that has been wounded for many years by a terrible, forgotten war, which has caused so many deaths and still causes so many people to suffer, especially children."

A shining example of self-giving by those serving Christ in that suffering nation, continued the Pope, is that of the Missionary Sisters of Charity, who "even today they are still present in Yemen, where they offer assistance to the sick elderly and people with disabilities."

They, the Pope said, welcome everyone, of whatever religion, "because charity and fraternity have no boundaries. One must never kill in the name of God, because for Him we are all brothers and sisters. But together we can give our lives for others."

May we never grow weary

Finally, the Pope asked that we pray, "that we will not grow weary in bearing witness to the Gospel even in times of tribulation" and that "all the saints and holy martyrs be seeds of peace and reconciliation between peoples for a more human and fraternal world, while waiting for the Kingdom of Heaven to be fully manifested, when God will be all in all."

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You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: resparish@prisikelimas.ca ;

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.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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