

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 50 (3524) December 10th, 2023

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B



2023

**December 10, 9 am**

Mass / Confession  
Fr. Algirdas  
Malakauskas, ofm

**December 10, 4pm**

38<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Christmas Concert

**December 24**

9:45 p.m. -  
Christmas music  
10 p.m. -  
Christmas Eve Mass

**December 25**

Christmas Day  
9 a.m. Mass (in EN)  
11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

**2024 January 1st**

**NEW YEAR**

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)  
11 a.m. Mass (in LT)



Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Bronius, sr. and Bronius, jr. Stoncius	(O.Stoncius)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in the world	
	†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas	(“Kretinga”)
	†V.Stanionis and M.Zizys	(R.M.Rusinas)
	†Leokadija Nevulis	(Suziedelis family)
	request grace of health and blessings for Jonas, Matas and Luiza	(E.Pranckevicius)
	†Edmundas Urniezius	(Prakapas family)
	†Stasys Prakapas	(family)
	†Antanas Ulba	(B.Kazlauskas)
	†Agota RataVICIUS (1st anniv.)	(family)
	†Albina Simukenas (2nd anniv.)	(sons Aras & Remigijus)
	†Mindaugas Gabrys	(family)
	†Nijole Mazukaitiene	(daughter Vilma and family)

**Office hours during  
the Holidays**

**December 22**

**OPEN**

**9 a.m. - 12 noon**

**December 25-26**

**CLOSED**

**December 29**

**OPEN**

**9 a.m. - 12 noon**

**January 1, 2024**

**CLOSED**

**Cantors of the Masses:**  
**9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas**  
**11 AM -**  
**organist - Ilona Beres**

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**The week's Holy Masses**

**MONDAY** (December 11): 7 p.m. †Janina and Juozas Sarunas (Ruta G); †Ceslovas and Laima Senkevicius (G.Senkus);

**TUESDAY** (December 12): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Aldona Vaskevicius (R.Buksaitis);

**WEDNESDAY** (December 13): 7 p.m. †Darija Chodocinskas (B.B.Degutis);

**THURSDAY** (December 14): 7 p.m. special intention (NN); †Elena Gudinskas (Jaglowitz family); †Jonas Budeika (Neverauskas); †Antanas Baltrunas and deceased family members (R.Urnieziene);

**FRIDAY** (December 15): 7 p.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (Prakapas family);

**SATURDAY** (December 16): 9 a.m. request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

**SUNDAY** (December 17): 9 a.m. †Albina and Petras Styra (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for living and deceased friends (GJ); †Sofija and Juozas Oleka (O.Oleka); †Vaclovas Anskis (Stanevicius family); special intention (NN); for Dirmantas', Nevulis' and Groen in't Woud deceased family members (family); †Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter); †Viktoras Jankauskas (R.J.Kuliesius); request grace of health for Emilija Navickiene (V.M.Navickas); †Egle Sirtautaite (V.M.Navickas); †Elena and Romualdas Mankelevicius (daughter); †Jonas Buksaitis (family).

**Capital Fund - \$ 361,960**

**In memory of Antanas Ulba  
the family donated - \$ 500**

**THANK YOU...**

**“For it is in giving that we receive”.**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday (12.03) and “Vilnius Manor” Collections -**

61 envelopes - \$ 3,485

No envelopes - \$ 82.85

Direct deposit - \$ 2,845

**THANK you for your generosity...**



**TODAY,**  
**December 10th,**  
**at 4:00 p.m.**  
**in the Church**

**38th Annual Christmas Concert**  
**“DŽIUGI DANGAUS GIESMĖ”**

**All our choirs are participating.**  
**We look forward to seeing you all!**

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**TODAY** we invite everyone to our **Annual Christmas craft sale** on **Sunday, December 10th in the Resurrection Parish Hall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** presenting various goodies, arts and crafts for everyone on your Christmas list!

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Christmas is fast approaching. As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Throughout Advent, **donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania** will be accepted in the church vestibule.

