

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 7 (3377) February 14th, 2021

## 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy.

In Jesus' time religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion." ([daily scripture.net](http://daily scripture.net)) †R.R.

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

for those who died for the freedom of Lithuania

†Birute Kriauciunas McKenny

†Virginijus Siciunas (5th anniv.)

†Laima Butenas

†Cesius Kuras

†Jonas Poska

†Oksana and Boris Petrusiw

†Vilius and Jadvyga Ruslys

†Juozas, Marija, Juozas and Rimantas Zoruba

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(T.Siciunas)

(Akelaitis family)

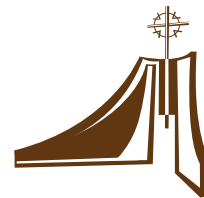
(family)

(J.Poska)

(Alksnis family)

(N.Ruslys)

(M.Grambiene)



2021

## CALENDAR

THE CHURCH  
IS OPEN FOR  
PRIVATE  
PRAYER

ON

WEEKDAYS  
(MONDAY-  
FRIDAY)

FROM 5 PM  
TO 7 PM

SUNDAYS  
FROM 1 PM  
TO 3 PM  
(CHANGE FROM  
PREVIOUS  
SUNDAYS )

THE HOLY  
MASS  
CAN BE  
SEEN ON  
YOUTUBE

### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (February 15): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (Azubalis family); †Douglas Stacey (Jaglowitz family);

**TUESDAY** (February 16): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Jonas Dirmantas (O.Dirmantas);

**WEDNESDAY** (February 17): 7 p.m. for Judvytis', Dackus' and Vydmantas' living and deceased family members (GJ); †Gene Simkus (R.Slapsys);

**THURSDAY** (February 18): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Jonas Maziliauskas (26th anniv.) (I.Kavanagh);

**FRIDAY** (February 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskis (family); †Liuda Daktariene (V.Zaleckaite);

**SATURDAY** (February 20): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (R.Rygelis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (February 21): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for Ignaitis' deceased family members (family); †Vanda (13th anniv.) and Stasys (20th anniv.) Vaitkus (V.Puzeris); †Julija Vaitiekunas (L.R.S.Kuliavas); †Lina and Ignas Juzukonis (family); †Algirdas and Regina Ostis (Ostrauskas) (D.A.Pabedinskas); for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas' deceased family members (R.Pleinys); †Veronika, Benediktas, Antanas and Vytautas Navickas (I.F.Zilinskas).

**Capital Fund - \$ 317,444**

**The Canadian Lithuanian Youth**

**Association - \$ 500**

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Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed)

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*"For it is in giving that we receive".  
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections, beginning week of  
February 7th - February 10th**

6 envelopes - \$ 430

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Parish site - \$ 200

**THANK you for your generosity**

**HAPPY LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY -  
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COMMEMORATING FREEDOM REGAINED, A HARD  
ROAD TRAVELED, AND A HURDLE OVERCOME  
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AND UNITED. WE EACH DIFFER FROM ONE  
ANOTHER, BUT WE ARE UNITED BY A COMMON  
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THE FOUNDATION OF OUR EVERY MEANINGFUL  
ENDEAVOUR BE LOVE AND RESPECT FOR OUR  
HOMELAND, LITHUANIA!**

*Dear parishioners,* In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA\\_c-g/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/).

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -

Website: [www.prisikelimas.ca](http://www.prisikelimas.ca)

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

Mass recordings, broadcasts [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA\\_c-g/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/)

Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

**Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for  
YOU ALL in this difficult time. Let us have hope...**

Our parish CONTINUES and INVITES ALL to join a FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto. NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



**My family -  
a precious gift  
from God**

**Congratulations to you  
all on FAMILY DAY!**

*May you and your family and all  
close to you, be united in mutual  
understanding,*

*forgiveness and respect.*

*May the virtues of Faith, Love  
and Hope guide each and every  
one. May the Lord's peace and  
blessings be with you.*



On behalf of the Resurrection Parish, I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who participated with writing beautiful, heartfelt greeting cards to our Labdara residents. We are very grateful to the Lithuanian organizations who spread the word of our initiative. We also thank our non-Lithuanian speaking neighbourhood families who contributed an overwhelming eighty seven cards!

This Valentine's Day greeting card initiative was created as a kind gesture to bring warmth and closeness to those who need it most during this most difficult time of our lives. It was a huge success, so much so, that we collected enough cards for each resident to receive at least three cards.

