

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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4th SUNDAY of the EASTER - A



This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence." (dailyscripture.net)
†R.R.

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Michael Brough (9th anniv.)	(S.Brough)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Antanas Stanevicius	(Stanevicius family)
	†Rymantas Chaponis	(family)
	†Jonas Karka (30th anniv.)	(family)
	†Edita Putrimas	(Rusinas family)
	†Aldona Kuolas (20th anniv.)	(A.Kuolas)
	†Juozas, Anastazija, Zibute and Danute Peseckas	(O.Stoncious)
	†Ruta and Paulius Stankus	(Vaskevicius family)
	†Vida Stripinis	(Cuplinskis family)
	†Ona Narusevicius (8th anniv.) and Terese Lorenas (7th anniv.)	(A.K.Ambrozaitis)
	†Salomeja Oleka	(R.Oleka)



2023

April 30

Parish 70th anniversary
lunch

May 7

First Communion

May 28

Cemetery day

June 3

Run for Hope

June 4

Confirmation

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary Parish
Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Dana Pranaitis

11 AM - children

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

May 1 - 7

MONDAY (May 1): 7 p.m. Novena; in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family);

TUESDAY (May 2): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; special intention (NN);

WEDNESDAY (May 3): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Vladas Sleinys and Sleinys' & Borkertas' deceased family members (Sleinys family); 7 p.m. Novena; request grace of health for Valentina (friend);

THURSDAY (May 4): 7 p.m. Novena; request grace of health for Jonas Olisuskas (M.V.Neverauskas);

FRIDAY (May 5): 7 p.m. Novena; request grace of health for Petras Krakauskas (M.V.Neverauskas);

SATURDAY (May 6): 9 a.m. Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Wanda and Algis Ulbinas (Vaskevicius family);

SUNDAY (May 7): 9 a.m. †Leokadija Nevulis and Alida Groen in't Woud (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Ona and Stasys Dackus (granddaughter); †Gediminas and Leonas Skukauskas (V.Skukauskas); †Stasys Prakapas (family); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas and Edita Putrimas (KG); †Vyga (5th anniv.) and Arthur Augenas (family); †Jurgis Simaitis (Stanevicius family); †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); †Ona Kuliesius (R.J.Kuliesius); †Regina Antanaitis (Daiva); †Cesius and Joana (1st anniv.) Kuras (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 345,260

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor"

and April 23rd

47 envelopes - \$ 1,140

No envelopes - \$ 82.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,105

THANK you for your generosity

TODAY April 30th, 12:00 noon
PARISH 70th ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Buffet / Wine & beer / Program /

Photo display / Take a picture / Lottery and more

Cost: adults - \$30.00, youth under 18 yrs. - \$20.00,

5 years and under - free.

Tickets will be available at the entrance to the hall.

We invite everyone to attend!

THE PARISH IS LOOKING FOR:

- **cleaner:** to clean and maintain the church and parish facilities;
- an **employee** who could take care of the halls and prepare them for events as needed, e.g.: parish events, funerals, on Sundays or during the week.

Please call the parish office - 416-533-0621.

MOZAIIKA III

Silent Art Auction - October 14th

ALL are invited to support MOZAIIKA

II by donating artwork: sculptures, paintings, prints.

We will gladly accept donations at

the Church office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com

TODAY SHARE LIFE Campaign. Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet www.archtoronto.org and using the **DONATE NOW**.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a **ShareLife** agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support **ShareLife**, 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...



Save the Date: Toronto Folk Dance Ensemble "Gintaras" invites you to their festival, **Gintarinės Joninės** on June 24th at Anapolis Halls. Guests from Lithuania, Sweden, Argentina, USA and the Ukrainian Dance School will perform. More information can be found at: torontogintaras.com

ONCE AGAIN

THANK YOU TO ALL for your support, hard work and care during last week's sale.

God bless you all!

Labdara - The Parish Committee for Charitable Causes

THANK YOU the Canadian Lithuanian Foundation for \$5,000 in support of the parish and \$3,000, by bequest of †G.Kuzmas, to the hungry people in Lithuania.

Camp **"KRETINGA"** invites all to **Work Weekend on June 9th - 11th.** Guaranteed: a place to sleep and delicious food. For more information Wally Dauginis: wally.dauginis@bell.ca

P.S. * paid positions available for help in the kitchen 2-4 weeks in July; *As well, could someone donate an SUV or VAN to the camp? We WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL..

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Annual Resurrection Parish Run for Hope – June 3rd Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipeda, Lithuania

Registration: <https://forms.gle/7y7jvXE7K8YbH7Rm7>

e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com

In person registration will take place each Sunday after mass, downstairs in front of the parish cafe

If you have any questions, please contact:

gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca

Pope at Audience: Cloistered religious demonstrate universal love



At his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechesis on apostolic zeal, and reflects on the prayer of monks and nuns as the "beating heart" of the Church's mission.

At his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis continued with his series of catecheses on "apostolic zeal", this week focusing on the crucial role that monks and nuns play in the Church's mission.

The Holy Father's catechesis focused in particular on Saint Gregory of Narek, a medieval Armenian monk who, he said, offers a shining example of the universal, all-embracing love which Christians are called to.

The role of monks and nuns

The Pope began by asking what contribution those who live in a monastery can make to the Church's mission of announcing the Gospel. "Wouldn't it be better," he asked, "if they dedicated their energies to mission?"

Having raised the question, the Pope's answer was a resounding no.

"Monks and nuns," he stressed, "are the 'beating heart of the Church's proclamation [of the Gospel]: their prayer is oxygen for all the members of the Body of Christ, the invisible force that sustains the mission."

It is not a coincidence, the Holy Father said, that the Patron Saint of Mission, Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, is a nun.

Saint Gregory Narek

As another example of this calling, Pope Francis offered Saint Gregory Narek, a tenth century Armenian monk.

Saint Gregory, the Pope said, spent almost his entire life in the monastery of Narek, where he "learned to peer into the depths of the human soul and, by fusing poetry and prayer together, achieved the pinnacle of both Armenian literature and spirituality."

What most strikes him about the saint, the Holy Father went on, is his "universal solidarity" – his identification with all people and his decision to dedicate his life to praying for them.

He sees the faults of humanity not primarily in others, the Pope continued, but in himself, writing in his masterpiece the *Book of Lamentations* that "I have voluntarily taken upon myself all faults, from those of the first father down to the last of his descendants, and I have held myself responsible for them".

Visit monasteries!

This universal solidarity, Pope Francis stressed, was not exclusive to St Gregory, but is rather a feature of the lives all nuns and monks, who, "like Jesus, take on the world's problems, the difficulties, the illnesses, many things, and pray for others." Cloistered religious, he said, are always busy - with work, and with prayer.

The Pope thus ended his catechesis with an encouragement to his listeners to visit monasteries whenever possible - "it'll do you good!".

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A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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