

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - B



This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son. †R.R.

## MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Dana Puzeris	(L.R.S.Kuliavas)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
	†Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis	(daughter)
	†Marija and Jonas Karka	(IZ)
	†Julija Svabas-Gyls	(IZ)
	†Tomas Prakapas	(family)
	†Julius Jankauskas (1st anniv.)	(B.Kazlauskas)
	†Mary and Donald Minihan and Lilija Tamosauskas	(V.V.Baliunas)
	†Marija (25th anniv.) and Bronius Karasiejus	(R.J.Karasiejus)
	for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' & Stonkus' living & deceased family members (Cuplinskas) request grace of health for Joana	(VDG)



2024

**March 28-31**

*Holy week*

**March 31**

*Easter*

**April 7, 2pm**

*Choirs "Balsas" and  
"Volunge" concert*

**April 21**

*Annual Parish Meeting*

**April 26-27**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**May 5**

*First Communion*

**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*

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - "Volunge" women's ensemble

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (March 25): 7 p.m.;

**TUESDAY** (March 26): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (March 27): 10 a.m. "Labdara" for Krasauskas' and Tamkevicius' deceased family members (O.Krasauskas); 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

**HOLY THURSDAY** (March 28): 7 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper;

**GOOD FRIDAY** (March 29): 2:50 p.m. musical reflections; 3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord; Solemn Vigil at the Lord's Tomb;

**HOLY SATURDAY** (March 30): Solemn Vigil at the Lord's Tomb; 8:00 p.m. *EASTER VIGIL LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY MASS*;

**SUNDAY - EASTER** (March 31): 9 a.m. for Dirmantas', Nevulis' and Groen in't Woud deceased family members (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for Stasiulevicius' living and deceased family members (J.Stasiulevicius); †Gita and Algis Beresnevicius (family); †Regina Antanaitis (daughter); †Edmundas Urniezius and deceased family members (RU); †Janina Vingelis (6th anniv.) (daughters); †Antanas Laurinaitis (1st anniv) (daughters); living and deceased family members and friends (GJ); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas and request grace of health for parish priests (GJ); †Paulius Dalinda (V.White).

**Capital Fund - 371,345**

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (03.17) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -**

45 envelopes - \$ 1,535

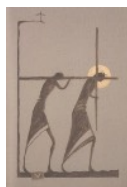
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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28th - **HOLY THURSDAY**

7 p.m. Holy Mass

(Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders)

March 29th - **GOOD FRIDAY**

2:50 p.m. Musical reflections

3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

(This is a liturgy of Word and Service.

We gather to reflect on the Passion and our salvation)

Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb

March 30th - **HOLY SATURDAY**

Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb

8:00 p.m. Blessing of the fire and preparation of the Easter Candle

Vigil Liturgy of the Word and Holy Mass of the Resurrection

(In this evening's liturgy, we welcome Christ as our Light, reflect on our salvation history, renew our Baptismal vows, and celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection)

March 31st - **EASTER SUNDAY**

9 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (English)

11 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (Lithuanian)

**TODAY**, on Palm Sunday, we will collect donations

for to maintain **the Franciscan seminarians**.

*Cheque, please write: Franciscan Fathers; Memo: seminarians.*

*Envelopes will be placed in the church vestibule. Thank you*

**Holy Friday**, March 29th, we will collect donations

for the **"Holy Land"**. Envelopes will be placed in

the church vestibule. **Thank you.**

**Office hours** during the Holy Week

March 29th and April 1st - **CLOSED**



**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 TODAY after each Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

For further questions, please contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in 't Woud [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)

We thank you for your continued generosity.



Voices of the Joint Montreal and Toronto Lithuanian Song Festival choir will soar performing songs from the repertoire of the upcoming song festival in Vilnius, Lithuania. „May the Green Forest Grow“ celebrates the 100 years since the song festival seed was planted in Kaunas, in 1924.