We would like to continue to give back to our community and as Lent approaches, Easter is not so far away. Spring is a time of rebirth and this is a beautiful opportunity to continue with the spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others while asking for nothing in return.

I would like to spread the word that we will be asking for those who are interested, to once again participate in writing Easter greetings for our Labdara residents. More information will be available next month. Stay tuned.

*Thank you ~*

*Vida Dirmantaitė-Groen in't Woud*

## **Pope at Audience:**

### **We meet God in prayer, in the 'today' that we live**



Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer, Pope Francis reflects on why and how we should pray in all the events of everyday life. In last week's General Audience, Pope Francis spoke about how Christian prayer is "anchored" in the liturgy. In this week's audience, streamed live from the Library of the Apostolic Palace, he explains how prayer returns from the liturgy to the daily situations of life, such as on the streets, in offices and on public transport.

"Essentially, everything becomes a part of this dialogue with God," which is prayer. "Every joy becomes a reason for praise, every trial is an opportunity to ask for help," he says. "Prayer," according to the Pope, "is always alive in life, like embers of fire... Even when the mouth does not speak, the heart talks."

Every thought, even apparently "profane" ones, can be permeated by prayer, "which illuminates the few steps in front of us and then opens up to the entire reality that precedes it and surpasses it."

"Christian prayer instills an invincible hope in the human heart," the Pope said, adding, "whatever experience we touch on our journey, God's love can turn it into good."

*Praying in the present, today* - In this regard, Pope Francis cites the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which says, "We learn to pray at certain moments by hearing the Word of the Lord and sharing in his Paschal Mystery, but His Spirit is offered us at all times, in the events of each day, to make prayer spring up from us". "Time is in the Father's hands," says the Catechism, stressing, "It is in the present that we encounter Him, not yesterday or tomorrow, but today." The Pope notes there are people who look to the future without taking today as it comes. They live in a world of fantasy and don't know how to live the concrete reality of today.

*Prayer transforms us* - The Pope says it is prayer that transforms the today we are living into grace — or rather, it transforms us.

Prayer "appeases anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, and instills the strength to forgive." Grace lives and works in us; the problems we face no longer seem to be obstacles to our happiness, but appeals from God, opportunities to encounter Him. "When you have an angry or unhappy thought that brings bitterness," the Pope exhorts, "you should stop and turn to God. The Lord, who is there, will give you the right word and advice in order to go ahead without this negative bitterness. When one is accompanied by the Lord, he or she feels more courageous, freer and also happier."

*Who to pray for?* - The Holy Father invites Christians to pray always, not just for our dear ones but for everyone, even those we do not know. "Let us pray even for our enemies as the Scriptures often invite us to do," he says, adding, "prayer inclines us toward an overabundant love."

He invites us to pray for those who are sad, and for those who weep in solitude and despair, wondering whether there is still anyone who loves them. The prayer of a Christian, Pope Francis points out, works miracles by making present the compassion of Christ for the poor.

Jesus, in fact, looked with great tenderness on the weary and lost crowd who were like sheep without a shepherd. Compassion, closeness, and tenderness, he stresses, are the Lord's "style."

*We are all sinners loved by God* - Pope Francis further explains that prayer helps us love others, despite their mistakes and sins, stressing that the person is always more important than their actions. And Jesus did just that. He did not judge the world but saved it. The Holy Father wonders how bad and unhappy life must be for those who always judge and condemn others. Instead, open your hearts, forgive, justify others, be close to others, have compassion and tenderness like Jesus, he urges. "We need to love each and every person," the Pope continues, and to remind ourselves that we are all sinners and "at the same time loved individually by God." This way, "we will discover that every day and everything bears within it a fragment of God's mystery."

*God's kingdom of justice and peace* - The Catechism further points out that "it is right and good to pray so that the coming of the kingdom of justice and peace may influence the march of history." But for this to happen, "it is important to bring the help of prayer into humble, everyday situations; all forms of prayer can be the leaven to which the Lord compares the kingdom."

In conclusion, Pope Francis notes that we are fragile beings, but we know how to pray, which is our greatest dignity as well as our strength.

"Pray in every moment and in every situation because the Lord is near," he urges.

"And when a prayer is said according to the heart of Jesus, that prayer obtains miracles."

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