

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- A



Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the

growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again, to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Albinas Slivinskas	(N.Slivinskas and family)
11 a.m.	For living and deceased parishioners in thanksgiving	(GJ)
	†Ona Beresnevicius	(B.Tamosiunas)
	†Albina Lackus and Justinas Zakus special intention	(Daiva and Mindaugas Ruta G.)
	†Petronele, Kunigunda, Dzeja, Valerija	(relatives)
	†Brone Peciulis (4 week)	(M.Grambus)
	in thanksgiving - for Parish priests	(NN)
	special intention	(NN)
	request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Lina (R.R.Syvokas)	



2020 CALENDAR

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

CANCELLED

November 14

Annual Parish Dinner

CANCELLED

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

(in Lithuanian)

December 6

Scouts' Kucios

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

TODAY we have the
Archdiocese of
Toronto collection
for-

"Share life".
We will have
envelopes.
Thank you.

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

Cantors of the Masses:

9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough

11 a.m. - Jacintha and Tessa Groen in't Woud

Alexandra Valaitis

organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (October 12): 7 p.m. for Stasiulevicius' living and deceased family members (J.G.Stasiulevicius); †Rama Kalendra (JMC);

TUESDAY (October 13): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Jadvyga Markuveniene (5th anniv.) (family);

WEDNESDAY (October 14): 7 p.m. †Tekle Kalvinskas (B.B.Degutis); †Irena Paskauskas (Jaglowitz family);

THURSDAY (October 15): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Ksaveras and Eliziejus Slekys (G.Matukas);

FRIDAY (October 16): 7 p.m. †Irena Biciuniene (V.Zaleckaite);

SATURDAY (October 17): 9 a.m. †Roze Kuliesius (I.Kavanagh); †Juožas Morkunas (A.Morkunas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Irena Savickas (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (October 11): 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas' and Pranckevicius' deceased family members (S.Brough and D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Salomeja Lukociunas and deceased family members (J.Duda); for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas' deceased family members (R.Pleinys); †Rimas Smalenskas (2nd anniv.) (V.Puzeris); for Orvidas' deceased family members (Z.Augaitis); †Bridget Vorps (D.Vorps); †Danguole Radzevicius (Ruta G.); †Antanas and Jadvyga Paskevicius (family); †Vanda Kirkiliene (4 week) (M.Grambus); †Marijona and Bronius Danilevicius (D.Danaitis).

Capital Fund - \$ 307,049

A.Maciulis - \$ 1000

THANK YOU...

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

Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" October 3rd - 4th

42 envelope - \$ 2,345

No envelopes - \$ 70

Direct deposit - \$ 2,045

Attendance 120

*In memory of Irena Paskauskas,
friends donated to the parish - \$ 400*

THANK you for your generosity



**THIS IS THE PARISH HOME
FOR ALL OF US**

- SO WELCOME HOME!

During the period of gradual re-opening, we continue to act with the greatest of care and caution in order to protect the health, safety and life of every community member. Public health guidelines and respect for our fellow parishioners require us to:

- Masks or face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces in Toronto, including our Church; **WEAR MASKS FOR THE DURATION OF MASS** (unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so); removing them only to consume host after receiving Communion
- Sanitize our hands upon entering the building
- Provide contact information to the volunteers at the entrance, for contact tracing purposes, should there be an occurrence of Covid 19
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres while inside the building; pews have been marked with green tape to denote safe seating
- Follow directional markings in the church to maintain proper distancing
- Refrain from congregational singing, as there is evidence that singing can result wide spread of droplets, thus increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever or cough. Understandably, for some members of our community, a return to Mass at this time is not advisable due to poor general health or immune system issues. Please note that Cardinal Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those unable to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. The archdiocese will continue to livestream Sunday Masses, and you may wish to join in prayer with the parish community via our YouTube channel, as we will continue to provide recordings during this gradual re-opening period.

Weekdays - parishioners are invited to participate in daily weekday Masses at **7PM (maximum capacity - 25)**

Sundays - parishioners are invited to participate in Sunday Masses

We will accept registrations before entering the church.

