

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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CHRISTMAS- B



The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this Gospel is not an Infancy Narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel begins at the beginning, as it were, and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words, "In the beginning . . .," echo the opening verse of the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective.

Creation.

Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. However, John's Gospel highlights that this was the divine intention from the very beginning, from the moment of

At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord our God, with the birth of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, your glory breaks on the world. As we celebrate his first coming, give us a foretaste of the joy that you will grant us when the fullness of his glory has filled the earth." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

***The ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.***

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m. for living and deceased family members and friends (GJ)

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

†Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa)

†Marija and Bronius Matusevicius (family)

†Bronius and Vanda Saulenas (family)

for Jankevicius' and Kartanas' living and deceased family members (I.F.Zilinskas)
special intention;

for living and deceased family members and friends (Pazera family)

2020 CALENDAR

December 25

Christmas

*(Mass on youtube
in Lithuania)*

Christmas concert

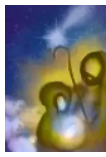
***"SEPTYNIOS
ŽVAIGŽDĖS"***

**[https://youtu.be/
Bk9FskYugEU](https://youtu.be/Bk9FskYugEU)**

***No Mass on
January 1st,***

2021

THE HOLY FAMILY- B



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. for Cernauskas', Rimkevicius' and Levisauskas' deceased family members (V.Cernauskas)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
 - †Kazimieras Grigaravicius (family)
 - †Regina Sinkevicius (2nd anniv.) (Bazarauskas family)
 - †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (Stanevicius family)
 - †Domarkas Slizauskas (G.Kobelskis)
 - †Rita Radziunas (S.Gruchalla & I.Matus)
 - †Laima Macionis (IM)
 - †E.Kriksciunas, E.Ginciauskas, T.Stanulis and J.Zukauskas (Stanevicius family)

Dear parishioners, In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: resparish@prisikelimas.ca or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/.

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication - Website: www.prisikelimas.ca

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

Mass recordings, broadcasts https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g?

Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for YOU ALL in this difficult time. Let us have hope...

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (December 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Richard Houlihan and Petras Kuncevicus (B.Kuncevicus);

TUESDAY (December 29): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Irena Paskauskas (Cuplinskas family);

WEDNESDAY (December 30): 7 p.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (Cuplinskas family); †Markus and Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

THURSDAY (December 31): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaicieuskas (wife); special intention (GJ); in thanksgiving (A.Kuncaitis);

FRIDAY (January 1): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

SATURDAY (January 2): 9 a.m. †Romualdas Tumpa (GJ); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Daria Chodocinskas (grandmother);

SUNDAY (January 3): 9 a.m. †Rimas Strimaitis (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ilona Janeliunas - Smalenskas (V.Puzeris); †Edvardas Peculis ("Kretinga"); †Domarkas Slizauskas (D.Jasiukaitiene); †Daria Chodocinskas (D.J.Didzbalis); †Mary Anne Kuslikis, Elena and Vytautas Kriksciunas, Laima Macionis (B.V.Bireta); †Inocentas Jurcevicius (A.Jurcevicius); †Ona (7th anniv.) and Zigmas (10th anniv.) Girdauskas (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 314,044

B.Pichler, M.Mikelenas-McLoughlin,
M.K.Poskus, K.Juskey, R.Steer -
\$ 1,200

THANK YOU...

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

**Collections, beginning week of
December 14th - 18th**

36 envelopes - \$ 8,150
Direct deposit - \$ 1,305
eTransit - \$ 520

THANK you for your generosity

“When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth” (Lk 2,39)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A Holy Christmas to you all!

This year we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus in totally unexpected ways – in isolation or quarantine and under uncertain conditions. For many of us this is the first Christmas when we cannot visit with close family and friends; we cannot gather around a communal table to share a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day meal; we cannot gather by the Christmas tree to personally share gifts nor receive them. In this new normal, caused by a worldwide pandemic, let us find safe ways to share heartfelt Christmas greetings with one another and to celebrate the spirit of the birth of the Christ Child.

Although the Covid-19 pandemic has brought forth many challenges for us, people have found ways to serve others and to form special bonds with those around them. The virus is everywhere, but we can defeat it with our joint efforts to spread love. Let us pray for strength from our Lord for all who are ill and for those who nurse and heal the sick. May they feel his Divine Mercy. Let us pray for all who will be alone during this time, that they may experience the joy of Christ's birth through personal prayer or by joining others on the internet to watch streamed Masses and listen to Christmas hymns. Whatever our circumstances, may we welcome the newborn Jesus into our homes, just as Mary and Joseph did when they returned with him to Galilee to their hometown, Nazareth.

I pray that Lithuanians around the world, especially if you are unable to travel to your homes because of pandemic restrictions, may cherish your Lithuanian religious traditions and values in your hearts, wherever you may be. May your Christmas Eve and Christmas Day tables be laden with traditional foods. May your prayers for your homeland and relatives unite you with those far away. Let us also share our special Christmas traditions with the youngest members of our families. Through our prayers of worship, let us thank God for all He has given us. As much as we are able, let us continue to be Children of the Light (Jn 12, 36).

During the Christmas season we also celebrate the feast day of the Holy Family. In the Gospel of Luke ch2, v40, we are told that *“the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.”* This is also my prayer all of us: to be healthy, to seek spiritual wisdom, to be close to God and to believe that He has prepared our salvation.

I wish you a peaceful Christmas as well as blessings and good health in 2021.

Msgr. Edmond J. Putrimas, Lithuanian Bishops Conference Delegate for Lithuanian Catholics in the Diaspora



But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

/Lk 2, 10- 12/

Today, these words, spoken by the shepherds on the Holy Night, in a way, newly reveal to us the Christmas celebration. The Peaceful Night invites us to start out on a permanent, life-long journey to discover the Saviour's Light in the form of a newborn baby, to pray with Him when choosing a path in life, and through Him, share ourselves with our fellow neighbours, thus opening the door to the heart, that is the home of mercy...

Blessings of the Newborn Lord descend upon you.

Your Franciscan Fathers and all the ordained Clergy serving our Parish extend Christmas greetings to all our parishioners on the occasion of Christ's birth.



ALLELUIA...ALLELUIA...ALLELUIA...

Resurrection Parish's Children's & Youth Choir, "Kankles" Ensemble, "Occasional" Choir, "VOLUNGĖ" Women's Ensemble and "VOLUNGĖ" Choir

wish all Parishioners a Blessed Christmas...

We WILL sing again!



Camp "Kretinga" wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy 2021 New Year!

Camp "Kretinga" 2021:

English speaking July 4th - 17th; Lithuanian speaking July 18th - 31st



Resurrection Parish's Cafeteria Staff wish you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with success, joy and health.

THE PARISH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
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*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

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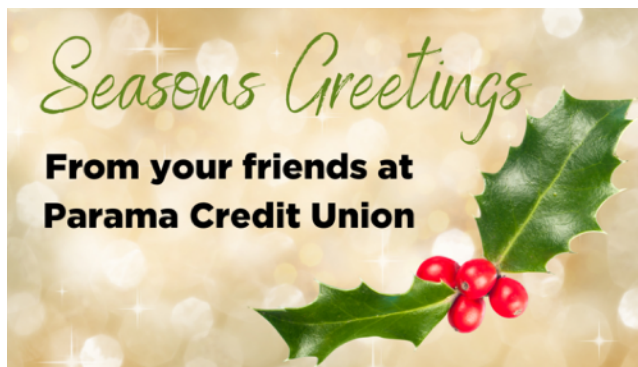


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