# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - A





Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates

sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life. May your love rule in my heart that I may only think, act, and speak with charity and good will for all." ( $\frac{\text{dailyscripture.net}}{\text{dailyscripture.net}}$ ) †R.R.

# The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

## SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

(GJ)

9 a.m. †Gordon Manock

11 a.m. For living and deceased parishioners

Novena

†Arunas Caplikas (V.Zaleckaite)

†Antanina Adomonis and Vida Adomonis-Thomas (family)

†Birute and Jonas Danaitis (family)

†Anele Puteris (M.R.Rusinas)

†Donatas Karosas (family)

†Romualdas Tumpa (B.Tamosiunas) †Vincas Piecaitis and Kestutis Lapinas (C.B.Jonys)

request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Edita Salciunaite (family)

request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Vida Sirtautiene (V.M.Navickas)

#### 2020 CALENDAR

#### December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat
(in Lithuanian)

#### December 6

4pm

Scouts' Kucios
via the Zoom app details to be
announced later

## December 20

4 pm - 5 pm

"Kretinga Camp Advent Gathering -Christmas Concert" (via the Zoom app details to be announced later)

## December 13

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert

CANCELLED

December 25

Christmas

Because of COVID-19, Resurrection Parish Office hours will be 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Cantors of the Masses: 9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough 11 a.m. - Gabriele Navickas, Tessa Groen in't Woud, Gintas Pabedinskas, Alexandra Valaitis. organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (November 23): 7 p.m. Novena; †Irena Paskauskas (Tarvydas family);

TUESDAY (November 24): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; Novena; †Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa);
WEDNESDAY (November 25): 7 p.m.

Novena; †Aldona Aleliunas (A.Ratavicius); **THURSDAY** (November 26): 7 p.m. Novena; †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Leokadija Nevulis (gradaughter Vida); for Baranauskas' deceased family members (G.Slabosevicius); †Liudas Matukas and Ksavera Slekys (G.Matukas):

FRIDAY (November 27): 7 p.m. †Vincas Narusevicius (A.K.Ambrozaitis); for Viciulis' deceased family members (†A.Ledas); SATURDAY (November 28): 9 a.m. Novena; †Antanas Valinta (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Juozas and Magdalena Pargauskas

(E.Shishkus):

**SUNDAY** (November 29): 9 a.m. †Henrikas Sukauskas (15 m.) (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); for Urbonas' deceased family members (R.M.Rusinas); †Teodoras Stanulis (Stanevicius family); †Brone Vilkus (O.Dirmantas); †Ona and Ceslovas Januskevicius (C.B.Jonys); blessings of the Lord for Dirmantas family (O.Stanevicius-Mills); request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Albina Laurinaitis (A.Laurinaitis); †Elena Piecaitis (9th anniv.) (V.M.Navickas); †Rimantas Montvydas (D.A.Garsva).

# Capital Fund -\$ \$ 311,049 THANK YOU...

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

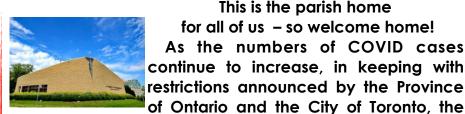
Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" November 14th-15th

> 32 envelope - \$ 1,085 No envelopes - \$ 16.40 Direct deposit - \$ 1,135 Attendance 105

> > eTransit - \$ 280

Algis Vaisnoras donated to the parish renovation \$ 3,000 *Laima Adamonis donated to the parish* renovation \$ 1,000 *Vytautas Adamonis donated to the parish* renovation \$ 500

THANK you for your generosity



This is the parish home for all of us - so welcome home! As the numbers of COVID cases continue to increase, in keeping with restrictions announced by the Province

archdiocese has issued new guidelines for parishes:

- Beginning November 24, the maximum number of participants at any Mass or other liturgy is reduced to 50
- No meetings should take place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time.

To stay safe and care for one another, we are encouraged to continue strict adherence to public health guidelines: to wear face masks, sanitize our hands upon entering the church, maintain a distance of 2 metres, and to stay at home if we are feeling unwell, or experiencing cold or flu symptoms.

In recent weeks, Sunday Mass attendance has been approximately 40 people at 9AM and 50 people at 11AM. If these numbers remain stable, we should remain within the prescribed limits, however, we ask for your patience and understanding, should we need to enforce the new restrictions. We will closely follow the situation and if the need arises, we will implement a system for pre-registering for Mass. For those who are more comfortable attending Mass with fewer participants, please note that Mass is celebrated daily at 7PM on weekdays, and at 9AM on Saturdays. Recordings of Sunday Masses in Lithuanian are available on the parish's YouTube channel, and we hope to begin livestreaming as soon as an upgrade to our internet service is completed. Sunday Mass is also live-streamed from St. Michael's Cathedral week at 10AM at https:// www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Though we can't all get together physically at this time, we can join together as a community in prayer.