**Join us at the Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall, Toronto, on Sunday, April 7th, at 2 pm** to hear pieces by contemporary composers as well as arranged Lithuanian folk songs.

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the concert or at Resurrection Parish Sundays from 9:30 am – 1 pm. Price: \$20

### Embassy of Lithuania in Canada

We kindly invite you to register and actively participate in the May 12th Referendum on the Retention of Citizenship and the Presidential elections. Voters registered to vote in the Presidential elections will be deemed to have registered to vote in the referendum. A possible re-vote in the Presidential elections will take place on May 26.

**Registration deadline for voting in Canada is April 26, 2024. You can register to vote in the referendum and elections abroad here - <https://www.rinkejopuslapis.lt/>**

In Canada, you can vote at the embassy in Ottawa, at an additional polling station in Toronto or by post. Registration for the elections and the referendum is compulsory, even if you have registered for the previous elections. Those planning to vote in Toronto (polling station will be set only for May 12) should choose „will vote at the embassy in Ottawa“ and for the rest of elections – „will vote by post“.

For more information on the forthcoming elections please visit <http://urm.lt/referendumas/balsavimas> (in Lithuanian only). For sample ballot paper, please see the following publications published in English and Lithuanian:

**In Lithuanian:** [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1thgUw1YIxbMFp\\_jqrAFQt7o7k0IyT4Hd](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1thgUw1YIxbMFp_jqrAFQt7o7k0IyT4Hd)

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Stonehewer Books invites you to the launch of a new book by **Antanas Šileika “The Death of Tony”** - a memoir about belonging in two worlds.

*In conversation with author Joe Kertes.*

**Wednesday, March 27 at 7 PM, Society Clubhouse** (967 College Street). Antanas's new book is about balancing the Canadian and Lithuanian parts of his life, themes that will be familiar to many of the children of the postwar DP generation. Snacks and cash bar.

*We are waiting for you...*

### Pope at Audience:

#### Virtue of prudence leads us toward holiness

During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechetical series on virtues and vices, turning to the virtue of prudence and saying Jesus urges to be prudent in order to become "intelligent saints."



Jesus does not only want us to become saints, but "intelligent" ones, and exercising the virtue of prudence helps us become so.

Pope Francis made this point during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday morning in the Vatican.

At the start of Audience, the Holy Father explained he would have an assistant, Father Pierluigi Giroli from the Vatican Secretariat of State, read for him.

Cardinal virtue of prudence - This week, the Pope continued his catechetical series on vices and virtues. After a number of months dedicated to the vices, he transitioned last week to a discussion of virtue, and this week, he individuated the virtue of prudence.

Prudence, the Pope recalled, is one of the four cardinal virtues that, together with the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity, "are the pillars of integrated Christian living."

Jesus often encouraged His disciples to exercise this virtue, Pope Francis highlighted, especially in His Parables.

Prudence, the Pope said, is "not the virtue of the timorous person, always hesitant about what action to take," nor is it "merely caution."

Rather, prudence, he clarified, "means that the action of man is in the hands of his intelligence and freedom."

'Right reason in action' - The virtue, said the Holy Father, effectively combines intelligence and creativity, helping us understand the complexity of situations and carefully evaluate possible solutions.

Suggesting it applies wisdom generated from past experiences while anticipating future needs, the Pope recalled that Doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, called prudence "right reason in action."

"That is not to say they do not make mistakes," the Holy Father acknowledged. "We are all human," he added, "but at least they avoid major setbacks."

Intelligent saints - The Holy Father illustrated passages of the Gospel that "help educate us" in prudence, including "the prudent man builds his house on the rock, and the imprudent builds his on sand," in the Gospel reading according to St. Matthew.

"Preparing His disciples for the mission," the Pope recalled, "Jesus recommends: 'Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves' (Mt 10:16)."

While suggesting that the Lord's words are "as if to say, that God does not only want us to be saints, He wants us to be intelligent saints," Pope Francis concluded by encouraging the faithful to practice prudence daily as we journey toward Heaven.

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