

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 27 (3501) July 2nd, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again, our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love. (loyolapress.com)

“Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord.” (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. blessings of the Lord for camp “Kretinga” counsellors and campers
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in Ukraine and the world
†Stasys Prakapas (family)
†Antanina and Jonas Prakapas (Prakapas family)
for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus'
living and deceased family members (family)
†Ona Kuliesius (R.J.Kuliesius)
†Julija and Julius Degutis (B.B.Degutis)



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July 3rd - **closed**

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September 4th - **closed**

Congregational singing; organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

July 3 - 9

MONDAY (July 3): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Meteka Siskus (Prakapas family);

TUESDAY (July 4): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Juožas Cirušis (B.B.Degutis);

WEDNESDAY (July 5): 7 p.m. †Konstancija Jurgutis (G.Jurgutis);

THURSDAY (July 6): 7 p.m. †Gene and Liudas Vysniauskas (I.Kavanagh);

FRIDAY (July 7): 7 p.m. †Veronika Zaleckiene (V.Zaleckaite);

SATURDAY (July 8): 9 a.m. †Maryte Genciuvas (J.S.Kareckas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Irena Birstonas (1st anniv.) (sister Danute);

SUNDAY (July 9): 9 a.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Nina and Zbigniew Dobrowski (B.Kazlauskas); †Gene and Balys Cizikas (GK); †Vladas Radavicius (Stanevicius family); †Bronius Matusевичius (family); †Ona Grigaravicius (grandaughters); for Jesoris' deceased family members (M.Grambus); blessings of the Lord for Lina Einikis (B.B.Degutis).

The week's Holy Masses

July 10 - 16

MONDAY (July 10): 7 p.m. †Zita and Jonas Didzbalis (family); special intention (Roque);

TUESDAY (July 11): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (July 12): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Albina Kvedaras (G.Jurgutis);

THURSDAY (July 13): 7 p.m. †Juožas Cirušis (R.J.Kuliesius); †Juožas Degutis (B.B.Degutis);

FRIDAY (July 14): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

SATURDAY (July 15): 9 a.m. †Ona and Stasys Kiršinas (R.J.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" for Kemezis', Stankus' and Vaskevicius' deceased family members (Vaskevicius family);

SUNDAY (July 16): 9 a.m. †Richard Jaseliunas (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; in thanksgiving (GJ); request grace of health for Terese and Valentina (friend); †Antanina and Antanas Dunauskas (O.Stoncius); †Stefa and Marcelijus Meskauskas (I.Stanaitis); †Juožas Gataveckas and Laimute Lindsay (D.Berius); †Alfonsas and Salomeja Pundzius (A.Pundzius); †Liudvikas Borisevicius (V.White).

Capital Fund - \$ 346,010

G.Laurinaitis - \$200 **THANK YOU...**

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor" and June 25th

45 envelopes - \$ 1,165

No envelopes - \$ 128.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,025

THANK you for your generosity

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, strength and sweetness of God!

Come, You, movement and peace!

Renew our courage,

Fill our solitude in the world,

Create in us intimacy with God!

We no longer say, like the prophet: "Come from the four winds",

As if we did not yet know from where you came;

We say: Come, Spirit from the pierced side of Christ upon the cross!

Come from the mouth of the Risen One!



We welcome ALL our youth to Camp "KRETINGA" for their four week stay at the Camp, July 2nd- 29th.

We wish you all - campers, counsellors and guests, a safe and rest filled summer rejoicing with the blessings from the Lord.



**DEAR FELLOW LITHUANIANS,
LET US GREET ONE ANOTHER AND
ALL OF LITHUANIA -**

OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY, JULY 6TH!

Let's stand united by joining with other Lithuanians worldwide and all local Toronto Lithuanian organizations in singing the Lithuanian national anthem next Thursday, Lithuanian Statehood (King Mindaugas' Coronation) Day - July 6th at 2:00 p.m. Toronto time. We are gathering near the church entrance at Resurrection Parish at 1:45 p.m. Toronto time.

The annual Toronto Challenge-2023 run/walk took place on Sunday, June 11th this year. The Toronto Challenge provides a fundraising opportunity to support the elderly and organizations working with seniors in the city.

Three individuals walked on behalf of our nursing home LABDARA: Daina Cers (daughter of the Labdara Foundation's Board of Director's president Zita Bersenas-Cers), our pet therapist Joanne Vanderburgt and Ahmed Ali, husband to one of our residents.

Our aim was to raise funds to upgrade our therapeutic Snoezelen room as well as the common areas on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Our goal was \$2,500 and we raised \$2,665 (\$1,095 donated online through CanadaHelps and \$1,570 donated by cheque or cash). Sincere thanks to our walkers and donors who support Labdara with their financial donations.

Without you there would be no us! *Labdara LNH staff*

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Nr. 28 (3502) July 9th, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, give me the child-like simplicity and purity of faith to gaze upon your face with joy and confidence in your all-merciful love. Remove every doubt, fear, and proud thought which would hinder me from receiving your word with trust and humble submission." (dailyscripture.net)

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**I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

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(GK)

(Stanevicius family)

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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.

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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