

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT - C



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

***Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble,
be with me, Lord, I pray.***

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Jadvyga and Antanas Paskevicius; Claire and Monica Creedon (Creedon family)

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

for peace in the world

†Jeronimas Pleinys

(family)

†Frank Polyak

(D.T.Hawkins)

†Bronius Matusevicius (39th anniv.)

(family)

†Albina Laurinaitis (4th anniv.)

(daughter)

†Juozas Kalinauskas

(A.Karka)

†Vincas Baliunas

(A.R.Karka)

†Antanas Bumbulis (15th anniv.)

(family)

request grace of health for Parish priests

(GJ)

2025

April 4 - 6

Lenten Retreat

April 13

Lithuanian food day

April 17-20

Holy week

April 20

Easter

April 26

"Volunges sparnais..."

concert

April 27

Parish Annual Meeting

May 2-3

Spring Rummage Sale

May 4

First Communion

June 7

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas, Spencer Gallop

11 AM - Julija Danaitis, Ramona Kaminskas,
Zita Nausedas
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (March 10): 7 p.m. ;

TUESDAY (March 11): for living and deceased parishioners; for Lithuanian Independence;

WEDNESDAY (March 12): 7 p.m.
†Teresa and Leo Pereira (son);

THURSDAY (March 13): 7 p.m.
†Juozas Kalinauskas (A.Bacevicius);

FRIDAY (March 14): 7 p.m. †Adam, Elizabeth and Joseph Benetis (E.Benetis);

SATURDAY (March 15): 9 a.m. special intention (NN); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 16): 9 a.m. request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas (granddaughter); †Rimantas Anskis (Stanevicius family); †Albina Laurinaitis (daughter); †Silvija Freimanas (V.Puzeris); †Antanas Kavaliauskas (5th anniv.) (L.D.Laurinavicius); for Gindrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius).

"Capital Fund" - \$ 518,628

A.Ciaucionas \$ 100

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (03.02) & "Vilnius Manor "
Collections

48 envelopes - \$ 1,615

No envelopes - \$ 157.35

Direct deposit - \$ 2,485

Scouts donated \$ 300

THANK you for your generosity...



**HAPPY MARCH 11th -
INDEPENDENCE
RESTORATION DAY!**



Let's Soar with Volungė – A 50th Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of tradition and song with Toronto's Lithuanian choir Volungė and the Volungė Song Festival 2025 Choir.

On **April 26, 2025**, we invite you to a special anniversary celebration featuring a **choral performance** followed by a **festive dinner**.

Date: April 26, 2025 at Resurrection Parish Hall.

Doors Open: 5:00 PM (cash bar/snacks)

Concert and Dinner: 6:00 PM

Tickets: \$75 per person (advance purchase required). Order tickets by email at volunge50@yahoo.com or in person at Resurrection Parish after Sunday Masses from March 9th until April 13th.

For ticket information, contact: volunge50@yahoo.com.

eTransfer: volungebank@gmail.com.

Come celebrate five decades of music, memories, and community.

Let's soar together with Volungė!



The XI North American Lithuanian Song Festival "One Family - One Nation",

will take place in Cleveland from June 27-29 of this year.

The festival organizers and the Lithuanian community of Cleveland are excited to welcome up to 65 choirs from the USA, Canada, and Europe, along with 1,400 singers and over 100 dancers and theatre artists. This will be a historic event! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the official Song Festival website:

dainusvente2025.com

We invite you to come on **March 30 at 4 p.m.** to the Resurrection Parish Hall to enjoy a musical afternoon - **"A Classical Tribute to Spring."**

Works by Brahms, Banoncini, Gluck, Chopin, Liszt, Piazzola, and Martin will be performed.

The program artists are:

Aleksia Vadauskas (mezzo-soprano), **Ruta Melkis** (violin), **Carlos Andara** (cello), **Danius Verbyla** (piano), **Ilona Damasius-Beres** (piano).

Admission is by donation.

Invitation from the Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble "Gintaras"



On March 23, after the 11 a.m. Mass, a concert and lunch for the children and youth of the Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble "Gintaras" will take place in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy a short performance by the youngest dancers, buy some favourite cepelinai, and support the "Gintaras" ensemble, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year.



Every Thursday during Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass.

Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.



Lent is a forty-day period dedicated to preparing for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the start of the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

However, it's more than just 40 days. Each Sunday is set aside to celebrate Christ's resurrection, so even though it has a specific character and the colour violet, it is not solely a time of penance or fasting. To preserve the forty-day period, Lent was moved to begin on Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent.

What is the meaning of Lent?

Lent is like a time of universal Church retreat, a period of reflection and repentance during which believers are encouraged to contemplate the mystery of Christ, draw strength from it, cleanse their hearts, review their Christian lives, and prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection with a spirit of repentance and reconciliation. It is a time when the Lord calls us to return to Him and awaits our response.

Lent is marked by Jesus' call: "The time has come; the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the gospel!" (Mark 1:15). Our response to this call depends on us. For Christians, Lent is a forty-day retreat into the desert—not a solitary wandering, but a shared experience of trial and purification with Jesus. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 540 reminds us, "The temptation of Jesus shows that the Son of God is not the Messiah that Satan proposes to Him and that people expect (cf. Mt 16:21–23). Thus, Christ overcame the tempter for our sake: 'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin'" (Hebrews 4:15). Each year, the Church unites itself with the mystery of Jesus in the desert during these forty days of Lent. In summary, Lent is a deeper immersion into the depths of the mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SAVE THE DATE ST. JOHN'S FEAST

**Sunday, JUNE 22nd,
after 11am MASS**

St. John's Feast

"Picnic in the Parking Lot"



A BIG THANK YOU

to the chefs -

**Genovaite Kobelskis
and Ina Gutauskas for
especially delicious pancakes;
Helpers Regina Urnieziene and
Jurate Planciuniene for their
help in the preparation.**



**To the members
of the Parish's
Social Committee
for ALL their help.**



**The musician
Vacys
Povilonis
entertained
everyone with
his songs and
music.**

**To ALL of YOU who
enjoyed pancakes
and listened to the
music and who
stayed
to "hang out"
together...**



**THANK
YOU...**



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.

The Parish is not responsible for the content of the ads

THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: **envelopes; eTransfers** (email: resparish@prisikelimas.ca ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

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

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the **MEMO:** Donation to Parish or Mass.

Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the **MEMO:** Capital Fund, Renovation fund, by bequest, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.



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RCU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1 Resurrection Rd.
Toronto, ON M9A 5G1

62nd RCU Annual General Meeting will take place in person.

Details to follow.

Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

Associate Pastor/Parish economist:

Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM

Serving Priest: Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, OFM

Deacon: Dr. Kazimieras Ambrozaitis

Parish office administrator: Gitana Judvytyte

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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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