

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - C



2025

October 24 - 25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

November 29

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

December 5 - 7

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, God sent a plague of snakes to punish the people for their rebellious attitudes. Those doomed to die from snakebite could be healed by obeying God's command to look up at the elevated bronze snake, made by Moses, and by believing that God would heal them if they did (1st reading). Similarly, our salvation happens when we look up to Jesus, believing he will save us. God has provided this way for us to be healed of sin's

deadly bite.

The entire Gospel comes to a focus in John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

God's love is not static or self centred; it reaches out and draws others in. Here God sets the pattern of true love, the basis for all love relationships - when you love someone dearly you are willing to give freely to the point of self-sacrifice. God pays dearly with the life of his Son, the highest price he could pay. Jesus accepts our punishment, pays the price for our sins, and then offers us the new life that he had bought for us. When we share the Gospel with others, our love must be like Jesus' - willingly giving up our own comfort and security so that others might join us in receiving God's love.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation.

Finally, God's judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life; those who reject him don't. †R.R.

"Lord Jesus Christ, your death brought life for us. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may walk in freedom and joy as a child of God and as an heir with Christ of an eternal inheritance." (dailyscriptures.net)

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. | †Joseph Jaseliunas (1st anniv.) | (family) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | for peace in the world | |
| | for Judvytis', Dackus' and Vydmantas' living and deceased family members (GJ) | |
| | for Palazijas' deceased family members | (M.Hagedorn) |
| | †Romualdas Tumpa | (wife) |
| | †Rimas (10th anniv.) and Tomas Pranaitis | (family) |
| | †Birute Valincius | (B.B.Degutis) |
| | †Kaitlyn Cepas and Antanas and Albinas Laurinaitis | (G.Laurinaitis) |
| | for Zavis' and Gataveckas' deceased family members | (R.J.Karasiejus) |
| | †Kazimieras Martusevicius and Aloyzas Pazera | (family) |
| | †Kazimieras Stankevicius | (family) |
| | request grace of health for Onute | (VDG) |
| | request grace of health for family | (R.R.Syvokas) |
| | request grace of health for Aleksas | (GK) |

**Parish office
hours**

June - October

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday

9 a.m. - 1 pm.

September 30 - closed

October 13 - closed

Cantors of the Masses:
9 AM - choir "Volungė"
11 AM - Laima Underys
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (September 15): 7 p.m. †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (Jonuska family);

TUESDAY (September 16): for living and deceased benefactors; request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

WEDNESDAY (September 17): 7 p.m. †Albinas Buožis (Buožis family);

THURSDAY (September 18): 7 p.m. †Janina Gacionis (D.A.Nausedas);

FRIDAY (September 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

SATURDAY (September 20): 9 a.m. †Jonas Gudavicius (R.Gulyas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (September 21): 9 a.m. †Elze Simonavicius (1st anniv.) (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Albina Grigutis (B.B.Degutis); †Tekle Jonuska (Jonuska family); †Jonas Zukauskas (Senda family); †Ona Krasauskas (R.T.Stauskas); †Marius Rusinas (6th month) (family); request grace of health for Aleksas (GK); request grace of health for parish priests and deacon (GJ).

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (09.07) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

37 envelopes - \$ 1,560

No envelopes - \$ 61.25

Direct deposit - \$ 3,015

In memory of †Ona Krasauskas the family donated \$ 10,000 for the parish Renovation fund

In memory of †Ona Krasauskas, T.V.Samonis donated \$ 100 for the parish

THANK you for your generosity...

On Sunday, October 5th at 11AM Mass, we will celebrate A NEW SEASON OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES at the parish and give THANKS for all those who participate and volunteer. After both 9AM and 11AM Mass, Lithuanian food will be available for purchase.

Please come and enjoy our food and fellowship.



SINCERE THANKS to our sports club "Aušra" for their \$ 7,000 donation for the parish Renovation fund. Blessings of the Lord and successful games.



Thanksgiving is a time of year when we celebrate gratitude; for our family, friends, home and for everything that makes us feel blessed.

We invite all parishioners to make one or more heartfelt Thanksgiving greeting card for the seniors who live at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greeting cards will bring them hope, love, joy and a feeling of close connection to our community.