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**Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai** are available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 4 pm., also on Sundays after Mass. It is a Lithuanian tradition that when we are seated at the Kucios table, we share this symbol of the living bread – Jesus Christ as He comes into the world.

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With the Advent 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.

*With the spirit of the Christmas season* upon us, let us look into our hearts with kindness and gratitude and help our friends living at “Labdara” nursing home feel the virtues of Advent.

**We are inviting** all parishioners to make one or more heartfelt greeting cards at home or in the parish on the following Sundays after 9am and 11am Mass; TODAY December 10th in parish library and 17th in the parish café. Your greeting cards will bring them hope, love, joy and peace as well as a feeling of close connection to our community. All materials will be provided.

In addition, we will be collecting donations of new jigsaw puzzles (24, 50, 100...up to 300 pieces) for our friends at Labdara. Puzzles provide many exceptional benefits including exercise for the mind and help with socialization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaitė-Groen in 't Woud; [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.

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*On behalf of Labdara's staff and residents we would like to sincerely thank Resurrection Parish pastor Jonas Sileika and priests for the opportunity to organize in the church's "Kavine" Bake&Craft Sale-2023 on Sunday, November 12th. After all the cakes and cookies were sold, a total of \$1,900 was raised. A really good result. The 50/50 raffle was won by Sister Anna Larkin and the Raptors Raffle was won by Sylvia Cers. All profits will be used for the Charity's resident employment needs. We raised a decent amount of funds to support Labdara's activities for seniors and it was fun to stay together.*

*Thanks!*

### **Attention students!**

The Labdara Foundation and Lithuanian Community Association of Toronto Scholarship applications are now available to post-secondary students of Lithuanian heritage. Five scholarships will be awarded: one for \$2,500, two for \$2,000, and two for \$1,500. Applications are due Monday, January 15, 2024. For more information, please visit the Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home website, [Labdara.ca](http://Labdara.ca), and look under Community, Scholarships.

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS. EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...**

**Information for donating envelopes - BIG CHANGES -  
the envelopes will no longer have a number -**

therefore, please ensure that **all the information** requested on the donor's envelope is **completed**: your first and last name and full current address.

We also urge parishioners to promptly **notify** the church office of a **change of address** in order to ensure the timely delivery of tax receipts at year-end.

**PLEASE DON'T wait until the last week of December to transfer, bring or send donations to the Parish.**

**You can donate** to the parish and for parish causes through:  
**envelopes**

**eTransfers** (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the **parish site** [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Also, you can donate through **banks** - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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### **Pope: Let us entrust peace in the world to Mary**



Pope Francis invites the faithful to join him in prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: “Let us ask for peace, that hearts may be pacified, that there might be peace!”

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis returned to the window of the Apostolic Palace for the Angelus. During remarks after the Marian prayer, the Pope looked ahead to his visit in the afternoon to Santa Maria Maggiore and then to Piazza di Spagna to pray to Our Lady and intercede for a world without war.

“I ask everyone, especially the faithful of Rome, to unite themselves spiritually to me in this act of entrustment to our Mother,” the Pope said, “praying particularly for peace, peace in Ukraine, peace in Palestine and Israel, and in every land wounded by war. Let us ask for peace, that hearts might be at peace, that there be peace!”

Encouragement for Catholic Action

In affectionately greeting the Romans and the pilgrims coming from Italy and from different countries of the world, the Pope addressed his thoughts in particular to the members of Catholic Action, who are renewing their memberships in these days. He encouraged all members of the organization, “from the young to the old”, to be “living stones in the Church and good leaven in society”.

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Before his announcement of the first World Day of Children next May, Pope Francis greeted the faithful of the Archdiocese of Québec, in Canada, who on the feast of the Immaculate Conception – their patronal feast – are inaugurating the Jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese.

In his remarks, Pope Francis noted that Québec was the first diocese established in what is now Canada, before wishing the faithful a “Happy Jubilee Year” with the prayer that the Virgin Mary might accompany them in their celebrations.



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