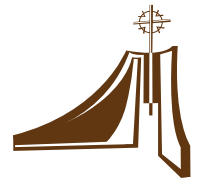


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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life?

What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The word *beatitude* literally means "happiness" or "blessedness". The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2:1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

Jesus' tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart.

Is God enough for you? God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever. Do you seek the *highest good*, the total good, which is above all else?

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Do you know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone?

"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will."
(dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

***How happy are the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.***

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. asking for health and God's protection | (NN) |
| 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners | |
| for peace in the world | |
| †Rokas and Jurijus Romanovas | (Zita) |
| †Viktoras and Elena Dailyde | (V.A.Dailyde) |
| †Bronius Gencius | (J.S.Kareckas) |
| †Genovaite Pazeriene | (family) |
| for Vanagas' and Kazlauskas' deceased family members | (A.S.Vanagas) |
| †Vladimir Bosis (1st anniv.) & Malukas' living & deceased family members (J.Malukaite) | |

2026

February 8

Pancakes day

February 18

Ash Wednesday

February 27 - March 1

Lenten Retreat

Fr.Mantas Mileris, SJ

March 8

St. Casimir Fair

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 - Audra Rusinas, Dana Pranaitis,

Julija Danaitis, Laima Underys,

Zita Nausedas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (February 2): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud (family);

TUESDAY (February 3): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (February 4): 7 p.m. requesting God's blessing and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Matas and his family (mother);

THURSDAY (February 5): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Ramute Janeliunas-Tambis (E.Janeliunas); †Eugenija Bacevicius (A.Bacevicius and family);

FRIDAY (February 6): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ);

SATURDAY (February 7): 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Juozas Leknickas, Vaclovas Butvilas and Bronius Tamosiunas (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (February 8): 9 a.m. †Algirdas Kapocius (Pabedinskas family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Juozas, Victoras and Alfonsas Merkevicius (D.Danaitis); †Laimute Gaizutis (R.Gaizutis); †Juozas Bansevicius (5th anivv.) (children and families); †Jadvyga Cibulskiene (2nd anivv.)(family); †Julija Degutis (B.B.Degutis); for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (family).

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (01.25) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

25 envelopes - \$ 1,137

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TODAY - LITHUANIAN FOOD

We invite you to enjoy fellowship and Lithuanian specialties after 9am and 11am Masses. Our wonderful kitchen crew will be preparing all of your favourites.



We invite everyone to PANCAKE SUNDAY -

NEXT SUNDAY, on February 8th,
after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass
amazing cooks will offer delicious pancakes.

We invite everyone to attend!

BALTIC DANCE FOR UKRAINE FUNDRAISING CONCERT

On March 1st at 3pm in Anapolis Hall (21-35 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga) join Toronto's Ukrainian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian folk dance groups for an afternoon of multi-cultural dance.

All proceeds will support the Ukraine. Humanitarian Appeal at the Canada Ukraine Foundation.

Adults \$40; Youth {12-18} \$20; free for Children!

Purchase tickets online: www.lettsshop.org

Save the Date!

On Saturday, March 28th, from 9-12 a.m., Sister Ignè Marijošiūtė from Putnam, Connecticut will facilitate a faith development program/retreat for women.

The event will be hosted in Lithuanian and English. Let's dedicate this Lenten morning to spiritual renewal.

More details will be announced later.

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.

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.

Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, SJ Delegate of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference for the Pastoral Care of Lithuanians Abroad 2025 activity review

In 2025, we celebrated the significant Jubilee Year of Hope. In this restless and divided world, everyone needs the hope that Jesus offers. Pastoral care abroad encompasses more than just services and celebrations; it involves sharing faith and hope, building connections, demonstrating care and communicating with Lithuanian communities, priests, nuns and laypeople, whether in person or remotely.

