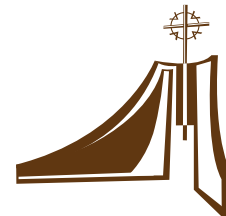


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT- A



“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light” are the words we read today from the book of Isaiah. In a time of great darkness, God promises to send a light who will shine on everyone living in the shadow of death. This message of hope was fulfilled in the birth of Christ and the establishment of his eternal kingdom. He came to deliver all people from their slavery to sin.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul begins on a positive note of thanks-giving. He affirms their privilege of belonging to the Lord. At this time, arguments and divisions had arisen and some church members had slipped back into an immoral lifestyle. Paul wrote this letter to address the problems and to clear up confusion about right and wrong.

By using the word “brothers” Paul is emphasizing that all Christians are part of God’s family. Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people, baptized in Christ’s name. What truly matters is that Jesus Christ is Lord of all and that should be the main focus for all.

Today’s Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. The first part of today’s Gospel places Jesus’ ministry in the context of today’s first reading from the book of Isaiah. Matthew is showing that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah.

Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

Not only does Jesus begin his ministry in Galilee but he also calls his first disciples to follow him and become “fishers of men”. “At once they left their nets and followed him.” They didn’t make excuses about why it wasn’t a good time. They left at once and followed.

Jesus calls each of us to follow him. When Jesus asks us to follow and serve him, can we also be like the disciples and do it at once?

†RR

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Eugenija Bacevicius	(K.S.Kiss)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
†Marius Rusinas (1st anniv.)	(family)
†Marija Gudelis	(daughter and family)
†Nijole, Algimantas and Algirdas Banelis	(Cuplinskas family)
†Marija and Kazimieras Kalinauskas	(Prakapas family)
†Sandra Kreivis and Teodoras Balceris	(Stravinskas family)
†Anela Kuncaitis	(Januska family)
†Diana Vingris (1st anniv.)	(niece A.Pliaugaite)

2026

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 - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz,

11 AM - Ausra Pleinys, Audra Rusinas,
Ruta Rusinas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (March 16): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

TUESDAY (March 17): 7 p.m. for living and deceased benefactors; †Petras Murauskas (daughter Ramona);

WEDNESDAY (March 18): 7 p.m. †Romas Kalinauskas (Prakapas family);

THURSDAY (March 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Juozapas Vydmantas (granddaughter);

FRIDAY (March 20): 7 p.m. †Sarunas Stankevicius (V.Zaleckaite); †Vitas and Matilda Mazulaitis (Buozis family);

SATURDAY (March 21): 9 a.m. for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 22): 9 a.m. †Silvija Freimanas (V.Puzeris); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Rimantas Anskis (Stanevicius family); †Malvina Markulis (IM); †Tomas Prakapas (family); †Stanley Urbantas (T.Urbantas); †Carole Anne Simanavicius ("Kretinga"); †Marija and Bronius Karasiejus (R.J.Karasiejus); for Zavis' deceased family members (G.Gaizutis).

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (03.01) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

47 envelopes - \$ 2,157

No envelopes - \$ 91.80

Direct deposit - \$ 2,295

Children's envelopes: Jakey - \$ 2

Scouts donated - \$ 500

A.Bacevicius donated \$ 500 for the
Oncology centre in Klaipeda

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

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



We invite women on Saturday, March 28th, from 9-12 a.m. for a retreat with Sister Ignè Marijošiūtė from Putnam, Connecticut she will facilitate a faith development program.

The event will be hosted in Lithuanian and English.

Let's dedicate this Lenten morning to spiritual renewal.

You are invited to a Lenten Meet by "Kanados Father Putrimas Ateitininkai!"

Join us for a meaningful Lenten gathering.

🕒 When: Saturday, **March 28**, 2026

🕒 Time: 12pm - 5pm

📍 Where: Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, Toronto
This is a time to pause, reflect, and grow.

👥 Who is welcome? ALL are welcome. Come as you are.

This Lenten Meet is graciously funded by Parama Credit Union and RCU.



Spring is a time of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.

We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community.

We welcome everyone to the parish cafe March 22nd and 29th. After 9am and 11am Masses, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

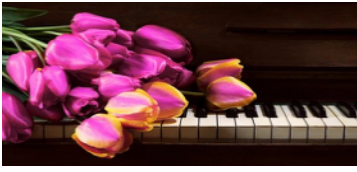
For further questions, please contact Tessa Dirmantaite Groen in't Woud tessag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued generosity.

Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and INVITES ALL to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



**We invite you to come to the
Resurrection Parish Hall on
April 26th at 4 p.m.
to enjoy a musical afternoon
*SPRING HARMONY***

Works by: Handel, Mozart, Schumann, Chopin,
Liszt, Vivaldi, Piazzola.

The program artists are: **Aleksia Vadauskas** mezzo soprano,
Lile Vadauskas soprano, **Liepa Spakauskas** mezzo soprano,
Cadenza Trio, **Ruta Melkis** violin, **Carlos Andara** cello,
Danius Verbyla piano, **Leokadija Paulauskaite -
Kanovich** piano,

Ilona Damasiute - Beres piano.

Admission is free; donations are sincerely appreciated.

More information ilona.beres@gmail.com

or 416-766-9959

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Resurrection parish council -

*If you are interested in joining the parish council to help
organize parish activities, please contact a member of this
year's recruitment committee - Jurgis Kuliesius -
kuleza@sympatico.ca.*

*We are especially looking forward to hearing from youth
(18-35) and young families, in the hopes of revitalizing
activities for these groups.*



Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home is looking for a
part-time Arts&Crafts volunteer to work with our
seniors.

Whoever is interested, please contact Nerijus Augutis at
Labdara: 416-232-2112 ext412 volunteering@labdara.ca



2025 CAMP "KRETINGA"

July 5th - 18th English camp

July 19th - August 1st Lithuanian camp

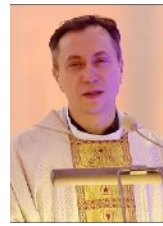
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We can't wait to see YOU ALL!

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**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 ON., L5C 1T3 or leave it at the
cemetery office.*



**Congratulations to Fr. Andrejus
Lazarevas, who will arrive next
week and join our parish's
religious ministry.
Fr. Andrejus also serves at
St. Casimir Parish in Klaipėda
and is a chaplain at Klaipėda
University Hospital.**

We wish him God's blessings in his ministry.

SHARE LIFE Campaign on March 30th.
*Envelopes can be found attached to the bulletin
and in the church vestibule.*

*Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan
charities by using the envelopes or by going to
the internet www.archtoronto.org and using
the **DONATE NOW**.*

*Each year, thousands of people turn to a
ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies
provide service in an environment that is
infused with Catholic values, bringing the
Gospel message to the marginalized.*

*When we support ShareLife, we are making
more than a financial contribution – we are
demonstrating that the Catholic community is
actively making a difference in the social
service network in our archdiocese!*

Thank you...



Two Shepherds — One Mission

Lithuanian Museum Archives of
Canada invites you come to
Resurrection Parish to visit an
exhibition dedicated to Bishop Paulius Baltakis,
ofm and Msgr. Edmondas Putrimas, who devoted
nearly four decades to serving the Lithuanian
diaspora.

Through their commitment to pastoral care,
cultural preservation, and work with youth, they
strengthened the faith, identity, and unity of
Lithuanians around the world. From the difficult
years behind the Iron Curtain to addressing
today's social challenges, their influence shaped
generations and ensured that faith and
community remained at the heart of Lithuanian
identity—wherever in the world these
communities settled.

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THANK YOU for donations.

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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