### CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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### 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B





In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predicthis passion. death, and Resurrection to his disciples.

The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel.

Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging. Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's

kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself.

Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion

alone. (lovolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, by your cross you have redeemed the world and revealed your glory and triumph over sin and death. May I never fail to see your glory and victory in the cross. Help me to conform my life to your will and to follow in your way of holiness." (dailyscripture.net)

The Lord upholds my life.

### **SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:**

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.Bansevicius and family) †Stase and Mecys Businskas (M.Marcis) †Terese (1st anniv) and Kastule (1st anniv.) Valincius (R.J.Kuliesius) †Justinas and Ruta Kisielius (family) requesting grace of health for Rita Birgiolas (Stanevicius family)

(GJ)

requesting grace of health for parish priests

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**Because of** COVID-19, **Resurrection Parish** Office hours will be 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

#### **Cantors of the Masses:**

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas 11 AM - Danguole Lelis, Julija Danaitis, Danute Pranaitis, Adriana Verbyla, Audra Rusinas, Rasa Siauciunas, Ele Stravinskas, Monika Sutkauskas organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (September 20): 7 p.m. †Jonas Gudavicius (4th anniv.) (R.G.Gulyas); TUESDAY (September 21): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Stase and Mecys Businskas (JMC);

WEDNESDAY (September 22): 7 p.m.

†Angelika Sungaila (J.Kuras);

**THURSDAY** (September 23): 7 p.m. †Stasys Prakapas (G.Matukas); †Leo and Teresa Pereira; †Justina Duda (G.Matukas);

FRIDAY (September 24): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh);

**SATURDAY** (September 25): 9 a.m. †Stasys Prakapas (Zubrickas family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Mecys and Stase

Businskas (Vaskevicius family);

SUNDAY (September 26): 9 a.m. for Brough, Cernauskas' & Pranckevicius' deceased family members (S.Brough & D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Jonas Juodzevicius (Juodis family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Angelika Sungaila (Kubilis family); †Stase and Mecys Businskas (B.Kazlauskas); †Stasys Prakapas (Stanulis family); †Irena Paskauskas (1st anniv.) (Paskauskas & Turczyn family); †Inocentas Jurcevicius (family); †Liudas Matukas (family); †Juozas Stankaitis (L.Sukauskas).

### **IN MEMORIAM**

RIMA KIAUPA, 84 was buried on September 16th

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

# Capital Fund - \$ 321,604 THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

### **Collections of September 12th**

35 envelopes - \$ 2,025 No envelopes - \$ 75.45 Direct deposit - \$ 1,260 eTransfer - \$ 600

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 TODAY, 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.

**Thanksgiving** is a time of year when we celebrate gratitude. We think about all the things that are important to us like our family, our friends and our home; everything that makes us feel blessed.

The Church of the Resurrection invites all parishioners and their friends of all ages, to write heartfelt Thanksgiving greetings to our friends at "Labdara" nursing home.

Your greetings will bring them happiness, thankfulness, encouragement and a feeling of close connection to our community.

You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Dear Friend, Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, etc.

Completed greeting cards may be dropped off in the collection box

that is placed in front of the parish doors.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday October 3rd, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.

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

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 Pauling Subguelas.

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

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 Kaknevicius 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/6Zw0Jfl5\_bE

"Aušra" Sports Club registration is now live and 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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ausrasportsclub">https://www.facebook.com/ausrasportsclub</a>

Ačiū, "Ausra" Board of Directors

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.

### Pope to young people in Slovakia: dream fearlessly

Pope Francis meets with young people in Slovakia at the Košice Lokomotiva Stadium and answers three of their questions, on love for each other and love for the cross.



Pope Francis' last event in Košice was a meeting with young people in the city's Lokomotiva Stadium, where Blessed Anna Kolesarova was beatified in 2018.

Pope Francis began his address by answering three questions he was asked by some of the young people present. "I would like to try to come up with some answers to them," said the Pope.

Answering Peter and Zuzka's question about love between two people, the Pope noted that "like all great things in life, love is magnificent, but not easy." "It is our greatest dream," he said, though it is "not easy to explain". He said that the right approach is to look with "new eyes", eyes that are not taken in by appearances and that do not trivialize love. "Because love is not simply an emotion or feeling...it is fidelity, gift and responsibility", said the Pope.

"We were not put here just to make do, but to make something of our lives", said the Pope. He urged the young people to be heroic and to "dream fearlessly". "Please, don't let your lives just pass by", added the Pope.

### Roots

Pope Francis then told the young people gathered in the Lokomotiva Stadium that he wanted to give them another bit of advice. "For love to be fruitful, don't forget your roots," he said. "Today, there is a danger of growing up rootless, because we feel we always have to be on the go, to do everything in a hurry". Instead, he explained, we must always be open to others.

"Today, there are so many disruptive forces, so many people ready to blame everyone and everything, spreaders of negativity, professional complainers", the Pope said. "Pay no attention to them, for pessimism and complaining are not Christian".

### Overcoming obstacles

Then, answering Petra's question on how young people can overcome obstacles on the path to God's mercy, the Pope said that this too is "a matter of how we see things and of looking to what really matters".

He wonders "if I were to ask all of you what you think about when you go to Confession", stating that he is "quite sure your answer will be 'our sins'". But sins are not really the centre of Confession, he said. Our Father, who forgives everything, is at the centre. "We do not go to Confession to be punished and humiliated, but as children who run toward the Father's loving arms", said the Pope.

"I will give you a little piece of advice", said the Pope: "after each Confession, sit still for a few moments in order to remember the forgiveness you received".

### Embracing the cross

Finally, Pope Francis addressed Peter and Lenka, who asked how young people can be encouraged not to be afraid to embrace the Cross. "Embracing helps us overcome fear", said the Pope. "Whenever someone embraces us, we regain confidence in ourselves and in life. So let us allow ourselves to be embraced by Jesus. Embracing the Cross with Jesus brings the joy of Jesus", said the Pope - "the same joy", he concluded, "that I want for you".

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