

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 35 (3509) August 27th, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary time - A



It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your great love." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

**Your love, Lord, is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.**

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. special intention	(NN)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in Ukraine and the world	
†Sofija Oleka (25th anniv.)	(O.Oleka)
for Sakevicius' deceased family members	(D.Gudelis)
†Algis Vaisnoras	(V.Groen in't Woud)
†Albinas Radziunas (16th anniv.)	(family)
†Irena Gimbutis	(V.Zaleckaite)
†Audrius Dvarionas	(R.J.Karasiejus)
†Liuda Daunys; †Nijole, Algimantas and Algirdas Banelis	(Cuplinskas)
special intention	(GJ)



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**The week's Holy Masses August 27 - September 3**

**MONDAY** (August 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

**TUESDAY** (August 29): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Zuzana Stravinskas (A.Morkunas);

**WEDNESDAY** (August 30): 7 p.m. †Alfonas Stungurys (Zimnickas);

**THURSDAY** (August 31): 7 p.m. †Jonas Inciura (R.Inciura); †Brone and Antanas Pabedinskas (Cuplinskas); †Liudmila Sukauskas (L.Karosaite-Laffitt);

**FRIDAY** (September 1): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Bersenas (G.Kobelskis);

**SATURDAY** (September 2): 9 a.m. †Sofija Dilkus (Melynkas family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Petras Jonikas (OP);

**SUNDAY** (September 3): 9 a.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (R.R.Smolskis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; blessings of the Lord for Abigail, Karoline, Deolina and Gabriella (GJ); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (R.M.Rusinas); †Benjaminas Kalinauskas (B.B.Degutis); †Adolfas and Brone Vilkus (I.Matus); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (S.Gruchalla and I.Matus); †Liudmila Sukauskas (O.Dirmantas).

**The week's Holy Masses September 4 - 10**

**MONDAY** (September 4): 7 p.m. †Suzana Lembertas (R.Simanavicius);

**TUESDAY** (September 5): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

**WEDNESDAY** (September 6): 7 p.m. †Kazys and Veronika Kartavicius (Buozis family);

**THURSDAY** (September 7): 7 p.m. †Regina Antanaitis (daughter); †Valentina Grybas ("Kretinga");

**FRIDAY** (September 8): 7 p.m. †Petronele Agurkas (B.B.Degutis); special intention (GJ);

**SATURDAY** (September 9): 9 a.m. †Zofija Zaleckiene (V.Zaleckaite); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Daria Chodocinskas (grandmother);

**SUNDAY** (September 10): 9 a.m. †Aldona Zander (9th anniv.) (R.Zander); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; in thanksgiving - for sister Nijole (sisters); †Silvestras Cepas (20th anniv.) (Pabedinskas family); for Verbickas' deceased family members (M.Grambus); †Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa); †Vida Stripinis and Vida Sukys (Cuplinskas); blessings of the Lord for family (JMC); special intention (JMC).

**Capital Fund - \$ 346,510 THANK YOU...**

*"For it is in giving that we receive". Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -**

**August 13th** - 34 envelopes - \$ 1,312

No envelopes - \$ 65

Direct deposit - \$ 1,180

**August 20th** - 39 envelopes - \$ 1,435

No envelopes - \$ 40.10

Direct deposit - \$ 1,135

Dr.B. and Dr.C. Jonys donated \$ 5,000 to the renovation fund

**THANK you for your generosity...**

**This summer Pastor Jonas Sileika, ofm, celebrated the 24th anniversary of his eternal vows;**

**Fr.Augustinas Simanavicius, ofm celebrated the 69th anniversary of his first vows; Deacon Dr.Kazimieras Ambrozaitis celebrated his 25th anniversary as deacon. Congratulation to all...**

**Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon of St. Francis of Assisi:**

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,  
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour  
and all blessings.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong,  
and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce  
Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,  
especially Sir Brother Sun,

Who is the day through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with  
great splendour,

Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through  
Sister Moon and the stars,

In the heavens you have made them bright,  
precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through  
Brothers Wind and Air,

And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,  
by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,  
So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,  
through whom You light the night and he is beautiful  
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister,  
Mother Earth who sustains and governs us,  
producing varied fruits with coloured  
flowers and herbs.

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant  
pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,  
By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,  
from whom no-one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin!

Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,  
And serve Him with great humility.

**TODAY "Catholic Missions in Canada".**

Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.  
Please support their work in Canada.

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Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.*

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Q: What is the name of the parish?

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