

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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5th EASTER SUNDAY - B



In today's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the

Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name. †R.R.

ALLELUIA....

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (10th anniv.) (S.Brough)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
for Labdara's rummage sales' living and deceased helpers
†Marija and Valentinas Indris (R.Indris)
†Antanas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family)
†Danute & Kazimieras Manglicas; †Danute & Vilius Fidleris (Cuplinskas)
†Birute (10th anniv.) and Jonas Danaitis (family)
†Birute & Kazimieras Cepaitis; Racevicius' & Cepaitis
deceased family members (G.A.Valavicius)
†Audrone Ceponis (V.Zaleckaite)
†Vladas Melnykas (13th anniv.) (family)
†Zivile Stancikas-Vidmantas (sons)
†Jonas Govedas and "Volunge" choir living and deceased singers
request grace of health for Joana (VDG)



2024

May 5

First Communion

May 26

Confirmation

June 1

Run for Hope

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

August 17 - 24

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zita Nausedas, Monika Satkauskas

11 AM - choir "Volunge"

organist - Ilona Beres

violin - Ruta Melkis

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (April 29): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (April 30): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona Svarinskas (A.Ciaucionas);

WEDNESDAY (May 1): 7 p.m. Novena; in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family);

THURSDAY (May 2): 7 p.m. Novena; †Edmundas Urniezius and deceased family members (family); special intention (NN); †Wonho;

FRIDAY (May 3): 7 p.m. Novena; for Murauskas' and Smigelskis' deceased family members (R.Bell);

SATURDAY (May 4): 9 a.m. Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Jonas and Anele Zakevicius and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (May 5): 9 a.m. †Grant Bonner (R.J.Balaisis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Ona and Stasys Dackus (granddaughter); †Jurgis Simaitis (Stanevicius family); for Marcinkevicius' deceased family members (R.J.Kuliesius); †Anele Caplikas (V.Zaleckaite); †Ona, Jonas, Monika and Jonas Jurksa (relative); †Brone Rimkuvienė (daughter).

Capital Fund - \$ 371,845

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (04.21) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

47 envelopes - \$ 1,745

No envelopes - \$ 98.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,185

For Birute Kazlauskas' birthday, friends donated \$ 1,000 to the Soup kitchen, Lithuania

THANK you for your generosity...

„Whatsoever you do unto the least of these, you do it unto me.“

SINCERE THANKS to the **Parish's Social Committee** for organizing the Parish Annual Meeting.

Thank you to Genute Kobelskis and her team:

Ina Gutauskas and Regina Urnieziene for the delicious food; and Jurate Planciuniene for cleaning.

Thank you to Parish Committee and all Committees and groups for their help, love and care of the Parish.

And a **BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for attending and supporting our beloved parish!

Blessings of the Lord to EVERYONE..

The best way to remember good works - repeat them.

E. Bacon

THANK YOU TO ALL for your support, hard work and care during last week's sale. Your heartfelt work and love of fellow neighbour will ensure that many of those struggling in Lithuania need not go without food.

God bless you all!

Labdara -

The Parish Committee for Charitable Causes



Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome

Theodore Businskas, Benjamin and William Charko

into our community of faith.

We rejoice with their parents, asking God's abundant blessings to their families.

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...

In memory of †Michael Brough on the 10th anniversary of his death, his wife Sigita is treating everyone to coffee after 9AD and 11AD Masses. Please remember him in your prayers.



Camp **"KRETINGA"** invites all to **Work Weekend on June 7th - 9th.**

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For more information Wally Dauginis: wally.dauginis@bell.ca

2024 CAMP "KRETINGA"

English camp

July 7th - 20th

Lithuanian camp

July 21st - August 3rd

https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2024-Camper_Registration

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!

11th Annual Run for Hope - June 1st

Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipeda, LT.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/oXFA1M5utaoz3ex7>

e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com

In person registration will take place each Sunday after Mass, downstairs in front of the parish cafe.

If you have any questions, please contact: gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca

Pope at Audience:

Live faith, hope and charity, to merit eternal life

During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis transitions from discussing the cardinal virtues to the theological ones, recalling that faith, hope and charity help us follow Christ, guide our journey together toward holiness, and restore us, even when we fall. Theological virtues are infused by God, and with the Holy Spirit, prepare us to merit eternal life.



Pope Francis made this point at his Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square, as he transitioned from discussing the cardinal virtues to reflecting on the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

In recent months, the Pope has been offering this catechesis series on the virtues and vices. After he concluded his discussions of sins, he moved on to virtue, thus far, reflecting specifically on patience, prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance.

Inform, give life to all moral virtues - The Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Pope recalled, describes the theological virtues as "the foundation of Christian moral activity," which "animate it, and give it its special character," and "inform, and give life to all the moral virtues."

"They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful," it continues, "to make them capable of acting as His children and of meriting eternal life," since they are "the pledge" of the Holy Spirit's presence and action in the human being's faculties.

While praising the cardinal virtues as being capable of generating men and women who are "heroic" in doing good, the Pope warned that at times practicing them alone poses a risk of being commendable, personally, but isolated. Whereas, he suggested, "the great gift" of the theological virtues is instead this "existence lived in the Holy Spirit."

Never alone - The Holy Father emphasized the essential, community-related dimension of Christianity, which is inherent in these virtues, noting, "A Christian is never alone." Christians, he said, do good "not because of a titanic effort of personal commitment," but instead "because, as a humble disciple," they "walk behind the Master Jesus." Therefore, Pope Francis suggested, the theological virtues "are the great antidote to self-sufficiency." "How often," he lamented, "do certain morally irreproachable men and women run the risk of becoming conceited and arrogant in the eyes of those who know them!"

Intentions count - The Gospel, the Pope emphasized, warns us against this "danger" of being taken over by the "powerful poison" of pride, which, "even a drop of," the Pope cautioned, is "enough to spoil a whole life marked by goodness."

Even if "a person may have performed a mountain of good deeds" and "may have reaped accolades and praise," if "he has done all this only to exalt himself," the Pope said, he no longer can call himself a virtuous person.

Revive us when we fall - "To correct all these situations, which sometimes become painful," the Pope stressed, "the theological virtues are of great help," especially when we have moments where we "fall," and we do not succeed in our good moral intentions.

However, "if we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit," Pope Francis encouraged, "He revives the theological virtues in us."

"If we have lost confidence, God reopens us to faith; if we are discouraged, God awakens hope in us," and, "if our heart is hardened," he reassured, "God softens it with His love."

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