

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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26th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions

the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

**Remember your mercy, Lord.**

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas' & Pranckevicius' deceased family members  
(S.Brough & D.Pranaitis)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for peace in Ukraine and the world
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| †Vladas and Stasys Vydmantas  | (GJ)            |
| †Katarina and Juozas Alisauskas   | (D.J.Didzbalis) |
| †Aldona and Jonas Petrauskas  | (family)        |
| †Liudmila Sukauskas   | (A.Jurcevicus)  |
| †Zuzana Stravinskis   | (R.Stravinskis) |
| †Dr.Julius Puodziukas (19th anniv.)   | (family)        |
| †Jonas Bancevicus   | (family)        |
| †Algimantas Martusevicus and blessings of the Lord for the family (I.Pazeriene) |                 |
| request grace of health for Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (R.J.Kuliesius)        |                 |



2023

**October 14, 6pm - 9 pm**

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

**October 20-21**

Fall Rummage Sale

**November 5**

Cemetery day

**November 18**

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

**November 19**

Parish Family Day

11 am Thanksgiving

Mass

**December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat

**December 10**

Christmas Concert

**December 25**

Christmas

**PARISH OFFICE**

**HOURS**

**I - IV 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

**V 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**VI - VII CLOSED**

**Cantors of the Masses:**  
9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas  
11 AM - choir "Volunge"  
organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (October 2): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); †Edvardas Peciulis (R.J.Balaisis);

**TUESDAY** (October 3): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (October 4): 7 p.m. special intention (NN);

**THURSDAY** (October 5): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

**FRIDAY** (October 6): 7 p.m. special intention (Daiva);

**SATURDAY** (October 7): 9 a.m. †Algis Simanavicius (12th anniv.) (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Rokas Dobrovolskis (grandmother);

**SUNDAY** (October 8): 9 a.m. †Laima Loreta Fox (S.Brough) 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Magdalena and Antanas Dauksa (family); †Adomas and Ramute Grigonis (son Aleksas); †Antanas Zdanevicius (Peciulis family); †Liudmila Sukauskas (Zimnickas family); †Filomena Maciulis (family); †William Gulletson (G.Sakalinyte); †Silvija Klibingaitis (family); blessings of the Lord for Birute and Vytautas Bireta celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary (D.A.Nauseda).

## Capital Fund - \$ 346,660

A.R.Sileika - \$100

THANK YOU...

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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

**September 24th - 44 envelopes - \$ 1,700**

No envelopes - \$ 125.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,150

THANK YOU to

"Parama" Credit Union for \$ 5,000 and RCU for \$3,000 donations for the Parish's 70th Anniversary.

In memory of Liudmila Sukauskas, the family donated \$500 to the parish

In memory of Ceslovas Kavaliauskas, during the funeral, guests donated \$640

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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
PASTOR JONAS SILEIKA  
ON HIS 65th BIRTHDAY...  
WE WISH HIM DAYS FILLED  
WITH HEALTH  
AND THE LORD'S BLESSINGS.**



**Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend:  
The celebration begins on Saturday, November  
18th with a gala dinner and show, "Better than  
Hollywood" - TICKETS ARE ALL SOLD OUT.**

**Those who ordered tickets are asked to pay for them  
asap. For info contact [ritagrybas@gmail.com](mailto:ritagrybas@gmail.com).**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL on Sunday,  
November 19th as the celebration, "From your  
Hand..." continues with our parish family and  
friends at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11AM,  
followed by music, youth entertainment,  
photo apps and a special commemorative video  
produced by Andy Kaknevičius.**

**Thanksgiving** is a time of year when we celebrate gratitude. We think about all the things that are important to us like our family, our friends and our home; everything that makes us feel blessed.

**We invite** parishioners of all ages to make heartfelt Thanksgiving greeting cards for our friends at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greeting cards will bring hope, love, joy and peace as well as a feeling of close connection to our community.

**We welcome everyone to the parish cafe TODAY after 9am and 11am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida; [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)

We thank you for your outstanding generosity.

*Young singers and instrumentalists - are invited to join:*

**Youth and children's choir** - rehearsals are on Sundays after the 11 am Mass. All children and youth between the ages of 7 - 17 are welcome to join.

