

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - B



Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

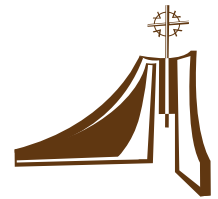
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*I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.*

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### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Monica and Clarence Creedon	(M.C.Creedon)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	†Prane Juodzevicius	(Juodis family)
	†Irena Jurkis (41st anniv.)	(B.Tamosiunas)
	†Henrikas and Andrius Valavicius	(A.G.Valavicius)
	†Nijole Stanevicius - Hernanadez	(A.G.Valavicius)
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Vincas and Ona Narusevicius	(A.K.Ambrozaitis)
	†Regina Stabacinskas	(I.Matus)
	requesting grace of health for parish priests	(GJ)
	†Ona, Jonas and Saulius Macijauskas	(son and family)



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to 7 pm

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### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (June 7): 7 p.m. †Tekle Dubrovskis (family);

**TUESDAY** (June 8): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (June 9): 7 p.m. †Leonas Jakaitis (Baronaitis family);

**THURSDAY** (June 10): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaicieuskas (wife); †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh);

**FRIDAY** (June 11): 7 p.m. †Albina Laurinaitis (B.Nekrosiene);

**SATURDAY** (June 12): 9 a.m. †Gintas Valaitis (Dana ir Audra); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (June 13): 9 a.m. special intention (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Josephine Siauciulis (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Inocentas Jurcevicius and Klara Stankus (family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Albina Laurinaitis (family); for Zdencevicius' and Grygutis' deceased family members (family); †Jonas Miglinas, jr. and Antanas and Monika Bumbulis (family); †Astra Skupaite - Tatarsky (5th anniv. ) (daughter and son).

**Capital Fund - \$ 318,444**

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**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

#### **Collections of May 16th**

9 envelopes - \$ 515

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### **Dear parishioners,**

*In an effort to control rising numbers of COVID 19 cases, the provincial government added stricter measures to the current "stay at home" order, which is in force until May 20. In keeping with these new restrictions, Cardinal Thomas Collins declared that public Masses will again be suspended. During this period, the Franciscan Fathers will continue to celebrate Masses privately for the intentions of parishioners. Our church will be open for private prayer on weekdays from 5:30 PM till 7:30PM. It will be open on Sundays from 1 PM till 3 PM. Those who wish, may receive Communion at that time, however the number of people in the church at any given time cannot exceed 10.*

*Livestreams of Sunday Masses available to parishioners through the parish's YouTube channel. Thanks to their generosity, we will continue to livestream both Masses every Sunday at 9 AM and 11 AM.*

*Until we can safely meet to worship together, let's remain united in prayer.*

**Because of COVID-19,**

**Resurrection Parish Office hours**

**for June - July - August**

**will be 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

**Also, starting next Sunday, June 6th to September 5th, our parish bulletins will be published once every two weeks, which will reach you electronically.**

**The Labdara Foundation Annual General Meeting will be held virtually at 7 p.m., June 22, 2021.**

To participate in the meeting, you must pre-register by sending an e-mail to:

<https://tinyurl.com/ykbrdsmu> no later than **June 18, 2021.**

You will then be provided with a link to the meeting.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**GINTAS VALAITIS, 72**

He is survived by his wife Kathryn, Sons Michael (Nicole) and Paul (Megan), Andrew (predeceased), grandsons Vonn and Bennett, sister Rasa Valaityte-Juzukoniene, Niece Vale Juzukonyte.

*Sincere condolences to his family.  
Please remember him in your prayers.*

## **Pope at Audience: Jesus the model of prayer for His disciples**

Pope Francis continues his catechesis on Christian prayer at the Wednesday General Audience, and explains that prayer was fundamental in Jesus' relationship with His disciples.

Pope Francis picked out a few examples from the Gospel to explain that prayer was fundamental in Jesus' relationship with His disciples.



*Choosing His disciples* - Before choosing His disciples, Luke says, Jesus went up the mountain to pray and spent the whole night praying to God. At daylight, He chose His disciples naming them apostles. Prayer, which is dialogue with the Father, the Pope said, is the criterion of this choice, which many not appear to be the best ones, especially with regard to Judas, the future traitor. But the Pope said that the names of the disciples were written in God's plan.

The Pope pointed out that the apostles are at times a cause of concern for Jesus, but He carries them in His heart even in their errors and when they fall because He receives them from the Father. Hence, prayer for them continually reappears in Jesus' life.

*Patiently awaiting conversion* - As a teacher and friend, the Holy Father continued, Jesus waits patiently for the conversion of the disciple, as is evident with Peter at the Last Supper. Jesus tells Peter He has prayed that his faith may not fail and when he is converted, he should confirm his brothers. "Jesus' love during the time of the weakness of His disciple does not cease, but rather becomes more intense, and we are at the centre of His prayer."

*Prayer at turning points* - Pope Francis assured Christians that Jesus continues to love and pray even for those in mortal sin and the ugliest of sins. His love and prayer for each one of us never cease, rather it becomes even more intense. He assured Christians that at this very moment He is praying for us showing the Father his wounds, the price of our salvation.

Again, Jesus was in a solitary place praying, when He wanted to verify the faith of His disciples. When He asked them who they thought He was, Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

"The great turning points of Jesus' mission," the Pope said, "are always preceded by intense, prolonged prayer." This test of faith is "a renewed starting point for the disciples", because from then on, the Holy Father said, Jesus took on a new tone in His mission, speaking openly to them of His passion, death and resurrection.

At this moment of the announcement of His end, which instinctively arouses repulsion in His disciples and in us, the Pope said, "prayer is the only source of light and strength".

"It is necessary to pray more intensely every time the road takes a turn uphill."

*The Transfiguration* - Soon after speaking about His lot in Jerusalem, the episode of the Transfiguration takes place.

Luke says that Jesus took Peter, John and James up the mountain to pray, when His face changed in appearance and His garment became white and radiant. Moses and Elijah in their glory were conversing with Jesus about His departure which was to accomplish in Jerusalem.

"Therefore," the Pope explained, "this anticipated manifestation of the glory of Jesus took place in prayer, while the Son was immersed in communion with the Father and fully consented to His will of love, to His plan of salvation."

And out of that prayer came a clear word for the three disciples involved: "This is my Son, the chosen one; listen to Him".

*Jesus perfects our prayer* - Thus, the Pope said, Jesus not only wants us to pray as He prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on His prayer.

He urged Christians to repeat and memorize that Jesus always prays for us. "When there is some difficulty, when you are in the orbit of distractions: Jesus is praying for me," he said adding, Jesus Himself has said it. "Let us not forget that what sustains each one of us in life is Jesus' prayer for each one of us, with name, surname, before the Father, showing Him the wounds that are the price of our salvation.

In conclusion, Pope Francis said that "even if our prayers were only stutterings, if they were compromised by a wavering faith, we must never cease to trust in Him".

"Supported by the prayer of Jesus, our timid prayers rest on eagle wings and soar to Heaven," concluded the Pope.

(Vatican news)



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