

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - A



This Sunday and next are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

†R.R.

*To you glory and praise for ever more.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	for Beresnevicus' deceased family members	(N.Slivinskas)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Stasys Prakapas	(family)
	†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas	(I.Vaisnoras)
	†Ona and Vytautas Judvytis	(daughter)
	†Marija and Jonas Gudelis and deceased family members	(D.Gudelis)
	†Marija Matusevicius	(family)
	†Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis	(I.Matus)
	†Janina Sungaila	(family)
	†Algis Medelis	(GJ)
	for forgotten souls	(Prakapas family)



2023

**Camp "Kretinga"**  
Counsellors' work  
weekend  
**June 9 - 11**

Work Weekend  
**June 16 - 18**

**Camp Kretinga**  
July 2-15 (En.)  
July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

**October 14**

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

**October 20-21**

Fall Rummage Sale

**November 18**

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

**December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat

**December 10**

Christmas Concert

**December 25**

Christmas

Parish office  
hours

**June - October**

**Monday - Friday**  
**9 a.m. - 2 pm.**

**Friday**  
**9 a.m. - 1 pm.**

August 6th - closed

September 4th - closed

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas & Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - "Volunge" Women's ensemble

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

June 5 - 11

**MONDAY** (June 5): 7 p.m. †Ona Inciura (R.Inciura);

**TUESDAY** (June 6): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Antanas Laurinaitis (Prakapas family);

**WEDNESDAY** (June 7): 7 p.m. †Vytautas Judvytis (daughter); request grace of health for Valentina (friend); †Marry Anne Kuslikis (sisters);

**THURSDAY** (June 8): 7 p.m. †Marija Gudelis (B.Kazlauskas); †Joana Zenkevicius (Jaglowitz family); for Bacevicius' living and deceased family members (A.Bacevicius);

**FRIDAY** (June 9): 7 p.m. †Antanas Laurinaitis (R.Simanavicius); in thanksgiving (Ruslys family);

**SATURDAY** (June 10): 9 a.m. †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Piatras and Anele Jonošonis (E.Shishkus);

**SUNDAY** (June 11): 9 a.m. †Arthur Augenas ("Kretinga"); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Albina Laurinaitis (G.Laurinaitis); †Rita Radziunas (R.M.Rusinas); for Puodziukas' and Valaitis' living and deceased family members (family); †Stase and Rimantas Bartusevicius (O.Stoncius); for Grambus' deceased family members (M.Grambus); †Algis Medelis (Melnykas family); †Jadze Stankaitis (I.Stankaitis); for deceased friends Danute and Vilchelmina (Sigita); †Birute Ramanauskas (2nd anniv.) (J.G.Neimanas).

**Capital Fund - \$ 345,810**

V.Gaputis - \$ 500

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections in "Vilnius Manor"  
and May 28th**

40 envelopes - \$ 1,060

No envelopes - \$ 59.40

Direct deposit - \$ 1,360

**THANK you for your generosity**

**Sunday, June 11th, WE INVITE you  
to visit the parish cafe and enjoy Lithuanian food.**

Camp, "**KRETINGA**" invites all to a  
**Counsellors' work weekend - June 9th - 10th**  
**Work Weekend - June 16th - 18th.**

Guaranteed: a place to sleep and delicious food.

For more information: Wally Dauginis: [wally.dauginis@bell.ca](mailto:wally.dauginis@bell.ca)

**P.S. \* paid positions available for help in the kitchen  
2-4 weeks in July; \*As well, could someone donate  
an SUV or VAN to the camp?**

**We WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL..**

**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](mailto:raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com)

**The last 2023 SHARE LIFE Campaign** is on June 4th. You will  
find envelopes in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the  
envelopes or by going to the internet [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using  
the **DONATE NOW**.

Thank you...

**30th "Toronto Challenge"** walk/run event will happen on **Sunday,  
June 11th at 9:00am in Toronto downtown**. We are inviting you to  
register for a 5 km run or 1/5 km walk and/or donate to the cause.

All donations will be used to enhance residents' snoozing/sensory  
room and to upgrade 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor common areas.

You can register through "Running Room - Toronto  
Challenge-2023" site or see Nerijus Augutis @Labdara  
([labdaravolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:labdaravolunteering@gmail.com)) 416-232-2112 ext. 412

To donate online, visit: [https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/  
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Sincere Thank You for your participation and support!

