

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - B



On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion.

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel

who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

†Sofija and Leonas Skukauskas

(V.Skukauskas)

†Valentinas and Marija Indris

(R.Indris)

†Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas

(Gitana)

†Jonas Poska

(A.Vaisnoras)

†Birute and Alfonsas Liskaukas

(R.J.Balaisis)

for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (JMC)

†Juožas Leknius

(B.Tamosiunas)

†Regina Antanaitis (5th anniv.)

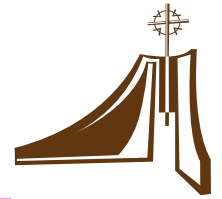
(daughter)

†Elzbieta Asoklis (4th anniv.) and deceased family members (Jonukas ir Daiva)

†Pranas Urbonas (1 week) and Vladas Rudminas (3rd anniv.) (D.R.Rudminas)

requesting grace of health for Myles James Webster (Ruslys family)

requesting grace of health for Eugenijus and Jurate Siciunas (Ruslys 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 (March 1): 7 p.m. †Douglas Stacey (Reinecker family);

TUESDAY (March 2): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Alida Groen in't Woud (28th anniv) (family);

WEDNESDAY (March 3): 7 p.m. †Irena Kasperavicius - Salvian (Ruta); in thanksgiving (LU);

THURSDAY (March 4): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); in thanksgiving (NN); †Juozas Bansevicius (Prakapas family);

FRIDAY (March 5): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Mausevicius (R.J.Balaisis); †Juozas Bansevicius (Z.R.Kruzikas);

SATURDAY (March 6): 9 a.m. †Marsel and Paula Lannoo (family); †Jonas Jaunius Kuncaitis (11th anniv.) (A.Kuncaitis) 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 7): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Stays Dackus (Gitana); for Businskas' deceased family members (S.M.Businskas); †Ksaveras Ratavicius (family); †Joana Smolskis (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Bronius Mausevicius (35th anniv.) (family); †Maryte Siuliene (A.Laurinaitis family); †Julija Zaranka (L.Underys).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,444

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"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections, beginning week of February 21st - February 27th

7 envelopes - \$ 550

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THANK you for your generosity

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CASIMIRS.

WE WISH YOU HEALTH, FAITH AND BLESSINGS OF THE LORD



Prayer

St. Casimir, in your great devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, queen of heaven, who many times showed a special care for our homeland, may the merits of our Saviour and the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary obtain for us the grace from the Lord. May faith and mutual love kindle our hearts, may our young people understand the beauty of a chaste and virtuous life.

We pray that the Lord's fatherly providence leads our nation on the path of righteousness to peace and well-being. Amen.



Dear parishioners, March 8th we look forward to the Ontario government report and further instructions on opening the church door and returning all to a more normal life.

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 -

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Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

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Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

Let's stay safe and healthy...

Our parish CONTINUES and INVITES ALL to join 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.

IN MEMORIAM

VLADAS VYTAS, 96

He will be greatly missed by his daughter Nijole, son Paulius (Vyta); granddaughters Gloria and Erika.

*Sincere condolences to his family.
Please remember him in your prayers.*



**Lithuanian bishops:
March 6th - prayers for
the dead from COVID-19;
March 7th - prayers for
Lithuanians of the world.**



Labas stovykla!

Please note that the Camp Kretinga Board has been frequently meeting virtually to discuss our options. We are determined not to allow another summer to go by without meeting with you in some way.

We are looking into perhaps meeting at Camp Kretinga;

- ☐ For Sunday Mass followed by refreshments and some activities,
- ☐ virtual get togethers and programs according to age group and cabins,
- ☐ limited day or over night activities on the Camp grounds.

As we get closer to the summer season, we will need to receive clarification and guidelines from the Simcoe Health Board and the Archdiocese of Toronto and final approval for the opening or partial opening of Camp.

We miss you all!
The Kretinga Board and
Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM, Pastor

Lent: a time for renewing faith, hope and love

In this period of preparation leading to Easter, and starting from themes tied to the Lenten journey, we offer reflections of Pope Francis. To experience Lent in hope, the Pope writes in his Message for Lent 2021, means "receiving the hope of Christ, who gave His life on the Cross".

"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to 'make his dwelling' among us", the Pope writes in his Lenten message for 2021. "In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who 'humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross'".

These words from the Pope's message not only refer to the memorial dimension of remembrance, but also invite us to live, even today, a favorable time to renew faith, hope and charity. All are called to grow "in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is 'making all things new'".

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has often described the meaning of the journey that leads to Easter. "During the Season of Lent", he said Sunday 21 February at the Angelus, "the Holy Spirit drives us too, like Jesus, into the desert. It is not...a physical place, but rather an existential dimension in which we can be silent and listen to the word of God".

The core of the Lenten journey

"Lent", the Pope explained in his homily during the Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica on February 17, "is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being.

It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends. Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed. This is the core of Lent"

"Tuning in" to the Gospel frequencies

In his General Audience of 26 February 2020, Pope Francis affirmed, "Lent is a favourable time to make room for the Word of God. It is the time to switch off the television and open the Bible. It is the time to separate from mobile phones and connect to the Gospel". He explained, "When I was a child there was no television but there was the habit of not listening to the radio.

Lent is a desert. It is a time to give up something, to distance ourselves from mobiles and connect to the Gospel. It is the time to give up useless words, gossip and slander and to talk to and be informal with the Lord. It is the time to dedicate ourselves to a healthy ecology of the heart, to cleanse it."

Living as Jesus calls us

"We need to free ourselves", the Pope underscored at the Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated at the Basilica of Santa Sabina on 6 March 2019, "from the clutches of consumerism and the snares of selfishness, from always wanting more, from never being satisfied, and from a heart closed to the needs of the poor.

Jesus on the wood of the cross burns with love, and calls us to a life that is passionate for Him, which is not lost amid the ashes of the world; to a life that burns with charity and is not extinguished in mediocrity. Is it difficult to live as he asks? Yes, it is difficult, but it leads us to our goal. Lent shows us this".

"Pause in order to look and contemplate!"

"Pause, in order to look and contemplate", the Pope said at the Ash Wednesday Mass in the Basilica of Santa Sabina on 14 February 2018. "See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception...Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God." (*Varican news*)



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