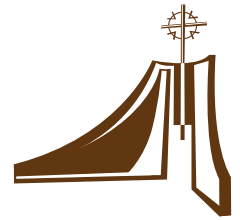


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 8 (3641) February 22nd, 2026
1st SUNDAY OF LENT- A



The first reading begins with the creation of man. "From the dust of the ground" implies that there is nothing fancy about the chemical elements that make up our body. The body is a lifeless shell until God brings it to life with his "breath of life." Our worth comes from God, who chooses to give us the miraculous gift of life. We must value life as he does.

Disguised as a serpent, Satan comes to tempt Eve. Besides tempting Eve, why does he tempt us? Temptation is Satan's invitation to give in to his type of life and abandon God's life. Satan tempts Eve and succeeds in getting her to sin. Ever since then, he's been busy getting people to sin. He also tries to tempt Jesus in the desert.

How can we be declared guilty for something Adam and Eve did thousands of years ago? Many of us feel it isn't right for God to judge us because of Adam and Eve's sin yet each of us confirms our solidarity with Adam by our own sins.

Because of Jesus we can trade judgment for forgiveness. We can trade our sin for Jesus' righteousness. Christ offers us the opportunity to be born into his spiritual family - the family line that begins with forgiveness and leads to eternal life. If we do nothing, we have death through Adam - but if we come to God by faith, we have life through Christ. Which family line do you want to belong to?

In today's gospel, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

Satan tempts Eve in the Garden of Eden and here he tempts Jesus in the desert. If Jesus had given in to Satan, his mission on earth - to die for our sins and give us the opportunity to have eternal life - would have been lost.

When temptations seem especially strong, or when you think you can rationalize surrendering to sin, consider whether Satan may be trying to block God's purposes for your life.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. †R. R.

Be merciful, o Lord, for we have sinned.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Vanda (18th anniv.) and Stasys (25th anniv.) Vaitkus	(V.Puzeris)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in the world	
†Ipolitas Stanevicius	(Stanevicius family)
†Albina and Algirdas Kvedaras	(Jurgutis family)
†Konstancija and Pranciskus Jurgutis	(Jurgutis family)
††Emilija and Alfertas Nideras	(D.Danaitis)
†Sigute Stuopis (1st anniv.)	(family)
†Egidijus Dimitrenka, Ramunas Vadeikis, Vytautas Ambrazas	
and Jonas, Alfonsas and Eleonora Tviragas	(B.Dimitrenka)

2026

February 27 - March 1

Lenten Retreat

Fr.Mantas Mileris, SJ

March 8

St. Casimir Fair

March 28

Lenten Retreat for Women

sister Igne

March 29

Parish Annual Meeting

April 2-5

Holy week

April 5

Easter

April 17-18

Spring Rummage Sale

April 26

First Communion

May 31

Confirmation

June 6

Run for Hope

June 14

We welcome summer

Camp Kretinga

July 5-18 (EN.)

July 19 - August 1 (LT.)

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

November 7

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 13

Christmas Music Evening

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Cassandra Kaminskas,
Ramona Kaminskas, Rasa Siauciunas

11 AM - choir "Svaja"

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (February 23): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (February 24): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; † Maryte Andriulevicius (Buozis family);

WEDNESDAY (February 25): 7 p.m. † Anele Kuncaitis (Prakapas family);

THURSDAY (February 26): 7 p.m. † Juozas Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); † Liudas Matukas (G. Matukas);

FRIDAY (February 27): 7 p.m. blessings of the Lord for parishioners;

SATURDAY (February 28): 9 a.m. † Valentinas and Maria Indris (R. Indris); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" blessings of the Lord for the "Vilnius Manor" residents and staff;

SUNDAY (March 1): 9 a.m. † Vida and Antanas Adamonis (O. Stoncius); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; asking for health and God's protection for Joanna (VDG); † Alida Groen in't Woud (family); † Antanas Bumbulis (family); † Kristina Simkus - Sukauskas (GJ); † Fr. Antanas Prakapas, ofm (Prakapas family); † aunt Alina, Veronika and Alberta (A. Kaulius-Barry); † Ona and Stasys Dackus (granddaughter); † Anele Kuncaitis (1 month) (D.J. Didzbalis); † Aldona Skucas (G. Matukas).

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (02.15) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

34 envelopes - \$ 950

No envelopes - \$ 101.20

Direct deposit - \$ 1,240

THANK you for your generosity...



Every Thursday during Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass.

Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.

Lenten Retreat February 27th - March 1st will be conducted by **Fr. Mantas Mileris, SJ**, chaplain of Kaunas Jesuit High School.

