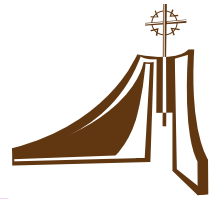


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 12 (3382) March 21st, 2021

5th SUNDAY OF LENT - B



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the

significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

A pure heart create for me, O God.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m. in thanksgiving	(GJ)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
†Silvija Freimanas (3rd anniv)	(V.Puzeris)
for deceased friends	(T.Siciunas)
†Jurgis Smolskis	(R.L.S.Kuliavas)
†Danguole Baziliauskas (5th anniv)	(family)
†Veronika and Liudomiras Navickas and deceased family members (I.F.Zilinskas)	
†Angele Bungardas and Marija Siulas	(Pleinys family)
†Juozas and Janina Sarunas	(Ruta G.)
†Pranas Urbonas (1 month)	(D.R.Rudminas)
†Tomas Prakapas	(Prakapas family)
†Krista Laurinavicius (1st anniv.)	(sister)
†Anele Puteris (1st anniv.)	(family)

**The church is open
for private prayer
on weekdays
(Monday-Friday)
from 5:30 pm
to 7 pm**

**Sundays
1 pm - 3 pm**

**Sunday Masses
online -
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Cantors of the Masses:
11 a.m. - Emilia Degutis, Audra Rusinas,
Ele Stravinskas, Monika Sutkauskas
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (March 22): 7 p.m. †Yunne Drambraskas (T.Urbantas);

TUESDAY (March 23): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Fr.Kaurnas Kemesis (A.Ratavicius);

WEDNESDAY (March 24): 7 p.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (Prakapas family); †Zenonas Kucinskas (D.Kucinskas);

THURSDAY (March 25): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Marija Karasiejus (22nd anniv) (R.J.Karasiejus); †Marija Karasiejus (22nd anniv) (family); †Vytautas Stasiulevicius (family); †Vanda Sabonis (A.Ratavicius);

FRIDAY (March 26): 7 p.m. †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

SATURDAY (March 27): 9 a.m. Lord's blessings for Fr.Paulius (G.Adie); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" in thanksgiving - for "Vilnius Manor" residents and workers (D.Azubalis);

SUNDAY (March 28): 9 a.m. Lord's blessings for EP (NN); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Valentina and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Petras Butenas (Akelaitis family); †Gedas Smolskis (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Anele Kandrotas (daughter and family); †Vincas Beresnevičius (B.Tamosiunas); †Fr. Antanas Prakapas (Prakapas family); †Albinas (6th anniv.) and Martinas (6th anniv.) Tarvydas (I.P.Tarvydas); †Teodoras Stanulis (3rd anniv.) (family); †Albina Laurinaitis (Karasiejus family); for Miceika and Barsciauskas' deceased family members (D.Vorps); requesting grace of health for Dainora (GJ).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,944

THANK YOU...

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

Collections, beginning week of
March 14th - 18th

13 envelopes - \$ 1,920

Direct deposit - \$ 1,085

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eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$ 195

In memory of Albina Laurinaitis,
the family donated \$ 400 to the parish

THANK you for your generosity



Dear parishioners,

We are very pleased that recent changes to the Province of Ontario's COVID 19 protocols allow us to return to celebrating Mass with the faithful in attendance. All previous precautions 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 2 m from others

The maximum capacity for our church has currently been set at **45**, including priests and those participating in music ministry.

As a result, we are temporarily implementing a mandatory registration system for Sunday Masses.

We regret that we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass in person. We will only be able to accommodate Mass participants who have pre-registered, and we ask for your patience and understanding.

As long as the current capacity restrictions remain in force, we will reset the registration counter every Thursday.

Registration links will be made available at www.prisikelimas.ca. If you subscribe to the parish's email list, you will also receive weekly notifications containing the sign-up links.

IMPORTANT

* Please check for a confirmation email after you register; if you don't see one in your inbox (or junk), your registration was not successful.