Australia - I began the New Year in Australia, where, after the Lithuanian Days in January, I was able to visit Hobart, Perth, and Brisbane. It is heartening to see that even in places where there are not many Lithuanians, they continue to maintain their national identity and faith.

Europe - We celebrated February 16th, an important day for Lithuanians, in Hamburg. There was a Mass and a festive commemoration, we talked about pastoral care for Lithuanians, and I met with Archbishop S. Hesse of Hamburg and Dr. M. Becker, responsible for pastoral care for various national groups.



The beginning of March, Lithuanians from Lithuania and abroad traveled to Rome to celebrate the jubilee year. The Day of Prayer for Lithuanians throughout the world was held at St. Paul's Basilica. In April, I attended the funeral of Pope Francis. Together with the whole Church, we rejoiced at the election of Pope Leo XIV, born in the United States and worked in Peru. On the first Sunday in May, we celebrated Mother's Day in Dublin. We discussed with members of the Ateitis organization, as well as with J. Grinevičius, the Lithuanian ambassador to Ireland, how best to reach the Lithuanians living in Ireland. In June, youth studying at the February 16 Gymnasium in Germany and in Frankfurt received the sacrament of Confirmation. At the end of the month, a meeting was held with Lithuanians in Pusk to discuss the difficulties that had arisen within the parish. In July, the fifth Catholic children's summer camp was held in Norway. At the closing of the camp, we celebrated Mass with Lithuanians living in Norway. The beginning of September an important event took place in Tallinn – the beatification of Archbishop Eduard Profittlich, who was tortured to death by the Soviets in 1942.



Canada - In May, young people from the Lithuanian Martyrs Parish received the sacrament of Confirmation. The beginning of November, I attended the opening of an exhibition entitled "Two Shepherds – One Mission" at the Canadian Lithuanian Museum and Archives to commemorate Bishop P. Baltakis, OFM (1925-2019) and Monsignor E. Putrimas (1959-2022). Before these celebrations, it was a pleasure to celebrate Mass in Wasaga. In the fall during my visit to Canada, I also met with parishioners in Hamilton and celebrated Mass in London (Ontario) and at the Resurrection Church in Toronto, where we celebrated the 80th anniversary of Fr. V. Staškevičius. I met with Bishop D. Crosby regarding the pastoral care of Lithuanians in Hamilton.

United States of America



There is a vibrant Lithuanian community here, where several Lithuanian priests are assigned. In March, we commemorated March 11th in St. Petersburg and in Philadelphia with Mass, a festive event, and viewing of a film. It was a good opportunity to meet with Bishop G. L. Parkes of St. Petersburg. In March, we met with Lithuanian Consul General D. Špokauskas in New York, and spoke with Bishop R. Brennan of Brooklyn about the fate of the Church of the Transfiguration. May was filled with events: Lithuanian priests' retreat in Putnam, a visit to Archbishop Ch. Coyne of Hartford, and in New York – Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid annual meetings, the 75th anniversary of Maironis School, and First Communion celebrations at Annunciation parish. The beginning of June, there was the funeral Mass for Eligijus Sužiedėlis in Brockton (MA). At the end of June, was the unforgettable 11th North American Lithuanian Song Festival in Cleveland. At the beginning of October, a thanksgiving celebration was held at the convent of the Sisters of Immaculate Conception in Putnam, where we prayed together with Bishop R. F. Reidy of Norwich and the leadership of the Marian Congregation. In October, the general session of the Lithuanian American Community was held in Los Angeles, after which I celebrated Mass at St. Casimir's Church and visited the Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, M. G. Elshoff, OFM Cap.

(To be continued in the next Parish News)

With gratitude I sincerely thank everyone who supports Lithuanian parishes and missions abroad. Gratitude to you who have supported the pastoral work of Lithuanians abroad: LCRA, the Lithuanian American Priests' Association, parishes, priests, and individual donors. Thanks to your generosity, I have been able to reach Lithuanian communities and share the Gospel message. I hope for your continued support.

Sincerely, Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas

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