

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - C



In the 1st reading of the book of Malachi there are two messengers. The first is usually understood to be John the Baptist ...“who will prepare the way before me”... while the second messenger is Jesus.

In the second reading we learn that Jesus had to become human so that he could die and rise again in order to destroy the devil's power over sin and death. Jesus becomes like us in order to save us.

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. In Luke's Gospel, Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. They present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a “light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Anna also recognizes Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and speaks about him to all. Although Simeon and Anna were very old, they had never lost their hope that they would see the Messiah. Led by the Holy Spirit, they are among the first to bear witness to Jesus.

Are we able to recognize the presence of Jesus in our daily lives? Can we bear witness to Jesus to others just as Simeon and Anna did?

†R.R.

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. in thanksgiving	(Groen in't Woud family)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in the world	
†Ipolitas Stanevicius	(Stanevicius family)
†Edmundas Urniezius	(RU)
for Vanagas' and Kazlauskas' deceased family members (family)	
†Brone and Antanas Pabedinskas	(Cuplinskas family)
†Zita Klevinas	(O.Stoncious)
†Laimute Gaizutis	(R.Gaizutis)
†Bronius Naudziunas and Vaiciulis'	
deceased family members	(Skrebutenas & Naudziunas families)
request grace of health for Vaida	(Daiva)



2025

February 9

Sports club "AUSRA" Mass

February 23

Pancakes day

March 2

St. Casimir Fair

March 5

Ash Wednesday

March (date TBD)

Lenten Retreat

April 13

Lithuanian food day

April 17-20

Holy week

April 20

Easter

April 26

"Volunges sparnais..."

concert

April 27

Parish Annual Meeting

May 2-3

Spring Rummage Sale

May 4

First Communion

June 7

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Monika Satkauskas, Rasa Siauciunas,
Simona Zaunius

11 AM - Lile, Lina & Aleksia Vadauskas
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (February 3): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (February 4): for living and deceased parishioners; in thanksgiving - for Matas Pranckevicius (E.Pranckeviciene);

WEDNESDAY (February 5): 7 p.m.
†June Charpentier (Jaglowitz family);

THURSDAY (February 6): 7 p.m.
†Stasys Prakapas (family); †Juozas Kalinauskas (Cuplinskas family);

FRIDAY (February 7): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ);

SATURDAY (February 8): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m.
"Vilnius Manor" †Irena Jurkus and Beresnevicius' deceased family members (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (February 2): 9 a.m. †Juzefa and Pranas Dovidaitis (daughters); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ruta Vaskevicius-Stankus (family); †Gene and Balys Cizikas (GK); †Juozas, Victoras and Alfonsas Merkevičius (D.Danaitis); †Jadvyga Cibulskis (1st anniv.) (daughter and family); †Adele Marcinkevičius (R.J.Kuliesius); †Danute Puzeris (1st anniv.) (family); †Ona Agurkis (11th anniv.) (B.B.Degutis); †Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter).

"Capital Fund" - \$ 518,428

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (01.26) & "Vilnius Manor"

Collections

44 envelopes - \$ 1,448

No envelopes - \$ 114.55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,400

Renovation fund - NN \$2,500

THANK you for your generosity...



From January 27 - 30, the newly appointed leadership of the Lithuanian St. Casimir Province of the Order of Friars Minor held a meeting at the Hill of Crosses and reassigned the brothers' ministries within the province. These assignments take place every three years following the elective provincial chapters. During these meetings, the current situation of the province, the needs of communities and parishes, as well as the review and strengthening of key missions, are taken into account.

Br.Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM, has been appointed as the parish Pastor. Br.Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM, will continue to serve as the guardian of the monastery.

Br.Fr. Jonas Šileika, OFM, will take on the responsibilities of the Resurrection Parish's vicar and friars treasure.

The duties will take effect by March 4th, 2025.

***May the Lord's blessings accompany
all the Franciscan brothers in their ministry.***

Information from the Lithuanian St. Casimir Province of the Order of Friars Minor.

Toronto Aušra Sports Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary!

When: Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Where: Resurrection Parish, 1 Resurrection Road, Toronto

The event will kick off with a Holy Mass followed by a variety of activities including chess, board games, and colouring. There will also be friendly competition games hosted by the basketball, table tennis, and volleyball teams. In addition, we will have cash lunch and refreshments as well as cake for everyone to enjoy. If you're feeling lucky we'll be hosting a 50/50 lottery, along with a silent auction filled with lots of fantastic prizes!

Event Program: Holy Mass at 11am; Lunch, coffee, cake, & light refreshments; Friendly table tennis, volleyball, & basketball games; Chess, board games, & colouring activities; 50/50 raffle & silent auction.

We invite everyone to participate!

Additionally, we kindly ask for contributions to the event's silent auction. If you are able to donate a prize of any size, please bring it to Resurrection Parish, marked "Aušra 70", or contact us via email at info@ausra.net. We are looking forward to celebrating 70 years of sports, camaraderie, and memories with all of you. See you there!