We welcome everyone to the parish cafeteria on October 5th. After 9 am & 11 am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make a few greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

For more info contact Tessa tessag@primus.ca

We thank you for your generosity.



**Saturday,
November 29th
A Silent Art Auction**

in support of the Resurrection Parish Capital Fund. To donate original paintings, sculptures and ceramics please contact: raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com or rygelisruta@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

We bid farewell to our beloved parishioners
†**ONA KRASAUSKAS**, 96, †**JANINA GACIONIS**, 96,
†**ANDRIUS KAROSAS**, 57

Blessings of the Lord for families.

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ.



Canadian Lithuanian Youth Association INVITATION

The Canadian Lithuanian Youth Association (CLYA) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. To commemorate such a special occasion, CLYA is hosting an Anniversary celebration at the Resurrection Parish on September 27th.

More info: kljsevents@gmail.com.

“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 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.



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Pope at Audience:

Jesus shows us crying out is not weakness but an act of hope



Reflecting at the weekly General Audience on the crucifixion, Pope Leo XIV stresses that Jesus' cry from the cross reveals “the final stage of a love that is given up to the very end,” and encourages everyone to avoid seeing crying as a weakness but rather as an act of extreme prayer.

Looking at the culmination of Jesus's earthly life, Pope Leo reflected on His death on a cross. Continuing his General Audience catechesis on the crucifixion and death of Jesus, the Pope stressed that Jesus did not die in silence. “He does not fade away gradually, like a light that burns out, but rather he leaves life with a cry.”

That cry, Pope Leo explained, is more than the body surrendering, “but the final sign of a life being surrendered.” Before this, Jesus offers a question: “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

The Pope highlighted that this shows that the Son, who had always been in communion with the Father, experienced silence, absence, and the abyss in the difficult moments of His Passion. Yet, Pope Leo clarified, “it is not a crisis of faith, but the final stage of a love that is given up to the very end.”

Jesus cries out on the cross, not in desperation, but as a “sincerity, truth taken to the limit, trust that endures even when all is silent.”

Something new from something dark

At this same moment, the sky darkens and the veil in the temple is torn in two—as if all of creation was participating in Jesus' pain. But this moment of darkness also reveals something new: “God no longer dwells behind a veil—His face is now fully visible in the Crucified One.”

That image of Jesus' broken body on the cross manifests the greatest love. We see that God is not distant from us, but He joins us in our pain, our life journey to the very end.

At the foot of the cross, one man understands this. The centurion—a pagan—comes to believe after witnessing how Jesus died. Pope Leo pointed out this first statement of faith after Jesus' death was not a fleeting profession, but one that truly touched and changed the heart.

Giving all He had left

“At times, what we are unable to say in words, we express with the voice,” the Pope continued, “When the heart is full, it cries.” This does not signify weakness, but rather a deep act of humanity.

The Gospel gives an “immense value to our cry” because it can express different feelings and struggles. Our cries can sometimes be a prayer, when words do not suffice.

In His final cry, Jesus gave everything He had left within Himself. He is an example that crying out does not mean giving up or resigning to one's fate. A person cries out because they believe someone can still hear them.

As Pope Leo explained, “one cries not out of desperation, but out of desire. Jesus did not cry out against the Father, but to Him.”

In that act of faith, Jesus shows us that we, too, can cry out with trust and hope, even when things seem lost.

A human gesture

Crying out is, therefore, a spiritual act: it is the first gesture we make when we are born, and it is a means of staying alive.

Crying is a part of life—when we suffer, when we love, when we call out to others, etc. Pope Leo stressed that crying “is saying who we are, that we do not want to fade away in silence, that we still have something to offer.”

In the difficult moments of life, Jesus' cry on the cross shows us “not to be afraid” to do the same. “A cry is never pointless, if it is born of love,” the Pope urged, stressing that if addressed to God, a cry will not be ignored. Crying means rejecting cynicism and carrying on the belief that a different world is possible.

Closing, Pope Leo invited everyone to genuinely cry out in the midst of trial, because if we make a cry to open our hearts, “it can be the threshold of a new light, of a new birth.”

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