

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Mecys and Stase Businskas	(S.Brough & D.Pranaitis)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	†Adomas & Ramute Grigonis; †Pranas & Juze Zaliauskas	(A.Grigonis)
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Juozas Balsys	(family)
	†Katarina and Juozas Alisauskas	(J.D.Didzbalis)
	†Irena Beresnevicus-Jurkus	(B.Tamosiunas)
	†Maryte Skrinskas	(Stanulis family)
	†Filomena Maciulis	(family)
	†Vanda Saulenas (2nd anniv.)	(R.Saulenas)
	requesting grace of health for Kazimieras Martusevicus (daughter Irma)	
	requesting grace of health for Laima Mickevicius	(D.A.Garsva)

Sunday Masses

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First Communion

registration and
activities will begin
on October 17th, 10a.m.
in the parish meeting
room.

Confirmation

registration and
activities will begin
on October 24th,
10a.m. in the parish
meeting room.
Disinfect your hands and
wear a face covering.
Thank you.

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Grazina Adie, Danguole Lelis,

Laima Underis, Julija Danaitis,

Zibute Janeliunas, Dana Pranaitis,

Gintas Neimanas, Gintas Neimanas, jr.

Romas Puteris, Romas Krasauskas,

Ted Chornomaz, Taras Chornomaz

organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (October 4): 7 p.m. special intention (NN); blessings of the Lord for parish priests (O.Torres);

TUESDAY (October 5): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Stasys Prakapas (family);

WEDNESDAY (October 6): 7 p.m. †Jonas Petrauskas and Aldona Petrauskas Norkus (G.R.Petrauskas); †Francis Joseph Pettitt (J.Pettitt);

THURSDAY (October 7): 7 p.m. for Tamkevicius deceased family members (O.Krasauskas); †Gintas Valaitis (R.Stravinskas); †Vladas and Stasys Vydmantas (GJ); †Salomeja Poderys (family);

FRIDAY (October 8): 7 p.m. †Albina and Juozas Buožis (K.Buožis); †Stasys Prakapas (Cuplinskas family);

SATURDAY (October 9): 9 a.m. †Magdalena and Antanas Dauksa (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Brone Vilkus (Peciulis family);

SUNDAY (October 10): 9 a.m. †Henryka Maksymiw (Siaučiulis family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Rimas Smalenskas (V.Puzeris); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Dana Beresnevičius (B.Tamosiunas); †Juozapas Sarunas (10th anniv.) (R.Martis-Franitza); †Algis Simanavicius (10th anniv.) (family); †Magdalena and Jurgis Stankaitis (A.Ratavicius); †Brone and Jonas Greiciunas (family); †Jonas Poska (J.Magney); requesting grace of health for Kazimieras Martusevicius (GJ).

Capital Fund - \$ 321,704

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of September 26th

42 envelopes - \$ 2,692

No envelopes - \$ 68.55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,180

eTransfer - \$ 100

THANK you for your generosity



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

Let us follow all necessary precautions to keep the community safe and healthy.

Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines, including priests and music ministry members. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.

Of course, all existing precautions will remain in effect to ensure the health and safety of all: *If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home; *Upon arrival at church, please check in with the volunteers; *Disinfect your hands and wear a face covering while you are in church; *Always maintain a safe distance of 2m. from others.

Understandably, not everyone feels comfortable or safe returning to church at this time. Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian will continue Sundays at 11, as will the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

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The Province of Ontario's regulation related to proof of vaccination that came into force on September 22, 2021, directly impacts parish hall rentals. Renters of parish facilities for events, meetings and sports are now required to check ID and proof of vaccination certificates of all participants upon entry to the facility.

The new regulation does not apply to places of worship, and we will continue to follow existing COVID 19 protocols for masses, i.e., masks must we worn throughout, social distancing, sanitizing hands upon entry.

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



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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**.
Thank you...

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.

The Church of the Resurrection invites all parishioners and their friends of all ages, to write heartfelt Thanksgiving greetings to our friends at "Labdara" nursing home.

Your greetings will bring them happiness, thankfulness, encouragement and a feeling of close connection to our community.

You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Dear Friend, Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, etc.

Completed greeting cards may be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors.

This coming Sunday October 3rd, is the last day to drop off your greeting cards. This will allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Vida - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.





Lord,
*make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt, faith.
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light.
 Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much
 seek to be consoled, as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And it is in dying that we are born
 to Eternal Life.
 Amen.*

DEAR PARISHIONERS,
have a blessed day on this, the day of St. Francis!

KRETINGA **TODAY, October 3rd, after 11AM Mass - the Camp Kretinga community invites all parishioners and friends of Resurrection Parish to join the "JERUSALEMA" DANCE CHALLENGE.**

Andy Kaknevicus will film our performance of „Jerusalem“.

What is „Jerusalem“?

About a year ago, South African DJ Master KG created a beat and set lyrics to it, based on a old African hymn. The steps of a traditional line dance were added and „Jerusalem“ went viral, capturing a universal expression of hope in a world so deeply impacted by the pandemic. Communities all around the world danced in support of front line workers, and frontline workers danced to keep going. Schools and businesses and churches joined in, and during this summer’s virtual edition of „Camp Kretinga“, so did we! And now we challenge you to join us in our expression of unity, hope, perseverance and thanksgiving.

Check it out! (Just one of thousands of videos on Youtube. There are tutorials, too!)

https://youtu.be/6Zw0Jfl5_bE

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: Power of grace must lead to works of mercy



At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis tackles the question of justification as he resumes his catechesis on St Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

Taking up the “difficult but important topic” of justification in his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis said that St Paul “insists on the fact that justification comes through faith in Christ.” The Holy Father acknowledged that it is “not easy to arrive at an exhaustive definition” of justification. However, with the help of the catechism, we can say that “justification is the consequence of ‘God’s merciful initiative of offering forgiveness.’”

Reconciliation with God

Sinners, he explained, are granted pardon and salvation by God through the death of Jesus, and are “welcomed by God and reconciled with Him.” This freely given justification restores the relationship between the Creator and His creature, which had been damaged by sin and disobedience: “The justification wrought by God, therefore, allows us to recuperate the innocence lost through sin.”

Pope Francis said that the question of *how* we are justified can be answered only by “discovering another novelty in Saint Paul’s teaching: that justification comes through grace.” St Paul, always aware of his own sinfulness and his conversion on the road to Damascus, had himself discovered “that only God’s grace had saved him.”

Saved by grace

This involves faith in Christ, which for St Paul, “has an all-encompassing value” that affects every aspect of the life of the Christian. “Justification through faith,” said Pope Francis, “underlines the priority” of God’s grace.

However, although we are saved by grace, we are still obliged to observe the commandments; “but even here, we cannot count on our own efforts,” the Pope said.

Collaborating with works of mercy

He noted that St Paul’s teaching is complemented by the teaching of St James, who wrote that “faith without works is dead.” For both Apostles, “the response of faith demands that we be active in our love of God and in our love of neighbour.”

Pope Francis said, “the light of faith allows us to recognise how infinite God’s mercy is,” but at the same time, “makes us see the responsibility that has been entrusted to us to collaborate with God in His works of mercy.”

And so, the Pope said, “the power of grace needs to be coupled with our works of mercy which we are called to live to bear witness to how tremendous is God’s love.”

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