

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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EASTER SUNDAY - A



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead,

Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

1.) Alleluia! Alleluia! let the holy anthem rise, and the choirs of heaven chant it in the temple of the skies; let the mountains skip with gladness, and the joyful valleys ring with Hosannas in the highest to our saviour and our King.

2.) Alleluia! Alleluia! like the sun from out the wave, He has risen up in triumph from the darkness of the grave, He's the Splendour of the Nations, He's the Lamp of endless day, He's the very Lord of Glory who is risen up today.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. | †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas | ("Kretinga") |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | for peace in Ukraine and the world | |
| | for Kazlauskas' deceased family members | (B.Kazlauskas) |
| | †Anele and Kazimieras Pajaujis | (D.J.Didzbalis) |
| | for Vaikutis' and Antanaitis' living and deceased family members (Daiva) | |
| | for Dirmantas', Nevulis' & Groen in't Woud deceased family members (family) | |
| | †Danute and Antanas Damasius | (daughter and granddaughter) |
| | †Gene Kaulius | (daughter and grandchildren) |
| | †Izabele Matusevicius (56th anniv.) | (relatives) |
| | †Regina Stabas | (daughter Violeta) |
| | for Judvytis', Dackus', Vydmantas' & Krasauskas' living and deceased family members (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

June 25

St. Johns' day

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

November 18

70th Anniversary Parish
Dinner

December (date TBD)

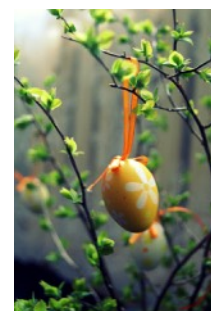
Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Julija Danaitis, Monika Satkauskas
and Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - children
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

April 10 - 16

MONDAY (April 10): 7 p.m. †Vladas (35th anniv.) and Marta (37th anniv.) Simanavicius (family);

TUESDAY (April 11): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Marija Gudelis (J.Cuplinskas);

WEDNESDAY (April 12): 7 p.m. †Ada Lemezys (I.Kavanagh);

THURSDAY (April 13): 7 p.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (Astravas family); requesting grace of health for M.V. (M.V.Neverauskas); †Vytautas Stasiulevicius (family); for Zavis deceased family members (G.Gaizutis);

FRIDAY (April 14): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

SATURDAY (April 15): 9 a.m. †Marija Gudelis (R.Rocca); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Kunigunda and Valerijus, requesting grace of health for Kuprevicius family (N.Kuprevicius);

SUNDAY (April 16): 9 a.m. †Ona Svarinskas (A.Ciaucionas); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Stasys Bekeris (40th anniv.) (V.Puzeris); †Albina Laurinaitis (daughter); requesting grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend); †Henrikas Sukauskas (family); †Algimantas Syvokas (2nd anniv.) (R.R.Syvokas); †Karolis Hagedorn and Peciulis' deceased family members (M.Grambus); †Julius Jankauskas (B.Kazlauskas); †Rokas Dobravolskis (grandmother); †Teodoras Stanulis (5th anniv.) (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 339,170

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor"
and April 2nd

58 envelopes - \$ 2,420

No envelopes - \$ 228.90

Direct deposit - \$ 2,270

THANK You to PARAMA for the
\$ 15,500 donation to the Parish.

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: \$30.00 (youth under 18 yrs. \$20.00)

Tickets' sales for the dinner: Sundays after Mass.

More info: Dana Danaitis 416-318-6941, dana.danaitis@gmail.com

or Irena Poskus 416-899-4636, iposkus@yahoo.ca.

eTransfer: pietus70lunch@hotmail.com

We invite everyone to attend!



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE **APRIL 21 - 22**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

Men are needed to set up tables Tuesday, April 18th at 9 am., and also to assist during the set up and sale.

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit.

Everyone is needed to sort and organize the donated items!

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:

For health and safety reasons, **we will NOT be having a 'CAFE'** and **will NOT be selling baked goods** BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any**

USED cosmetics.

Since we have limited space, **we ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than**

Monday April 17 in the AM!

Some items that DO NOT sell are: * old radios, computers, encyclopedias, * - old TVs (LED are ok).

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.

We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!

*For other info please contact:

Dalia Nausedas 416 418 9920 or Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088

MOZAIKA II

Silent Art Auction - October 14th

ALL are invited to support MOZAIKA 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

St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery Administration asks that all winter decorations: artificial flowers, wreaths, etc., be removed by April 15th. Those that are left, will be removed by the Cemetery Administration and disposed.