February 27th - 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass & homily;

February 28th - 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass & short homily;

9:30 a.m. I Conference; 10:00 a.m. Coffee break; 10:30 a.m. II conference; 11:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed - confessions will be heard; 11:30 a.m. Benediction

4:00 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" Confessions

5:00 p.m. Holy Mass & homily

March 1st - 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass & homily

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass & homily



*Although many of us know Fr. Mantas, let us get to know him better through his brief biography -

Fr. Mantas Mileris, SJ was born on March 10, 1994, in Kaunas. In 2013, he studied Religious Education at Vytautas Magnus University.

In 2014, he entered the Society of Jesus. He completed his two-year novitiate (initial religious formation) in Birmingham, England.

From 2016 to 2019, he studied philosophy at Saint Louis University (USA).

From 2019 to 2021, he served as a philosophy teacher at Vilnius Jesuit High School and worked in the academic chaplaincy at Vilnius University.

From 2021 to 2024, he studied theology at Regis College in Toronto.

Since the fall of 2024, he has been serving in campus ministry at Kaunas Jesuit High School.

On September 27, 2025, he was ordained to the priesthood.

From the History of Our Parish

Excerpt from Resurrection Parish Bulletin No. 8 - Eighth Sunday of the Year, February 25, 1979

...During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday at 7 p.m. This practice is an invaluable way to meditate on Christ's Passion and to receive abundant graces for the salvation of our souls. There is no formal fasting during Lent; instead, the faithful are encouraged to perform acts of charity and to dedicate themselves to additional prayer...

Excerpt from Resurrection Parish Bulletin No. 10 - Third Sunday of Lent, March 9, 1980

...As we reach the midpoint of Lent, we are invited to reflect on our spiritual lives. Ask yourself: Have I nurtured the spirit of Lent within myself and my family? Have I participated in the spiritual activities organized by the parish? Have I walked the Stations of the Cross at least once? (In our parish church, the Stations are observed on Fridays at 7 p.m.) Have I helped someone in need? Have I voluntarily given up something I greatly enjoy? Do I plan to take part in the parish retreat, beginning March 17?...

On February 16, the Niagara Falls were illuminated in the colours of the Lithuanian flag.



This beautiful event was attended by the Lithuanian Ambassador to Canada, Egidijus Meilūnas, with his family, Fr. Jonas Šileika, OFM, and a group of Lithuanians.

“Auksinis club”

“Auksinis club” will be meeting this coming Tuesday, February 24, 1pm in the cafeteria - afternoon “Mysterious Memories of the Past”.

BALTIC DANCE FOR UKRAINE FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On March 1st at 3pm in Anapilis Hall (21-35 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga) join Toronto's Ukrainian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian folk dance groups for an afternoon of multi-cultural dance.

All proceeds will support the Ukraine: Humanitarian Appeal at the Canada Ukraine Foundation.

Adults \$40; Youth {12-18} \$20; free for Children!

Purchase tickets online: www.lettshop.org

2025 CAMP “KRETINGA”

July 5th - 18th English camp

July 19th - August 1st Lithuanian camp

Registration link https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2026-camp-kretinga-registration

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!



St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery is announcing a fundraising campaign to purchase a new lawnmower suitable to mow the grass in the cemetery. The current machine is old and requires frequent repairs so it is time to replace it. We ask the members of the community to support this campaign and donate according to their means.

Please make cheques payable to St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery noting in the memo line that this gift is for the Lawnmower Campaign. Please send your donation to: 2185 Stavebank Rd. Mississauga Ontario L5C 1T3 or leave it at the cemetery office.

A BIG THANK YOU



to the chefs - Genovaite Kobelskis and Ina Gutauskas for especially

delicious pancakes;

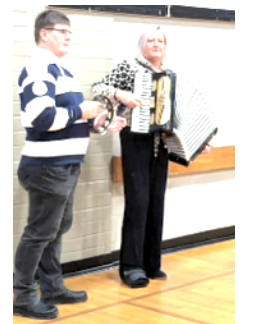
Helpers Regina Urnieziene and Jurate

Planciuniene for their help in the preparation.



To the members of the Parish's Social Committee for ALL their help.

The musician KAPELA entertained everyone with music.



To ALL of YOU who enjoyed pancakes and who stayed to “hang out” together... THANK YOU...



The Parish is not responsible for the content of the ads

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You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: resparish@prisikelimas.ca ;

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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



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2026 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Lithuanian House: 1573 Bloor Street W

Registration: 6:30PM, Meeting: 7:00PM



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