

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION

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THE HOLY FAMILY



God established the family in the marriage of Adam and Eve. The first reading teaches us the importance God places on the family. Loving and honoring our parents, especially when they are old, yields a long life, blessings, and forgiveness of our sins.

As God's chosen and beloved ones, we too, must reflect on this awesome love in our lives. Paul almost runs out of words – compassion, kindness, humility, and gentleness – to stress the love we should have for one another. It was God who chose our parents, siblings and children for us. Our family, created by God, must reflect His love.

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

The Holy Family's escape to Egypt reminds us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

†R.R.

"Jesus, thank you for my family. Help us learn how to respect and love each other even more." (TWAU)

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m. †Grant Bonner (1st anniv.) (family)

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world

†Monsignor Edmundas, Edita and Sofija Putrimas (GJ)

†Agne Jagelaviciute (GJ)

†Kazimieras Grigaravicius (Irena, Virginija, children)

†Jonas (15th anniv.) and Jadze Stanaitis (I.Stanaitis)

†Regina Sinkevicius (6th anniv.) (daughter Rimanta and family)

†Jonas Jakniunas (G.Adie and family)

†Liudas Racickas (family)

†Kazimieras and Jone Sapockinas (R.A.Nakrosius)

†Vladas and Lile Nakrosius (R.A.Nakrosiusi)

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Zibute Janeliunas and Ted Chornomaz

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (December 30): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); †Terese and Leonidas Galinis (J.J.Macijauskas);

TUESDAY (December 31): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Markus (50th anniv.) and Liudas Matukas (family);

WEDNESDAY New Year (January 1): 9 a.m. †Antanas Zaveliskis (Pabedinskas and Cepas families); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Algis Vaisnoras (VDG); †Algis Vaisnoras (family); blessings of the Lord for all parishioners (Daiva);

THURSDAY (January 2): 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius (RU);

FRIDAY (January 3): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

SATURDAY (January 4): 9 a.m. †special intention (GJ); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" blessings of the Lord for "Vilnius Manor" residents and workers;

SUNDAY (January 5): 9 a.m. †Nancy Stonkus (S.Brough and R.Zander); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for living and deceased friends (JMC); †Joana and Algimantas (10th anniv.) Zubrickas (V.L.Zubrickas); †Juozas Zemaitis (GK); †Nijole and Vytautas Tamulaitis (R.A.Nakrosius); †Julius Nevulis (O.Dirmantas); †Ona and Zigmas Girdauskas (family).

"Capital Fund" - \$ 516,378

R.J.Balaisis, A.Baziliauskas, R.J.Birgiolas,

G.Ignaitis, V.Groen in't Woud, B.J.Jonys,

D.A.Nausedas, L.R.Steer - \$ 9,150

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections -

December 22nd:

54 envelopes - \$ 5,450

No envelopes - \$ 155

Direct deposit - \$ 935

December 24th - 25th:

55 envelopes - \$ 8,362.25

No envelopes - \$ 397.35

During the holiday season, to the renovation fund - \$ 24,125

"Children's envelopes": Leja and Matas \$ 10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



"A good person's heart is God's sanctuary on Earth". Mad.Neckar/

We wholeheartedly appreciate your generous gifts, donations and prayers during the 2024 year and especially on Christmas.

A BIG THANK YOU to all singers, musicians, leaders, Mass broadcasters, readers and all the helpers who contribute to all the activities of the parish.

A beautiful, peaceful year filled with health and grace of the Lord for 2025!

Fr. Jonas Šileika, OFM, Pastor and the Franciscan Fathers

„Whatsoever you do unto the least of these, you do it unto me.“ St.Francis prayer

Sincere THANKS to Ramune Stravinskas for the many years she has helped to collect donations for the "Soup kitchen".

Sincerely THANKS TO ALL OF YOU for your generous donations to the "Soup kitchen in Lithuania" and gifts for the "Out of the Cold" program at All Saints Kingsway church.

You donated for "Soup kitchen in Lithuania"- \$ 6,780.

We would like to **THANK Vida Dirmantas - Groen in't Woud** and the children, youth and adults who participated with writing and creating beautiful Christmas greeting cards to our friends at "Labdara" nursing home.

Through your love, kindness, and generosity, you brought warmth and closeness to those who need it most this Christmas time.

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.