Until COVID is brought under control, we will try to leverage technology for some traditional events. Through the recently redesigned parish website, www.prisikelimas.ca you can easily link to our YouTube channel and to our Facebook page. Through these links, you will be able to access a virtual Advent retreat with Fr. Julius Sanauskas, OFM, as well as other relevant content. The annual "Camp Kretinga" Advent celebration will also be going virtual this year. Stay tuned for more details.

May the Lord bless us all and grant us his Mercy!



Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai are available in the ParishOffice, Monday-Friday,

from 9 am till 2 pm.,
also on Sundays' after Mass.
It is a Lithuanian tradition that
when we are seated
at the Kucios table, we share this
symbol of the living bread – Jesus Christ
as He comes into the world.

God holds us in his loving care. Let's pass it on through respect, caring and protection of one another!

Washable face masks with the Resurrection Parish logo are now available - \$10.00

By purchasing a mask, you will support the parish, and by wearing one, you will protect the community and our most vulnerable.

Masks are available for purchase on Sundays before Mass – please bring exact change to limit contact. THANKS...

TODAY - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - our parish is starting a FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...

A request regarding donor's envelopes – Please ensure that all the information requested on the donor's envelope is completed: your first and last name, current address, envelope number (if you are not using a personalized envelope, but a generic one).

We also urge parishioners to promptly notify the church office of a change of address in order to ensure the timely delivery of tax receipts at yearend.

\* You can also donate through RCU or Parama Banks. Lord, I am Your child, I love You, I want to get to know You and will always be a friend with you. Help me to Love you, deepen my faith Grant me the hope that one day I will see you in heaven."

During the last seven months, with the guidance of their teachers, 11 children journeyed towards the great Mystery, attending catechetical lessons with great dedication. Daily, they learned to get closer to God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, trusting and waiting for His help, which is received through the sacraments. They learned to love God more earnestly, to share their joys and sorrows with Him. When COVID-19 hit, the lessons were interrupted and resumed this fall in virtual communication.

From October to November, in groups or individually, they received the **First Communion** with great excitement. Let us rejoice, Christ comes into their hearts!

With Holy Communion we are united with Jesus – it nurtures grace and unites us as members of the universal Church. In Holy Communion, Jesus becomes food for our souls. God's grace present in us at the same time leads us to reconciliation and produces good fruit. And now all may unite with Jesus in Holy Communion. Remember, Jesus is waiting for you every day. Your friendship with Jesus will deepen your faith, strengthening you in body and soul. Rejoice in the Lord's love and His abundant gifts and when the need arises, you will discover new channels of grace. Today we would like to recall the alphabet of LOVE. We wish you, communicants and parents, to reflect on them and believe that you receive God's abundant graces.

Thomas Avila, Kristina Balaisis, Stella Boyer, Thomas Jude Cropper, Meda Marija Gudaitis, Lukas Sherlock Kissoon, Gracie Ratchford, Lara Stanevicius, Elias Saudys, Gabi Joana Saudys, Liudvikas Vaicekauskas

**Respect Everyone**. Remember that Christ dwells in each of us. Be mindful of him/her, your brother/sister.

**Think good thoughts about everyone.** Try to find something good even in the worst situation.

**Speak good things about others.** Do not speak ill of anyone. Correct what wrong your words might cause immediately.

**Speak the language of love with everyone.** Do not raise your voice. Don't swear, do not create problems for others, be good.

**Forgive all.** Do not carry grudges. Be the first one to stretch out your hand in reconciliation.

Always show concern for your neighbour. Do unto others as you would have done to yourself. Do not remember the wrongdoings done to you; remember what wrongs you have done to others.

**Relieve the pain of your suffering with action.** Willingly rush to help out, advise and comfort with sincerity.

Work honestly. The fruits of your work enjoyed by others as you enjoy the fruits of their labour.

**Help your neighbour.** Help the poor, the sick and the marginalized. Give of yourself. Notice those who need your help in your surroundings.

Sincerely THANK YOU to **Rasa Balaisis** and **Vilija Bijunas** for preparing 12 children for First Communion.

**GOD BLESS YOU...** 

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