Please - be patient.

9AM in English (maximum capacity - 90)

Doors will be open at 8:30 AM and close between 10 AM - 10:30 AM.

The church has to be sanitized between Masses

For **11AM Lithuanian Mass (maximum capacity - 90)**

the Church will be opened at 10:30AM

P.S. *we are beginning to distribute paper copies of the parish bulletin. In order to limit the potential for spreading the virus, and in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, the bulletin will be handed out as you exit the church.

***As we return to a "new normal", we expect more parishioners may return to Sunday Mass. Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. 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.**

May the Lord bless us all and grant us his Mercy!



We thank you, Father,
for the gift of Jesus,
your Son, who came to our earth
and lived in a simple home.

We have a greater appreciation of the value
and dignity of the human family because
He loved and was loved within its shelter.

Bless us this day; may we grow in love
for each other in our family and so give
thanks to you who are the maker of
all human families and our abiding peace.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
GOD BLESSINGS...
STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY...

INVITATION

Once again, all are invited to join a small group that meets weekly via Zoom to prepare for the upcoming Sunday liturgy by reading the scriptures together (if you use an App - ID 880 6505 3081, Passcode - 724612; if you are connecting via Internet, link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>; if you use your cell, you may use numbers +1 647-374-4685 or +1 647-558-0588), on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Sharing is usually in Lithuanian.

“Reading the Sunday gospel and readings, and spending some time in group discussion to understand the context, helps me participate more consciously in the Mass. Without this advance preparation, I don’t always “hear” the Word.” (Ruta – one of the group’s participants).

Anyone who would like to listen to the Word more consciously is very welcome to join.

Fr. Aurelijus Kasparavicius, OFM

As the pandemic continues and COVID 19 is still in our midst, we continue to adhere to public health directives, and to promote measures to protect the health and safety of the community.

The Parish Council has taken a decision to continue to restrict activities at the parish, including rental of halls and use of kitchen until further notice. We will continue to follow the situation and will revisit the decision on November 1st.

We thank you for your support and understanding in anticipation of safer times.

On the eve of the Feast of St. Francis, Fr. Julius Sasnauskas, OFM, was named an Honorary citizen of the city of Vilnius. He is only the 17th person to be bestowed with this special title.



Born in Vilnius, and exiled for many years for his anti-soviet activism, he studied at the Kaunas seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood, not in Lithuania, but in Canada.

„...in the autumn of 1994, amid tense relations with the leadership of the seminary, I left Vilnius for Toronto, as if heading to a new place of exile. It was a painful separation from my work at „Mazoji Studija“ and the newly opened Bernadine church.

Everything turned out for the best. In Toronto, not only I receive the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Paul Baltakis, OFM, but many other things as well. My first parish was there – cherished as a first love. Humble Franciscan friars dedicated to the Church and community of friendly, sincere and generous people – particularly, the Catholic Women’s League. So many wonderful stories and friendships opened up through those acquaintances. A new vision of priesthood was formed there. There also, I began writing short texts for „Siaures Atenai“, that later became my first book. Retreats, camps and charitable events – where else could one have gained such experience? The famous Bernadine Church post-Mass breakfasts that have become a decades-long tradition also sprang from my Toronto years, from encounters with parishioners who knew well how beautifully two tables complement one another – those of the Mass and of our daily bread.

After almost three years, I had to bid farewell to Toronto. Again, through tears. It had become home. I am prone to attachment. However, priests are like soldiers. One goes where one is sent.

Julius Sasnauskas OFM: „Were it not for people, those miracles would not have been“.

On October 25th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory and orders must be made no later than October 22nd by email to Grazina Valinitiene grazinav2@hotmail.com. 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.

Prices: 1 cabbage roll - \$5; 1 potato dumpling (cepelinas) - \$5; 1 portion potato casserole (kugelis) - \$12

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

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

THE PARISH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
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PLEASE NOTE:

Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO write the charitable purpose: **Donation to Parish or Mass.**

Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the MEMO write the charitable purpose: **Capital Fund, Renovation fund, Monastery, Sielovada, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.**



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