Seasonal Gravesite Care: We provide a service at the cemetery from Victoria Day Weekend in the Spring to Thanksgiving Weekend in the fall. Flowers are planted, watered, weeded, and harvested in the fall. If interested in our Gravesite Care, please contact us at 905-277-1270.

Easter – the most important holiday of the Christian calendar – commemorates Christ's death and resurrection.



An excerpt from Pope Francis's Easter Vigil homily...

<...> Let us hear the words of the angel of the Lord: He is not here, "He is risen!" (Mk 16:6); he is our greatest joy, always on our side and will never disappoint us.

This is the basis of our hope. The Christian hope is not mere optimism, psychological attitude or a call not to lose courage. It is a gift, bestowed by God, when we ourselves open up to Him.

It is a hope that does not disappoint us, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom 5:5). The Comforter does not make things appear rosy, it does not eliminate the bad with the wave of a magic wand. It provides tangible strength, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty that you will always be loved and your sins forgiven by Christ, who overcame sin for us, conquered death, defeating fear. Today is our celebration of hope, the celebration of certainty: nothing in all of creation will be able to separate us from His love (Rom 8:39).

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is risen! We have the ability to open up, accept and receive the wonderful gift of hope. Let us follow the path leading through hope. Let us allow Christ's works and words of remembrance, a shining light, full of confidence, lead our steps to Easter without end. Amen.



"If God is for us, who is against us?! If he did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all, how could He not also give all things with him?" (Rom 8:31-32)

Dear Lithuanians of the world and all people of good will, I cordially greet you on the great feast of Easter! We joyfully sing "Alleluia" and proclaim that Christ is risen. This celebration awakens in us a new hope, a testimony of a life that does not end with death and the grave. The world is full of signs of death, and war is one of the most terrible. Many of us wonder why this happens, why God does not stop human suffering.

A decade ago, a Japanese girl, who had suffered an earthquake and a tsunami, asked Pope Benedict XVI why she had to suffer and be afraid. The Pope replied: "And I ask the same question: why is this so? Why do you have to suffer when others live in peace? We don't have the answer, but we know that Jesus, like you, suffered innocently, that the true God who appears in Jesus is on your side. This is very important, even if we have no answers, even if there is still sadness: God is on your side, and rest assured that He will help you."

Easter reminds us once again that God is with us, that Jesus' suffering and death reveal His love. Resurrected life is already present in us, revealing itself by turning upwards, captivating and not letting us down, even in the face of death.

The risen Jesus is with us also through the kindness of those who care for others; through the gentleness of those who overcome violence; through the love of all who do not despair. We, too, are called to be such signs of the resurrection. Let us support one another; let us be active in the life of our communities and parishes. May the joy of Easter spread in the world through us.

Dearly beloved, may this Easter spread into our lives the light of Christ, which is never extinguished; which lights the way to our neighbour; and which teaches us to assume responsibility and loving care for each other.

I wish everyone a blessed and joyful Easter!

+Lionginas Virbalas, SJ

Delegate for the Lithuanian Catholic Apostolate Abroad



Jesus, Son of man, through the Cross and the Resurrection, you rose above the suffering of betrayal, the humiliation, the degradation, the blows and beatings, the excruciating pain of the crucifixion, to cast away death itself. Through the power of the Son of God, the redemptive Water of Life, you raise us in faith, with the hope and promise of eternal life. You transform us, and through your loving mercy, you embrace us. You remove from us, the burdens of this world, rolling them away, as though mere stones. And we, the believers, enlightened by the Spirit, exclaim: **Jesus is alive, He is risen!...**

Sincere Easter greetings on the day of Resurrection and on the name day of our Parish - wishing you blessings of the Lord: the Provincial General of the Order of St Francis Little Brothers of Lithuania, St Casimir Province Fr.Evaldas Darulis, OFM, and the priests serving in the parish, Pastor Fr.Jonas Sileika, OFM, Fr.Augustine Simanavicius, OFM, Superior of the monastery and associate pastor Fr.Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM and deacon Dr.Kazimieras Ambrozaitis and family.

Sincere THANKS for all the donations to the parish and for the Franciscan Fathers; to the Holy Mass broadcasters Kazimieras Senda and Arunas Pabedinskas; for singers and choirs, music director Dalia Viskontas and organist Ilona Beres; for readers and everyone assisting with enriching Holy Week and Easter liturgies, Resurrection Parish Council and all committees - which take care of the parish's activities and continue to work hard as we approach the 70th anniversary of our parish.

BLESSINGS OF THE LORD!

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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.

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