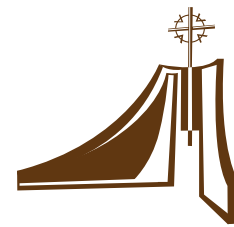


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 34 (3561) August 25th, 2024

## 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



For our Gospel today, we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and

John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

***O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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|---------|--|-----------------|
| 9 a.m.  | †Algis Vaisnoras   | (VDG)           |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners<br>for peace in the world                             |                 |
|         | †Sofija Oleka  | (O.Oleka)       |
|         | †Albinas Radziunas   | (D.L.Radziunas) |
|         | †Fr. Arvydas Zygas   | (Ruta G.)       |
|         | for Vaitiekunas’, Smolskis’, Siauciulis’ and Kuliavas’<br>living & deceased family members | (family)        |
|         | blessings of the Lord for Matas and Luiza family   | (mother)        |
|         | †Liudas Matukas  | (family)        |

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Congregational singing  
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses August 26 - September 1

**MONDAY** (August 26): 7 p.m. †Irena Gimbutiene (V.Zaleckaite);

**TUESDAY** (August 27): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; special intention (NN);

**WEDNESDAY** (August 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Ona Inciura (R.Inciura);

**THURSDAY** (August 29): 7 p.m. †Arvydas Rucinskas (V.Zaleckaite); †Paul Rocca (50th anniv.) (D.G.Rocca);

**FRIDAY** (August 30): 7 p.m. †Jonas Inciura (R.Inciura);

**SATURDAY** (August 31): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Simas Baltrusaitis and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

**SUNDAY** (September 1): 9 a.m. †Jennie Vitkunas (15th anniv.) (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Irena Punkris (1st anniv.)(A.Olene); blessings of the Lord for Abigail, Karoline, Deolina and Gabriella (GJ).

The week's Holy Masses September 2 - 8

**MONDAY** (September 2): 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius (family);

**TUESDAY** (September 3): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (September 4): 7 p.m. †Paul Venskaitis (family);

**THURSDAY** (September 5): 7 p.m. †Alfonsas Sinkevicius (B.B.Degutis); †Magdalena Neverauskas (D.Jankovskaite); †Romualdas Kalinauskas (5th anniv.) (B.B.Degutis);

**FRIDAY** (September 6): 7 p.m. †Kazys and Veronica Kartavicius (Buozis family); †Romualds Dubrovski (sister);

**SATURDAY** (September 7): 9 a.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Valentina Zimkeviciene (O.Stoncius);

**SUNDAY** (September 8): 9 a.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Gediminas Smolskis (R.R.Smolskis); in thanksgiving (Ruta G.).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,345

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Sunday (08.11) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

41 envelopes - \$ 1,595

No envelopes - \$ 96.25

Direct deposit - \$ 1,620

Sunday (08.18) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

32 envelopes - \$ 840

No envelopes - \$ 68.45

Direct deposit - \$ 1,090

Dr.C.& Dr.B. Jonys donated \$ 500 for the parish renovation fund

THANK you for your generosity...



The Parish's Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce a new initiative.

This fall there will be a unique opportunity to contribute to our "Capital Fund" campaign. We are proposing commemorative tree planting at the parish. Trees are a symbol of spiritual nourishment, resurrection, and everlasting life. Gifting trees in someone's memory is a **beautiful way to immortalize their spirit**. We have space for eight trees in a designated area on parish property and plan to plant them next spring. Each tree will have a commemorative metal plaque.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 per tree and we encourage families, groups of friends and organizations to come together to **sponsor a tree**. This is a wonderful opportunity to honour those who have made meaningful contributions to the life of the parish as well as valued family and friends that you wish to be remembered.

Further details will be shared in the fall.

"Aušra" Sports Club will be holding our AGM in September as a hybrid event, both in person at the church basement hall and online.

**Join us** on Wednesday, **September 4th at 7PM** at the Church of the Resurrection for this important meeting. Light refreshments will be provided at the meeting.

**We welcome** all members and interested parties to attend the meeting and share their voices and opinions, and are always welcome to new volunteers as our needs will be great this year.

**Topics to be included on the agenda:** 1.Prayer; 2.Official Reports from the President, Vice President of Sports, and Treasurer; 3.Schedule and coaching staff for 2024/2025; 4."Aušra" 70th Anniversary; SALFASS Detroit, May 2025; 5.The World Lithuanian Sports Games in Lithuania, Palanga, July 2025 and formation of subcommittee; Additional Items from the Floor.

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:** Parama CU and RCU.

If you have any items you would like to include, please email to [info@ausra.net](mailto:info@ausra.net)

Regards, Graeme Dymond  
President, Ausra Sports Club

**Zoom link details below:**

Ausra Sports Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** Ausra Sports Club's Zoom Meeting

**Time:** Sep 4, 7PM Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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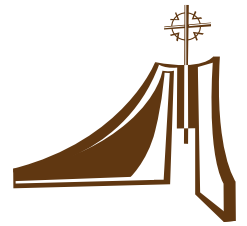
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# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 35 (3562) September 1st, 2024

## 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

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