Aušra Sports Club



A Celebration of Lithuania's Independence

On Saturday, February 15, 2025, Toronto's LN together with Toronto KLB are organizing a Celebration of Lithuania's Independence and commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the most famous Lithuanian artist and composer M.K. Čiurlionis. The Vilnius String Quartet (Lithuania) along with pianist Ilona Beres (Toronto) will perform. Come meet Lithuania's new ambassador to Canada, H.E. Egidius Meilūnus. Celebrate Family Day weekend with Toronto's Lithuanian community...

Hope to see you there!

KLB and "Lithuanian House"

Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The 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 Francis: Strive for hope to be translated into peace

In a Message for the VI International Conference “For World Balance,” Pope Francis invites participants to “work with courage so that hope may be translated into peace for the world.”

Hope is “a very appropriate value” for the Sixth International Conference, “Por el Equilibrio del Mundo” (“For World Balance”), Pope Francis says, precisely because the forum’s “aspiration to be open, plural, and multidisciplinary” gives it the capacity “to look into the reasons that move the heart of today’s men and women.”

In a Message to participants in the Conference that takes place in Havana, Cuba, from 28 to 31 January, the Holy Father focuses on the Jubilee Year theme of hope, which gives Christians the faith and love for Jesus Christ” that allows them to be ready to share in the struggles that are a part of the life of every person and society.

Working to translate hope into peace - Recalling his indiction of the Jubilee Year, the Pope points to the signs of hope in the “signs of the times,” inviting participants to recognize the good in the world so as not to be tempted “to consider ourselves overcome by evil and violence.”

He expresses his hope that this conviction might “impel us to work with courage so that hope ‘may be translated into peace for the world’” still “immersed in the tragedy of war.”

This conviction, he said, calls us to abandon “the logic of violence” and commit ourselves to working for dialogue and democracy “in order to build with courage and creativity spaces aimed at a lasting peace.”

Looking to the future with hope - The Pope explained that this requires helping all those facing difficulties in life “to look to the future with hope,” which in turn involves supporting “initiatives and paths” that can help the poor and excluded to regain confidence “in themselves and society.”

“The poor and the sick, the young and the elderly, migrants and displaced people, even those deprived of their freedom, must be at the centre of our considerations,” he insisted, “so that no one is excluded and everyone’s human dignity is respected.” Pope Francis said that Christ’s admonition, “What you did to the least of these my brethren, that you did to me,” invites Christians to recognize the image of God in every man and woman, who are called to be “brothers and sisters” in the human family, and children of God.

Contributing to the common good - But even for those who do not share faith in Christ, the Pope said, “This affirmation retains its full force, for we are all called to live in fraternal gratuitousness, and everything we do for others has repercussions for us as individuals and as a society.”

“Let us learn this lesson from love,” the Pope said in conclusion, “building hope that seeks that all may have what is necessary, teaching others to share with the poor, and to open ourselves with generous welcome to others, so that we may know how to contribute what we are and what we have to the common good.”

Pope: Priests should be ‘shaped’ by people’s pain

Pope Francis meets with seminarians and formators of several Spanish dioceses, and urges future priests to allow themselves to be shaped by the pain of those they serve.

In late October 2024, torrential rains flooded the Spanish city of Valencia, killing around 230 people and causing massive property damage. Thousands of volunteers and nonprofit organizations mobilized to assist those affected by one of Spain’s deadliest natural disasters.

On Thursday, three months later, Pope Francis met with the seminarians, formators, and bishops of the Archdiocese of Valencia, along with several other Spanish dioceses, for an audience in the Vatican.

“The storm was not just an atypical phenomenon that we merely hope will not happen again,” he told them. “It is the extrapolation of what every human being experiences when faced with loss, feeling alone, displaced, and in need of support to move forward.”

The Pope said the role of priests is to “bind up the brokenhearted” and provide spiritual support for people amid the large and small disasters of daily life. He admitted that he found it difficult to express his feelings when thinking about the pain Valencia residents experienced as they celebrated Christmas in the wake of the floods.

“Yours is a pain and mourning that, despite its harshness, opens us to hope, for in forcing us to reach rock bottom and leave behind everything that seemed to sustain us, it allows us to go beyond,” he said.

People cannot be left alone to face the darkness, urged the Pope. Rather, he said, the work of so many volunteers and the Catholic Church after the storm were expressions of God’s tenderness. Pope Francis pointed out that “hope is not optimism,” which is merely a superficial attitude, while hope calls us to move beyond empty phrases to search for deeper meaning. “Our hope has a name—Jesus—God who was not disgusted by our clay and who, instead of saving us from the clay, became clay for us.”

Each priest, he added, is called to become an *alter Christus*, another Christ by becoming “clay in the weeping of the people.”

“When you see broken people—because in Valencia there are broken people who have lost their lives in pieces—give them pieces, fragments, of yourselves, just as Christ does in the Eucharist,” he said.

In conclusion, Pope Francis invited the future priests of Valencia to give of themselves freely, just as they have received everything freely.



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