

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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27th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?
†R.R.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. | †Laima Loreta Fox | (S.Brough) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | for peace in Ukraine and the world | |
| | †Magdalena and Antanas Dauksa | (family) |
| | †Adomas and Ramute Grigonis | (son Aleksas) |
| | †Antanas Zdanevicius | (Peciulis family) |
| | †Liudmila Sukauskas | (Zimnickas family) |
| | †Filomena Maciulis | (family) |
| | †William Gulletson | (G.Sakalinyte) |
| | †Juozas Bansevicius | (family) |
| | †Juozas Balsys | (I.Balsys) |
| | †Silvija Klibingaitis | (family) |
| | blessings of the Lord for Birute and Vytautas Bireta | |
| | celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary | (D.A.Nauseda) |



2023

October 14, 6pm - 9 pm

MOZAICA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 5

Cemetery day

November 18

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

November 19

Parish Family Day

11 am Thanksgiving

Mass

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Dana Pranaitis

11 AM - Julija Danaitis and Giedre Valavicius

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (October 9): 7 p.m. †Armandas R. (Daiva);

TUESDAY (October 10): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Albinas and Juozas Buozis (Buozis family)

WEDNESDAY (October 11): 7 p.m. †Irena Punkris (B.Kazlauskas); request grace of health for Brady O'Callahan (Kuras family);

THURSDAY (October 12): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Bersenas (B.Kazlauskas); in thanksgiving (NN); †Eugenija Petkus (V.Bezsazna);

FRIDAY (October 13): 7 p.m. †Onute and Stasys Kersinas (R.J.Balaisis);

SATURDAY (October 14): 9 a.m. †Jadvyga Markuveniene (D.Calderon); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" † request grace of health for Zuzana (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (October 15): 9 a.m. †Janina Zutautas (O.Stoncius); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Rimas Smalenskas (V.Puzeris); †Donatas Zemaitis (sister); †Veronika and Aleksa Gineikis; Vanda and Leonardas Kirkilas (M.Grambus); †Romualdas Tumpa (3rd anniv.) (L.Tumpa); †Jadze Stanaitis (2nd anniv.) (I.Stanaitis); †Pranas and Birute Ceponkus (J.G.Neimanas); †Marijona and Bronius Danilevicius (D.Danaitis); †Nijole Tamulaitis (Businskas family); for Zavis' deceased family members (R.J.Karasiejus).

Capital Fund - \$ 346,710

A.Morkunas - \$100

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

October 1st - 56 envelopes - \$ 2,182

No envelopes - \$ 150.25

Direct deposit - \$ 2,450

THANK you for your generosity...



*We thank you, Father,
for the gift of Jesus your Son
who came to our earth and
lived in a simple home.
We have a greater appreciation
of the value and dignity
of the human family because
He loved and was loved
within its shelter.
Bless us this day;
may we grow in love
for each other in our family
and so give thanks to you
who are the maker
of all human families
and our abiding peace.*

Happy Thanksgiving!

A sincere THANK YOU to ALL our parishioners for attending Holy Mass or watching at home - for not forgetting our house of God; for your donations and support.

Sincere THANKS to the Holy Mass broadcasters Kazimieras Senda and Arunas Pabedinskas; for readers; for singers and choirs, music directors Dalia Viskontas and Daina Babeckas, organist Ilona Beres;

Sincere THANKS to the Resurrection Parish Council and all committees - which take care of the parish's activities and continue to work hard as we approach the 70th anniversary of our parish; to Sunday's coffee makers.

THANK YOU..THANK YOU..THANK YOU ALL

THANK YOU - to Genovaite Kobelskis, Ina Gutauskas, Violeta Zaleckaite for last Sunday's lunch - amazing Lithuanian food; for helping in the kitchen and cafeteria - Jurate Planciuniene, Raminta and Algimantas Nakrosius, Ramune Stravinskas, Daina and Zita Cers.

Today our cafeteria is CLOSED.

Please come back for coffee next Sunday, October 15th.

Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend:

The celebration begins **on Saturday, November 18th** with a gala dinner and show, **"Better than Hollywood" - TICKETS ARE ALL SOLD OUT.**

Those who ordered tickets are asked to pay for them asap. For info contact ritagrybas@gmail.com.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL on Sunday, November 19th as the celebration, **"From your Hand..."** continues with our parish family and friends at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11AM, followed by music, youth entertainment, photo apps and a special commemorative video produced by Andy Kaknevičius.



FALL RUMMAGE SALE **OCTOBER 20 - 21 2023**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success! Men, women, teens, welcome!

Volunteers needed to set up tables

Monday, October 16th, 10am - 12 noon .

Teens volunteers will receive "Community Service" credit.

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:

we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

We ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Tuesday OCTOBER 17th at 10AM!

Some items that DO NOT sell are:

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.

We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!

*Info: Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271;
Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088.

First Communion registration and activities will begin on October 15th, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room.

Confirmation registration and activities will begin on October 22nd, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room.



We invite you to LMAC to view an exhibition of works by two undiscovered photographers of Lithuanian heritage in Canada - V. Pranaitis and A. Urbonavičius.

Exhibition details: **November 5-30; open daily from 11 am- 4 pm except Saturdays.**

An invitation to all from the residents of "Labdara"!

Please come to our "Labdara's" Annual Bake & Craft Sale - Sunday, November 12th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, "Labdara's" Community Room

Come out and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and cake, shop for some art and help bring joy to our resident's lives! All of the proceeds will be used to buy much needed supplies for Special Events and Celebrations, for entertainment and trips, that Residents' Council requests throughout the year.

If you would be willing to contribute in ANY way, please contact Nerijus Augutis 416-232-2112 x 412, labdaravolunteering@gmail.com every little bit helps!

We look forward to seeing you!

Pope at opening Mass for Synod: Let us walk with the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis presides at the Holy Mass in St Peter's Square for the Opening of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, and invites the faithful to walk with the Holy Spirit, "in trust and with joy".

The Solemn Mass for the Opening of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops began with a modern version of the traditional *Laudes Regiae* hymn, invoking God's protection and blessing on the Church, on Pope Francis and the Bishops and the flock entrusted to him, and on civil leaders and all women and men.

In his homily, Pope Francis recalled a "difficult moment" in Jesus' earthly ministry, recounted in the day's Gospel. "In the moment of desolation," the Pope said, "Jesus has a gaze capable of seeing beyond: He praises the wisdom of the Father and is able to discern the good that grows unseen, the seed of the Word welcomed by the simple, the light of the Kingdom of God that shows the way even in the night." At the beginning of the General Assembly, the Pope said, "we do not need purely natural vision, made up of human strategies, political calculations, or ideological battles." Instead, he said, "We are here to walk together with the gaze of Jesus, Who blesses the Father and welcomes those who are weary and oppressed."

A gaze that blesses - Despite facing rejection, Jesus does not allow Himself "to be imprisoned by disappointment," but instead looks to the Father, remaining "serene even in the storm," the Pope said. He explained that Jesus invites us to be a Church that contemplates God's action and discerns the present; "a Church that does not face today's challenges and problems with a divisive and contentious spirit but, on the contrary, turns its eyes to God who is communion and, with awe and humility, blesses and adores him, recognizing him as its only Lord."

The welcoming gaze of Christ - Jesus, the Pope continued, "throughout His life" takes on the welcoming gaze of God the Father "toward the weakest, the suffering, and the discarded." "This welcoming gaze of Jesus also invites us to be a welcoming Church" calling us to an inner attitude that allows us "to encounter each other without fear," the Pope said.

"In synodal dialogue, in this beautiful 'journey in the Holy Spirit' that we are making together as the People of God," he continued, "we can grow in unity and friendship with the Lord in order to look at today's challenges with his gaze."

Finally, the Holy Father invited the People of God to follow in the footsteps of St Francis, the Saint of the day. Recalling Jesus' call to St Francis to "Go and repair my Church," the Pope said, "The Synod serves to remind us of this: our Mother the church is always in need of purification"; and he invited the faithful to take up "only the weapons of the Gospel: humility and unity, prayer and charity."

A place of grace and communion - "The Holy Spirit," he said, "often shatters our expectations to create something new that surpasses our predictions and negativity." And so, the Pope said, "Let us open ourselves to Him, the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. And let us walk with Him, in trust and with joy."

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