

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 37 (3564) September 15th, 2024

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, I believe and I profess that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Take my life, my will, and all that I have, that I may be wholly yours now and forever." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living!***

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. †Aldona Zander (10th anniv.) | (R.Zander) |
| 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world | |
| †Nijole and Algimantas Banelis | (A.G.Valavicius) |
| †Elena, Pranas, Vasaris and Ragna Bersenas | (A.G.Valavicius) |
| in thanksgiving for Dominykas | (St.Leo school) |
| †Vincas and Ismena Normantas | (E.Normantas) |

2024

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

**Parish office
hours**

June - October

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

Friday
9 a.m. - 1 pm.

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Julija Danaitis

11 AM - Dana Pranaitis,

Adriana Karka-Verbyla & Elenute Stankus-Lelis
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (September 16): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend); †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family);

TUESDAY (September 17): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Irena Valavicius (Prakapas family);

WEDNESDAY (September 18): 7 p.m. for Selmys' deceased family members (J.Selmys);

THURSDAY (September 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Petras and Anele Agurkis (B.B.Degutis);

FRIDAY (September 20): 7 p.m. †Jonas Gudavicius (R.Gulyas); †Ramute and Leopoldas Gumuliauskas (daughter);

SATURDAY (September 21): 9 a.m. †Rasa Pajaujis-Shook (R.J.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (September 22): 9 a.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas and Edita Putrimas (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; blessings of the Lord for Jonas (mother); †Stasys Prakapas (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,845

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (09.08) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

34 envelopes - \$ 1,830

No envelopes - \$ 99.50

Direct deposit - \$ 1,570

THANK you for your generosity...

RESURRECTION PARISH ANNUAL DINNER AND

"CAPITAL FUND" FUNDRAISING EVENING -

NOVEMBER 9th

Program: Karolina and Kestutis Daugirdas
and Women's ensemble "SVAJA".

A very special raffle.

Delicious dinner with wine.

Ticket price \$75. Tickets will be available in the parish hall,
starting on Sunday, September 29th.

We invite everyone to attend!

"Pickle ball Club" Announcement -

"Pickle ball club" meets on Wednesdays and Fridays,
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Resurrection parish hall.

We invite all to join the games.

More info johnbirgiolas@icloud.com

CHOIR ACTIVITIES: In the parish, the women's choir

"SVAJA", "Volunge" women's ensemble, "VOLUNGE" choir, the Resurrection Parish Children's Choir and a group of "leaders" of Holy Mass songs rehearse/contribute to the parish's activities. Those who wish to contribute are asked to contact Dalia Viskontas, dalia.viskontas@gmail.com or Children choir leader Daina Babeckas, dainababeckas1@gmail.com or (416) 427-4947.

We invite all children between the ages of seven to seventeen to join the parish children's choir. Rehearsals on Sundays after 11am Mass in the choir room.

Children's choir first singing at Holy Mass on September 22nd.

**"The Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve..." (Mt 20.28)**

Announcement for Altar Server Recruitment

We invite and encourage all our girls and boys, who have received their First Communion, to volunteer and join the ranks of our current excellent group of Altar Servers.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to serve God at Holy Mass and also to serve our Parish *Community of Faith*.

For more information, please contact Deacon Kazimieras at 416-550-6413.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and your *engagement* in our Parish.

In memory of †Aldona Zander on the 10th anniversary of her death, her husband Romas is treating everyone to coffee after 9am and 11am Masses.

Please remember her in your prayers.



The Lithuanian Museum-Archives of Canada

is pleased to announce the launch of a new project on the history of Lithuanians in Canada on the Digital Museums Canada website, "European Traces in the War of 1812". This initiative aims to capture and share the early history of the first Lithuanians to reach Canada. We are extremely grateful to Digital Museums Canada for their financial support to make this project possible.

The museum invites you to visit:

European Traces in the War of 1812

<https://www.communitystories.ca/v2/european-traces-war-of-1812-traces-europeennes-guerre-de-1812/>

The Parish's Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce a new initiative. This fall there will be a unique opportunity to contribute to our "Capital Fund" campaign. We are proposing commemorative tree planting at the parish. Trees are a symbol of spiritual nourishment, resurrection, and everlasting life. Gifting trees in someone's memory is a beautiful way to immortalize their spirit. We have space for eight trees in a designated area on parish property and plan to plant them next spring. Each tree will have a commemorative metal plaque.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 per tree and we encourage families, groups of friends and organizations to come together to sponsor a tree. This is a wonderful opportunity to honour those who have made meaningful contributions to the life of the parish as well as valued family and friends that you wish to be remembered.

Further details will be shared in the fall.

Pope at Mass: Love is the centre of the Gospel



During Mass at the National Stadium in Singapore, Pope Francis reminds the faithful that love is at the foundation of all that we are and do.

The beauty of Singapore, the "great and bold architecture" that make the city "so famous and fascinating", was the starting point for Pope Francis' homily at Mass on Thursday, as he reflected on St Paul's words, "Knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up".

Love is the foundation of great works

The Holy Father insisted it is love, not primarily "money, techniques, or even engineering ability", that is at the foundation of the great works people accomplish.

Acknowledging that some might consider such a statement naïve, he said, a little reflection can show that great works, although inspired by creativity and genius, nonetheless rely on countless "fragile men and women" motivated by love, without which "there is no love, no impetus, no reason to act, no strength to build".

God, the foundation of our capacity to love

This conviction, he continued, is "confirmed and enlightened" by faith, which teaches that God, our common Father, "is at the root of our capacity to love and to be loved".

God created each of us freely and out of love; and it is God's love that redeems us and frees us "from sin and death through the death and resurrection of His only Son".

So, the Pope said, quoting his predecessor, St John Paul II, "in our own love we see a reflection of God's love... love that is characterized by a deep respect for all people, regardless of their race, belief, or whatever makes them different from ourselves".

Sharing God's love with others

"These our important words for us", Pope Francis said, "because, beyond the astonishment we feel in the face of human works, they remind us that there is an even greater wonder to be embraced with even greater admiration and respect: namely, the brothers and sisters we meet" every day.

Pope Francis went on to say that God's love invites us to share with others, to respond generously to the needs of the poor, to encourage those who suffer, and to be always ready to forgive and to hope".

Love, he said, again quoting St John Paul, "is the very centre of the Gospel"!

The example of the saints

The Holy Father concluded his homily by pointing to the example of two saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Francis Xavier, who exemplify that love.

On today's feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary, "we see the Father's love manifested in one of the most beautiful and fulsome of ways", that is, in the tenderness of a mother who never abandons us.

And in St Francis Xavier, who in his missionary journeys was often welcomed in Singapore, we see a saint who recognized the primacy of charity over learning.

Pope Francis invited the faithful to follow their example, and to take up the words of St Francis Xavier, "Lord, here I am; what do you want me to do?", so that "they may accompany us not only in these days, but always, as a constant commitment to listening and responding readily to the invitations to love and live justly that continue to come to us today from the infinite love of God".

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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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