Team Labdara



### LMAC Exhibition

After a successful showing at the Old Fort Erie Museum  
last summer, our exhibition "**European Traces in the War of  
1812**" will be presented at the Lithuanian Museum Archives of  
Canada beginning May 28th. Exhibition details: **May 26-June  
19, 2023. Open daily from 11 am- 4 pm except Saturdays.**

**“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come”** (2 Corinth 1:21-22)

The Holy Spirit filled the First Christians with love and courage, giving them the strength to live the faith and to proclaim it, even in a very hostile world. Such is the nature of the grace imparted through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation [...] imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds.

The essential rite of Confirmation is anointing the forehead of the baptized with sacred chrism, together with the laying on of the Bishop Lionginas Virbalas, SJ hand and the words: **“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”**



**GODA CERNAUSKAS, ALEXANDER JONYS, MATTHEW JONYS  
ARAS KALENDRA, KATARINA STANEVICIUS-MILLS, ABIGAIL OLIVEIRA**

### **THE SEVEN-FOLD GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, RIGHT JUDGEMENT, COURAGE, KNOWLEDGE, REVERENCE, WONDER AND AWE (FEAR OF THE LORD).**

Symbols of the Sacrament of Confirmation: red — the colour of blood, fire, burning love and the spirit of sacrifice. During Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. Holy Chrism — one of the three Holy Oils, is a fragrant olive oil, consecrated by a bishop at the cathedral church on Holy Thursday. It is used in the Sacraments of Initiation and Holy Orders to anoint — consecrate to Christ, hence the term “Chrismation” — the newly baptized, newly confirmed, newly ordained priests and bishops. Oil, in general, is a symbol of strength, happiness, and courage. The symbolism of anointing with oil also signifies the Holy Spirit, to the point of becoming a synonym for the Holy Spirit.

**Sincerely THANK YOU** to teachers **Paulius Sukauskas, Aldona Bubulis** and **Mantas Mileris.**

**GOD BLESS YOU...**

### **Pope on Pentecost: Let us invoke the Spirit daily upon our whole world**

At the Mass on this Solemnity of Pentecost celebrated in Saint Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis in his homily highlighted how the Holy Spirit acts in the world he created, in the Church, and in our hearts, bringing order and harmony in all spheres.



Holy Spirit brings harmony, peace - In bringing harmony to the world, the Spirit “directs the course of time and renews the face of the earth,” the Pope explained. And our world today, marked by discord and divisions, desperately needs this harmony it is resisting, he lamented, noting how while we may be more “connected,” we are in reality more cut off from one another “anaesthetized by indifference.” He pointed out how the many wars and conflicts we witness today show the magnitude of evil individuals are capable of committing, hostilities fueled by the spirit of division, the devil, meaning “divider.”

But to counter this evil of discord, the Pope recounted how the Lord at the culmination of salvation poured out his good Spirit to give us the harmony we need for true peace. The Holy Spirit brings harmony, as “the Spirit of unity, the bringer of peace”, he emphasised.

Harmony out of diversity - Looking at how the Holy Spirit works in the Church, starting from the day of Pentecost, the Pope described how the Spirit descended upon each apostle giving each one special graces and unique charisms. And while one might think these differing gifts might create confusion, in reality, as in the created world, “the Holy Spirit loves to create harmony out of diversity.”

Recalling how at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended in tongues of fire allowing each apostle to speak in other languages with others able to hear and understand them, the Pope explained how the Spirit uses many languages and does not eliminate differences or cultures “but harmonizes everything without reducing them to bland uniformity.”

Recalling the synodal journey underway in the Church, the Pope said this path should mark “a journey in accordance with the Spirit,” and above all an “opportunity to be docile to the breath of the Spirit” as he is “the heart of synodality, the driving force of evangelization.”

The Pope added that the synodal process offers the People of God a unique opportunity to journey together, filled with the Spirit, to build harmony in the Church and be renewed.

Harmony in our hearts - In conclusion, the Pope explained how the Spirit “restores harmony in the heart” as he creates “intimacy with God.” The Lord bestowed the Spirit “to forgive sins, to reconcile minds and to harmonize hearts wounded by evil, broken by hurts, led astray by feelings of guilt.”

The Pope then said it would be good to examine our own lives and ask if we are open to the harmony of the Spirit, or if we resist being transformed by him sticking to our own pursuits and ideas. Are we quick to judge others, overlooking our own weaknesses, he asked, and do we try to foster reconciliation and build communion? To overcome our own divisions, he said, “Let us invoke the Spirit,” praying that “Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus and of the Father, inexhaustible wellspring of harmony, to You we entrust the world; to You, we consecrate the Church and our hearts.”

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A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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