

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 29 (3503) July 16th, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, faith in your word is the way to wisdom, and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open my eyes to your deeds, and my ears to the sound of your call, that I may understand your will for my life and live according to it". (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Richard Jaseliunas	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world in thanksgiving	(GJ)
	request grace of health for Terese and Valentina	(friend)
	†Antanina and Antanas Dunauskas	(O.Stoncius)
	†Stefa and Marcelijus Meskauskas	(I.Stanaitis)
	†Juozas Gataveckas and Laimute Lindsay	(D.Berius)
	†Alfonsas and Salomeja Pundzius	(A.Pundzius)
	†Liudvikas Borisevicius	(V.White)
	†Leonas Baziliauskas (12th anniv.)	(family)



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organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

July 17 - 23

MONDAY (July 17): 7 p.m. †Stasys Prakapas (R.J.Balaisis); †Albina Plucas (1st anniv.) (D.Masanauskas);

TUESDAY (July 18): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Irena Smolskis (R.R.Smolskis);

WEDNESDAY (July 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Ona Dackus and Genute Simkus (GJ);

THURSDAY (July 20): 7 p.m. †Vitas Degutis (B.B.Degutis); †Ona Dainorius (Daiva);

FRIDAY (July 21): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving - for Norvaisa, Ramanauskas' and Silvaggio health (Norvaisa family);

SATURDAY (July 22): 9 a.m. †Justinas Stankus (Prakapas family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (July 23): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Elena Simaitis (Stanevicius family); †Birute Koncius (daughter); †Jurgis Gruchalla (31st anniv.) (family); †Ona Dainorius-Budrys (Daiva); †Leonardas Januska (Poland) (Januska family); †Martynas Bialecki (Januska family); †Maxine Campbell (Senda family).

The week's Holy Masses

July 24 - 30

MONDAY (July 24): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

TUESDAY (July 25): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (July 26): 7 p.m. †Mother Ona and grandmothers Onas (GJ); request grace of health for Onute (daughter Vida);

THURSDAY (July 27): 7 p.m. †Richard Jaseliunas (family); †Petronela Agurkis (Prakapas family);

FRIDAY (July 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

SATURDAY (July 29): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (July 30): 9 a.m. †Richard Jaseliunas (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; special intention (NN); †Felicija Urbonas (36th anniv.) (R.M.Rusinas); †Irena and Vincas Ignaitis (family); †Justinas Zaksauskas (Daiva and Mindaugas); †Gytis Vaisnoras (I.Vaisnoras); †Salomeja Poderis (15th anniv.) (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 346,510

P.Melnykas - \$500 **THANK YOU...**

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

Collections in "Vilnius Manor" -

July 2nd - 41 envelopes - \$ 1,380

No envelopes - \$ 67

Direct deposit - \$ 2,815

July 9th - 36 envelopes - \$ 1,337

No envelopes - \$ 59.90

Direct deposit - \$ 1,720

THANK you for your generosity...



This year Camp *Kretinga* has 35 counsellors including senior staff and 91 campers. Camp *Kretinga's* chaplain is Fr.Alvydas Virbalis, ofm.

Camp Nurses - Rasa Chomyc, Lia Juskey, Mara Hurst and Sarah Pederson are looking after the health of the campers.

Our wonderful gourmet chefs and kitchen assistants prepare yummy mouth watering meals. They are: Jan Zemaitis,

Jacque Smeaton-Oleka, Lydia Knorr, Jennifer Dent, Trina Hurst, Linas Pilipaitis, Algimantas Nakrosius.

Our maintenance men, a.k.a. "Team Danger", are Tadas Kartavicius and Matthew Bonner.

Our night guard, Mindaugas Navickas, makes sure that we sleep safely and peacefully.

Our amazing videographer, Andy Kaknevičius, is creating our wonderful camp video again this year.

THANK YOU!



In celebration of Lithuania's Statehood Day - commemorating the 1253 coronation of King Mindaugas - Toronto Lithuanians gathered in the courtyard of Resurrection Parish, Toronto, to sing the Lithuanian national anthem together with all Lithuanians worldwide.

Thank you to all of this year's participants, Toronto Lithuanian House - Lietuviu Namai, Resurrection Parish and PhotoVisions, i.e. Daina and Romas Puteris.



Congratulations to all "Annes" on the occasion of their name's day — the feast of St. Anne. We wish them abundant health, happiness and many more beautiful summer days.... God bless!

St. Anne's day — a summer festival — is celebrated on July the 26th. On this day, St. Anne is commemorated, and hence, all women named in her honour; also share in the celebration. The feast of St. Anne — a mid-summer festival — celebrates the soon-to-be completed gruelling work of the field. It is a time of joy and appreciation for the ripening crops and coming harvest — the fruits of the farmers' labours.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, let your word take root in my heart and may your all-consuming love transform my life that I may sow what is good, worthy, and pleasing to you." (dailyscripture.net)
†R.R.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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| 9 a.m. | †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas | |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | for peace in Ukraine and the world | |
| | †Nina and Zbigniew Dobrowski | (B.Kazlauskas) |
| | †Gene and Balys Cizikas | (GK) |
| | †Vladas Radavicius | (Stanevicius family) |
| | †Bronius Matusевичius | (family) |
| | †Ona Grigaravicius | (granddaughters) |
| | for Jesoris' deceased family members | (M.Grambus) |
| | blessings of the Lord for Lina Einikis | (B.B.Degutis) |



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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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