

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. May I never tire of listening to your word, seeking you in prayer, and longing for your return in glory." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Ona Kirvaitis (5th anniv.)	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	Novena - for deceased souls	
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Irena Morkunas and Antanina Leparskis	(A.Morkunas)
	†Valentinas and Marija Indris	(R.Indris)
	†Teofile Kobelskis and Kodis family	(children)
	†Mary Anne Kuslikis (1st anniv.)	(family)
	†Mary Anne Kuslikis	(R.Buksaitis)
	†Jaime Jacalne	(O.Torres)
	†Stasys Prakapas	(S.Gruchalla and I.Matus)
	†Algirdas Puranas and Dalia Triponis	(N.Benotas)
	blessings of the Lord for Nijole and her relatives	(N.Storyk)
	request grace of health for family	(D.Valaitis)

December 24

8:45 p.m. -

Christmas music

9 p.m. -

Christmas Eve Mass

December 25

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

2022 January 1st

NEW YEAR

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

Office hours during the Holidays

December 24

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 25-28

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December 31

CLOSED

January 3, 2022

CLOSED

Sunday Masses

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Tevai Pranciskonai

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Danguole Juozapavicius,
Danute Pranaitis, Zita Nausedas,
Ilona Tarvydas, Judita Gabrys,
Julija Danaitis, Danguole Lelis,
Laima Underis, Rasa Wilkinson,
Zibute Janeliunas, Janet Krisciunas,
Sandy Mc Cullough, Grazina Adie
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (November 29): 7 p.m. Novena;
†Antanas Kartavicius (K.Buozis)

TUESDAY (November 30): 7 p.m. Novena; living
and deceased benefactors; †Eremina Norvaisa and
Norvaisa's family health (Norvaisa family);

WEDNESDAY (December 1): išų šeima);

TREČIADIENIS (gruodžio 1): 10 a.m.
"Labdara" †Birute and Stasys Vaitiekunas
(L.R.S.Kuliavas); 7 p.m. †Ona Kirvaitis
(L.Sukauskas);

THURSDAY (December 2): 7 p.m.
†Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (Prakapas family);
for Kuliesius' deceased family members
(G.Slabosevicius); †Stasys Prakapas
(A.Morkunas); †Regina and Jonas Genetis
(Prakapas family); †Leokadija Nevulis
(O.Dirmantas); in thanksgiving to Mary of Siluva
(R.J.Karasiejus);

FRIDAY (December 3): 7 p.m. †Sofija Styra (6th
anniv.) (L.Sukauskas); †Algis Martusevicius
(V.Ross);

SATURDAY (December 4): 9 a.m. †Romas
Leparskas (A.Morkunas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor"
†Ruta and Paulius Stankus (A.Vaskevicius);

SUNDAY (December 5): 9 a.m. for Brough,
Cerniauskas' & Pranckevicius' deceased family
members (S.Brough & D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. living
and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Siciunas
(wife); †Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis (V.White); †Stasys
Prakapas (family); †Juozas Maciulis (family);
†Nijole and Vytas Tamulaitis (R.Buksaitis);
†Vladas Kobelskis and Aldona Zemaitis
(G.Kobelskis); †Liuda Jurenas (13th anniv)
(O.Jurenas ir šeima); †Algis Grajauskas
(L.Underys); †Stase Dagis (family).

Capital Fund - 323,504

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of November 21st

47 envelopes - \$ 2,675

No envelopes - \$ 55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,275

Shepherds' Trust- \$ 1,240

THANK you for your generosity



This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!

Dear Parishioners,

Contrary to our greatest hopes, COVID 19 remains part of our reality. As we approach Advent and the Christmas season, we are glad to see increasing attendance at Sunday Masses, and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued patience and perseverance in maintaining the health and safety protocols that remain in place. Please:

*wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while you are in the church building

*sanitize your hands upon entering

*register with the volunteers so that in the unfortunate event of a COVID case we will be able to contact you promptly

*practice physical distancing while waiting to register, taking seats, and in line for communion

*follow guidance from the ushers for seating; sit only in marked seats

*stay at home if you are experiencing cold symptoms.

As difficult as it may be to resist, we also ask that you not congregate in the narthex after Mass. It's wonderful that we can worship as a community, and we hope that soon we will be able to meet for fellowship and coffee in the hall. To ensure that happens as soon as possible, let's say our hellos outdoors for the time being.

Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian is continuing Sundays at 11, as well the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Blessings and let's unite in prayer wherever we are.



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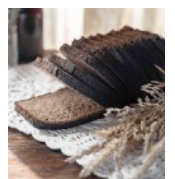
From TODAY Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai



will be available in the Parish Office,
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.

Christmas is fast approaching. As we prepare to celebrate,
let's remember our less fortunate brothers
and sisters in Lithuania. Beginning today,
and throughout Advent, **donations to
support soup kitchens in Lithuania** will be
accepted in the church vestibule.



In the true Christmas spirit, why not
consider making a donation instead of buying gifts?



ADVENT

on December 5th,

during the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses as a guest from Lithuania, Fr. Alvydas Virbalis, OFM, will give a homily for Advent. Fr. Alvydas is the Director of the Franciscan High school in Kretinga.

ATTENTION

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 year-end.

PLEASE DON'T wait until the last week of December to transfer, bring or send donations to the Parish.

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.

Also, you can donate through **banks** - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

Lithuanian food for take out will be prepared every Sunday. We ask that you order EARLY in the week.

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@outlook.com. If you do not receive confirmation by email, please call 647-869-6164. In your email, please specify the items and quantities you wish to order, as well as the time you will be picking up your order.

PLEASE pick-up your orders outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

Our parish, from September 19th, CONTINUES our 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.

Pope at Audience: St. Joseph a model for meaningful human relationships



Pope Francis continues his catechesis series on St. Joseph at the Wednesday General Audience, and says that Joseph shows that even those who appear on the margins of society have a special role in God's plan of salvation.

The Pope picked up his catechesis on St. Joseph at the weekly General Audience, reflecting on his role in salvation history.

Focusing on how he is presented in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, Pope Francis noted that both evangelists compose a genealogy of Jesus, which begins either with Abraham (as in Matthew) or Adam (as in Luke) and culminates in Joseph and Jesus. Both Luke and Matthew, said the Pope, present Joseph not as the biological father of Jesus but in any case, as "fully the father of Jesus."

"Through him, Jesus fulfils the history of the covenant and salvation between God and man."

Servant of Christ - Pope Francis said Matthew shows us that Joseph represents a central point in God's plan of salvation, even though he appears discreet and apparently on the margins of the story and of society. "Joseph lives his agency without ever seeking to take over the scene," he said.

Everyone, he added, can find in St. Joseph—who often goes unnoticed or hidden—an intercessor and a guide in difficult moments. "He reminds us that all those who are seemingly hidden or in the 'second row' have unparalleled agency in the history of salvation," said the Pope. "The world needs these men and women."

Guardian of the Redeemer - The Pope then turned to the Gospel of Luke, where Joseph is portrayed as "the guardian of Jesus and Mary." This role extends throughout history to make him also "the Guardian of the Church". God, he added, offers St. Joseph as a response to the question Cain put to God after killing his brother: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

"Joseph, with his life, seems to want to tell us that we are always called to feel that we are the guardians of our brothers and sisters, the custodians of those placed close to us, of those whom the Lord entrusts to us through the circumstances of life," he said.

Patron of the afflicted - Pope Francis noted that St. Joseph offers our "fluid" modern society a model of how to treat human relations. The Gospel accounts of Jesus' genealogy, said the Pope, remind us that "our lives are made up of bonds that precede and accompany us. The Son of God chose to come into the world by way of such bonds."

The Pope added that his thoughts go out to all those who struggle to find meaningful relationships in their own lives, saying this situation leaves many people feeling alone and lacking the strength to strive ahead.

Support in difficulties - Pope Francis concluded his catechesis by offering a prayer to help everyone who struggles with loneliness, adding that they can find in St. Joseph "an ally, a friend, and a support."

Saint Joseph, you who guarded the bond with Mary and Jesus, help us to care for the relationships in our lives. May no one experience the sense of abandonment that comes from loneliness.

Let each of us be reconciled with our own history, with those who have gone before, and recognise even in the mistakes made a way through which Providence has made its way, and evil did not have the last word.

Show yourself to be a friend to those who struggle the most, and as you supported Mary and Jesus in difficult times, support us too on our journey. Amen.

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