* If you register and then realize you will not be able to attend, please cancel your registration to free up the spot for someone else. Understandably, some of you will not feel 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.

Until we can all safely worship together, let us remain united in prayer.

Spring is a time of rebirth and this is a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.

Prisikëlimo Parapija invites everyone to write heartfelt Easter greetings to our friends at "Labdara" Nursing Home.

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

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

Completed greeting cards can 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 March 28th, 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 contact Vida - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



THE CONSULAR MISSION to TORONTO is scheduled for **MAY 14 and 15**, 2021, at the Resurrection Parish, 1 Resurrection Rd, Toronto, ON M9A 5G1.

Please pre-book an appointment via e-mail at consul.ca@mfa.lt and indicate the following information:

1. The name, surname and phone number of the person receiving the consular services
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 3. The kind of Consular service required
- Please be advised that

- Only persons who have registered in advance can attend. All registered participants will be personally notified by e-mail of the exact time and date of their respective appointments.
- The fee for consular services, which is paid during consular mission, is **50% higher than usual**.
- The consular fee can be paid by debit or credit card. We do not accept cash or personal checks; we apologize for this inconvenience.
- All additional information regarding the documents required for your appointment can be found at <https://ca.mfa.lt/ca/en/travel-and-residence/general-information/passport-of-the-republic-of-lithuania>

In order to maintain the safety, all visitors are required to arrive in groups no larger than two persons, wear face masks and maintain a distance of at least 2 meters throughout the duration of their visit to the Consular Mission. We appreciate your co-operation and understanding.

On March 28th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@hotmail.com. If you do not receive confirmation by email, please call 647-869-6164. In your email, please specify the items and quantities you wish to order, as well as the time you will be picking up your order.

Pick-up will be outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM. PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

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.

Pope at Audience:

Christians called to safeguard God's presence

Pope Francis concludes his catechesis on “prayer as a relationship with the Holy Trinity,” focusing at Wednesday’s General Audience on the work of the Holy Spirit.



Pope Francis continued his reflections on prayer as a relationship with the Holy Trinity, part of an ongoing series of catechetical lessons on prayer in general.

At Wednesday’s General Audience, the Holy Father focused in particular on the role of the Holy Spirit. “The first gift of every Christian existence is the Holy Spirit,” he said. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts to Christ, and allows us to invoke God as “Abba,” that is, “Father.”

Making Jesus present

Citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis noted that it is the Holy Spirit, “by His prevenient grace,” that draws us to pray to Jesus. At the same time, the Church reminds us that we must pray to the Holy Spirit as well, encouraging us to address our prayer to Him “every day, especially at the beginning and end of every important action.”

The work of the Holy Spirit, the Pope continued, is to “remind us” of Jesus, to make Him present in the lives of Christians of every time and place. Because of the Spirit, Jesus is not distant, but with us always: “He still educates His disciples by transforming their hearts.”

Keeping the flame alive

This, said Pope Francis, “is the experience of so many who pray, men and women whom the Holy Spirit has formed according to the ‘measure’ of Christ, in mercy, service, prayer.” It is the experience not only of monks and hermits, but of ordinary people who “have woven a long history of dialogue with God.” Seeking God, the Pope said, “they safeguard His presence” – in the Gospel, in the Eucharist, and in the faces of those in need – “like a secret flame.”

Pope Francis said that keeping this flame of God’s presence alive is “the first task of Christians,” a task symbolized by the lighted lamps that burn night and day before the Eucharist present in the tabernacles of Catholic churches.

The Master of Christian prayer

Finally, and again quoting the Catechism, Pope Francis said the Holy Spirit is the “interior Master of Christian prayer... the artisan of the living tradition of prayer.” It is the Spirit Who inspires “the many paths of prayer,” which are as unique and varied as the individual people who pray.

“In the endless field of holiness,” Pope Francis said in conclusion, “the one God, the Trinity of Love, allows the variety of witnesses to flourish: all are equal in dignity, but also unique in the beauty that the Spirit has willed to be expressed in each of those whom God’s mercy has made His children.”

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