

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 14 (3541) April 7th, 2024

2nd EASTER SUNDAY - B



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Eugenijus Siciunas	(J.Siciunas)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas	(Groen in't Woud family)
†Simonas Ramanauskas	(grandmother)
†Anele and Kazimieras Pajaujis	(D.J.Didzbalis)
†Edukas and Algis Zemaitis	(IZ)
†Emilija and Alfertas Nideras	(D.Danaitis)
†Stase, Rimas and Juozas Zavys	(G.Gaizutis)
†Teodoras Stanulis	(family)
†Regimantas Ramanauskas	(family)
request grace of health for Ina Sungaila and Dainora Garsva (GJ)	



2024

April 21

Annual Parish Meeting

April 26-27

Spring Rummage Sale

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 -

11 AM -

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (April 8): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (April 9): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (April 10): 7 p.m. special intention (A.Kuncaitis);

THURSDAY (April 11): 7 p.m. †Stefa Sinkevicius (V.Vingelis); †Dale Jurevicius (G.Mickeviciene);

FRIDAY (April 12): 7 p.m. †Ada Lemezys (I.Kavanagh); †Jonas Zaleckas (V.Zaleckaite);

SATURDAY (April 13): 9 a.m. †Sonata Ambrozaityte (G); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Onute Dainorius and Adele Viskontas (N.Slivinskas);

SUNDAY (April 14): 9 a.m. †Marta and Vladas Simanavicius (daughters); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona Balsys (I.Balsys); †Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter); †Stasys Bekeris (V.Puzeris); †Kestutis Sukys (R.J.Kuliesis); †Sofija Augaitis (C.Bakker); special intention (G); for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (Cuplinskas family).

Capital Fund - \$ 371,845

D.Puteris, A.Baziliauskas,

L.R.Steer, R.A.Sileika - \$ 500

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Easter Collections (03.30-31) -

74 envelopes - \$ 4,955

No envelopes - \$ 340

Direct deposit - \$ 1,435

Holy Land - \$ 1,000

THANK you for your generosity...



Divine Mercy Prayer

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.*

TODAY join us at 2 pm at the Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall

to hear pieces by contemporary composers as well as arranged Lithuanian folk songs. Voices of the Joint Montreal and Toronto Lithuanian Song Festival choir will soar performing songs from the repertoire of the upcoming song festival in Vilnius, Lithuania. „May the Green Forest Grow“ celebrates the 100 years since the song festival seed was planted in Kaunas, in 1924.

Tickets can be purchased at the entrance to the hall.

Price: \$20



You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on April 21st after 11AM Mass.

A review of parish council activities and future plans will be presented, and the

Financial Advisory Committee will report on

the parish's Financial status. Elections for parish council will also be held. If you would like to nominate someone for parish council, please obtain their agreement and advise

Linus Zubrickas linas@hotmail.com by April 20th.

The parish will treat you to a lunch of delicious sausages prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew, and the social committee will provide refreshing beverages.

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SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

April 26 - 27

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

Men needed to set up tables

Monday, April 22nd, 10am - 12 noon .

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:

we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods

BUT will gladly accept

cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

We ask you to bring your donations

NO EARLIER than Tuesday APRIL 23rd at 10AM!

Some items that DO NOT sell are:

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit .

We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!

*For other info please contact:

Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271;

Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088.

Our parish "Labdara" committee **CONTINUES** The **FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES, till April 21st, ALL to participate. We will continue to collect food in the fall. NON-PERISHABLE** Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

The collected food is delivered to Haven on the Queensway.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Pope at Audience:

The righteous and upright will find happiness

During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis examines the second cardinal virtue of justice, noting that being righteous leads us toward God, and that justice is fundamental for peaceful coexistence in society. This week, the Pope continued his catechetical series on vices and virtues. After months dedicated to the vices, he recently transitioned to discussing virtue, so far focusing on prudence, then patience, and now, justice.

The Catechism describes justice, the second of the cardinal virtues, the Pope recalled, as "the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour" (No. 1807).

The Pope stressed that the virtue is not only one to be practiced by individuals, but it is, above all, a social virtue, for it is directed toward creating communities in which each person is treated in accordance with his or her innate dignity.

Given this, the Holy Father suggested that justice is the basis of peace.

Fundamental for peaceful coexistence in society - Justice, the Pope reaffirmed, is fundamental for peaceful coexistence in society.

"A world without laws respecting rights," he warned, "would be a world in which it is impossible to live; it would resemble a jungle."

Without justice, the Pope said, there is no peace, and "where justice is not respected, conflicts arise." "Without justice," the Holy Father cautioned, "the law of the prevalence of the strong over the weak is entrenched."

Characterizes daily lives - Underscoring that justice is a virtue that is applicable on both a large and small scale, the Pope clarified that it regards "not only the courtroom," but also "the ethics that characterize our daily lives." Explaining that justice establishes sincere relations with others, the Pope said, "The righteous person is upright, simple and straightforward," and "does not wear masks." Rather, the Holy Father reflected, he presents himself "for what he is and speaks the truth." Someone who is righteous, the Pope said, has an attitude of gratitude, realizing that we were loved first by God, and are not worthy, and therefore, inspired by "feeling indebted," shows love to his or her neighbour.

The righteous person - The Pope went on to examine several characteristics of those who are righteous. "The righteous person," he said, "reveres laws and respects them, knowing that they constitute a barrier protecting the defenceless from the tyranny of the powerful," and "does not think only of his own individual wellbeing, but desires the good of society as a whole."

The Pope suggested the upright person does not give in to the temptation to think only of himself and of taking care of his own affairs, "however legitimate they may be, as if they were the only thing that exists in the world."

"The virtue of justice makes it clear - and places this need in the heart - that there can be no true good for oneself," he said, "if there is not also the good of all."

Antidote to corruption - They all keep watch over his own behaviour, so that it is not harmful to others, the Pope said, noting, "if he makes a mistake, he apologizes. In some situations, he goes so far as to sacrifice a personal good to make it available to the community."

In addition, the Pope said, "he loves responsibility and is exemplary in promoting legality."

Calling justice "the antidote to corruption," the Pope insisted, "how important it is to educate people, especially the young, in the culture of legality," to prevent corruption and illegality.

Upright people pursuing righteousness - The righteous person, the Holy Father "shuns harmful behaviour such as slander, perjury, fraud, usury, mockery, and dishonesty," and, "keeps his word."

Pope Francis concluded by saying, we need, more than ever, men and women who pursue justice, as he suggested that being "just" will "make us happy."



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