(leader: Daina Babeckas, [dainababeckas1@gmail.com](mailto:dainababeckas1@gmail.com))

**Kankles ensemble** - rehearsals will be in the parish library on Sundays at 10 am. Children and youth from the age of 10 are most welcome (leaders: Alexandra Valaitis, Daina Sablinskas).

The Toronto Archdiocese will hold a special collection to support the **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund.**

*In our Church, Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Campaign today, October 1st. You will find envelopes in the church vestibule. Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using the **DONATE NOW.***

*When we support Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund, we are making more than a financial contribution – we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese!*

*Thank you...*

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE **OCTOBER 20 - 21 2023**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

Volunteers needed to set up tables

Monday, October 16th, 10am - 12 noon .

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit .

### **CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:**

**we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods** BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

**We ask you to bring your donations **NO EARLIER** than **Tuesday OCTOBER 17th at 10AM!****

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

**We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

***We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!***

\*For other info please contact:

Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271; Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088.

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***An invitation to all from the residents of "Labdara"! Please come to our "Labdara's" Annual Bake & Craft Sale - Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, "Labdara's" Community Room***

Come out and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and cake, shop for some art and help bring joy to our resident's lives! All of the proceeds will be used to buy much needed supplies for Special Events and Celebrations, for entertainment and trips, that Residents' Council requests throughout the year.

If you would be willing to contribute in ANY way, please contact Nerijus Augutis 416-232-2112 x 412, [labdaravolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:labdaravolunteering@gmail.com) every little bit helps!

***We look forward to seeing you!***

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***First Communion*** registration and activities will begin on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room. The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration. **THANK YOU** to Rasa Balaisis for preparing the children for First Communion.

***Confirmation*** registration and activities will begin on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room. The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

**THANK YOU** to Paulius Sukauskas and Mantas Mileris for preparing the youth for the Sacrament.

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**"KIŠKIŲ KLUBAS"** - "Kiškių klubas" welcomes parents/grandparents with Preschool Toddlers/Babies for friendship, Lithuanian songs, games and activities in the Resurrection Hall every Thursday morning 9:30 am - 11:00am, starting October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Registration contact: [lili.steer@sympatico.ca](mailto:lili.steer@sympatico.ca) or cell: 416-801-3689.

## **Pope at Audience: 'I found passion, enthusiasm in Marseille'**



During his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on his recently-concluded Apostolic Journey to Marseille for the conclusion of the Mediterranean Meetings. "I can say that I found passion and enthusiasm in Marseille."

Mediterranean's vocation - The dream, and the challenge, the Pope went on to say, is "that the Mediterranean might recover its vocation, that of being a laboratory of civilization and peace."

"The Mediterranean is the cradle of civilization and a cradle is for life! It is not tolerable that it become a tomb, neither should it be a place of conflict. No."

The Mediterranean Sea, the Pope stated, "is the complete opposite of the clash between civilizations, war, human trafficking." Rather, he argued, it is "a means of communication" between Africa, Asia, and Europe, between the north and the south, the east and the west, persons and cultures, peoples and tongues, philosophies and religions.

While he acknowledged that the sea is always an abyss to overcome in some way, which can become dangerous, the Holy Father recalled that 2,000 years ago, from its eastern shore, the Gospel of Jesus set out to proclaim to the peoples.

<...> He praised the event's having contributed to building a "human" outlook on the Mediterranean, one that is not "ideological, strategic, not politically correct nor instrumental," but "that is, capable of referring everything to the primary value of the human person and his or her inviolable dignity."

In addition to this, the Pope said those days inspired hope.

"Brothers and sisters," Pope Francis insisted, "this hope cannot and must not "evaporate"; no, rather, it needs to be organized, to be concretized through long, medium and short-term actions."

Choice to emigrate or not emigrate - This, the Pope said, means working "so that people, in complete dignity, can choose to emigrate or not to emigrate," which - he reminded - was the theme of the recent World Day of Migrant and Refugees.

The Pope also stated that hope needs to be restored to European societies, especially to the new generations, saying Europe must rediscover its passion and enthusiasm.

Pope Francis concluded by praying that Our Lady, "whom the people of Marseille venerate as *Notre Dame de la Garde*, accompany the journey of the peoples of the Mediterranean so that this region might become what it has always been called to be - a mosaic of civilization and hope."

Pope Francis' two-day visit to Marseille marked the Holy Father's 44<sup>th</sup> Apostolic Journey abroad, and second Visit to a French city.

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THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto: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](http://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.

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