

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 18 (3545) May 5th, 2024

6th EASTER SUNDAY - B



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his



disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded. †R.R.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Grant Bonner	(R.J.Balaisis)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world Novena - for living and deceased Mothers	
	†Ona and Stasys Dackus	(granddaughter)
	†Jurgis Simaitis	(Stanevicius family)
	for Marcinkevicius' deceased family members	(R.J.Kuliesius)
	†Anele Caplikas	(V.Zaleckaite)
	†Ona, Jonas, Monika and Jonas Jurksa	(relative)
	†Brone Rimkuvieni	(daughter)
	†Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis	(R.J.Balaisis)
	†Kazimieras Gilman	(O.Dirmantas)

2024

May 26

Confirmation

June 1

Run for Hope

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

August 17 - 24

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 - Friday

9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday

9 a.m. - 1 pm.

July 1 - closed

August 5 - closed

September 2 - closed

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Akeksia, Lile and Lina Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (May 6): 7 p.m. Novena; †Gediminas Sulcas (V.Zaleckaite);

TUESDAY (May 7): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena;

WEDNESDAY (May 8): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Dana Puzeris (B.Stanulis); 7 p.m. Novena; †Teresa and Leo Pereira (son);

THURSDAY (May 9): 7 p.m. Novena; †Albinas Mickevicius (V.V.Mickevicius); in thanksgiving (A.Kuncaitis);

FRIDAY (May 10): 7 p.m. Novena;

SATURDAY (May 11): 9 a.m. Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Jonas and Anele Zakevicius and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (May 5): 9 a.m. request grace of health Daynel Coello Hernandez (friends); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Mama Ona-Liucija and grandmothers (GJ); †Leokadija Nevulis and Alida Groen in't Woud (V.Groen in't Woud); †Sofija Olekas (O.Olekas); †Marija Matusевичius (26th anniv.)(šeima); †Daiva Vorps (D.J.Didzbalis); †Regina Antanaitis (daughter); †Genovaitė Budreckis (5th anniv.) (daughter Virginija and family); †Ruta Bekeris (V.Puzeris); for Cuplinskas' Matulionis' & Stonkus' living and deceased family members (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,145

A.Baziliauskas, A.Morkunas,
L.R.Steer, R.A.Sileika - \$ 300

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (04.28) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

48 envelopes - \$ 1,837

No envelopes - \$ 56.25

Direct deposit - \$ 1,350

ShareLife \$ 1,850

THANK you for your generosity...



Through the sacrament of Baptism,
we welcome
Annet Sarah and Elizabeth Abia Sablinskas

into our community of faith.
We rejoice with their parents, asking God's abundant blessings to their families.



Camp **"KRETINGA"** invites all to
Work Weekend on June 7th - 9th.
Guaranteed: a place to sleep and delicious food.
For more information Wally Dauginis:

wally.dauginis@bell.ca

2024 CAMP "KRETINGA"

English camp July 7th - 20th

Lithuanian camp July 21st - August 3rd

https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2024-

[Camper Registration](#)

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!



11th Annual Run for Hope - June 1st

Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis

Cancer Support Centre in Klaipėda, LT.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/oXFAt1M5utaoz3ex7>

e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com

In person registration will take place each Sunday after Mass, downstairs in front of the parish cafe.

If you have any questions, please contact:
gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca



We invite you to LMAC to view an exhibition of sculptures in wood and stone by Gintaras Repečka.

This exhibition is a celebration of the enchanting and the ethereal, a reminder of our shared human heritage and the universal reverence for the natural world. It is a call to preserve the ancient whispers of the forests that still echo in the presence of the unseen.

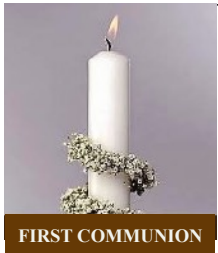
Exhibition details: May 21 - July 31, 2024. Open Monday through Friday from 11 am - 4 pm., Sunday May 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 11 am - 4 pm.

**Lord, I am Your child, I love You,
I want to get to know You and will always be a friend with you.
Help me to Love you, deepen my faith
Grant me the hope that one day I will see you in heaven.”**

During the last seven months, with the guidance of their teachers, 8 children journeyed towards the great Mystery attending catechetical lessons with great dedication. Daily, they learned to get closer to God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, trusting and waiting for His help, which is received through the sacraments. They learned to love God more earnestly, to share their joys and sorrows with Him.

Today, May 5th, is special because accompanied by parents, grandparents, god-parents, brothers and sisters, they have gathered with great excitement to receive their **First Communion** at our Parish. Let us rejoice, Christ comes into their hearts!

With Holy Communion we are united with Jesus – it nurtures grace and unites us as members of the universal Church. In Holy Communion, Jesus becomes food for our souls. God's grace present in us at the same time leads us to reconciliation and produces good fruit. And now all may unite with Jesus in Holy Communion. Remember, Jesus is waiting for you every day. Your friendship with Jesus will deepen your faith, strengthening you in body and soul. Rejoice in the Lord's love and His abundant gifts and when the need arises, you will discover new channels of grace. Today we would like to recall the alphabet of **LOVE**. We wish you, communicants and parents, to reflect on them and believe that you receive God's abundant graces.



**Oliver Huska, Lilijana Marija Lambie, Ruta Silva Lelis
Abigaile Parnavas, Gaiva Remesat, Annet Sarah Sablinskas
Elizabeth Abia Sablinskas , Mantas Stankevicius -**

Respect Everyone. Remember that Christ dwells in each of us. Be mindful of him/her, your brother/sister.

Think good thoughts about everyone. Try to find something good even in the worst situation.

Speak good things about others. Do not speak ill of anyone. Correct what wrong your words might cause immediately.

Speak the language of love with everyone. Do not raise your voice. Don't swear, do not create problems for others, be good.

Forgive all. Do not carry grudges. Be the first one to stretch out your hand in reconciliation.

Always show concern for your neighbour. Do unto others as you would have done to yourself. Do not remember the wrongdoings done to you; remember what wrongs you have done to others.

Relieve the pain of your suffering with action. Willingly rush to help out, advise and comfort with sincerity.

Work honestly. The fruits of your work enjoyed by others as you enjoy the fruits of their labour.

Help your neighbour. Help the poor, the sick and the marginalized. Give of yourself. Notice those who need your help in your surroundings.

Sincere THANKS to **Rasa Balaisis** for preparing 8 children for First Communion.

Pope's May Prayer Intention: For the formation of men and women religious

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of May: For the formation of men and women religious and for seminarians. In his video message, the Pope emphasises the ongoing development of their vocations through grace, prayer, community, and witness to the Gospel. This May, Pope Francis has invited us to offer our prayers for "the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians".



The Holy Father notes that "a good priest, sister, or nun, must above all else be a man, a woman who is formed, shaped by the Lord's grace". These are people who are aware of their own limitations and who are willing to "lead a life of prayer, of dedicated witness to the Gospel".

In his message entrusted to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the Pope reminds us that beginning in the seminary or novitiate, their preparation must develop integrally in direct contact with the lives of other people. This, he added, "is essential".

It is important to note that formation does not end at a specific moment, such as ordination, but rather continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, and spiritually.

Preparation continues into that of living in a community. "Life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times".

"Living together is not the same as living in community", adds the Pope.

Finally, Pope Francis asks that we pray that "men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel".

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A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

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Thursday, May 2, 2024
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