

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B



Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years.

With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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†R.R.

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Ona Kirvaitis	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
	†Edita Putrimas (1st anniv.)	(family)
	†Ona and Stasys Dackus	(granddaughter)
	†Aldona Zemaitiene	(daughter)
	†Vladas Kobelskis	(GK)
	†Fr. Alfonsas Bumbulis (20th anniv.)	(family)
	†Elena Bersenas, Antanina Leparskis, Zuzana Stravinskas, Irena and Juozas Morkunas	(Zita and Sigita)
	†Juozas Maciulis (44th anniv.)	(family)
	†Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis	(family)
	†Irena and Anicetas Zalagenas	(I.Matus)
	†Edita Putrimas	(Irma)



2023

December 8 - 10

Advent Retreat
(in Lithuanian)

December 10, 9 am

Mass / Confession
Fr. Algirdas
Malakauskas, ofm

December 10, 4pm

38th 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)

**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 - Zibute Janeliunas and Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - "Volunge" Women's ensemble

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (December 4): 7 p.m. †Edita Putrimas ("Kretinga");

TUESDAY (December 5): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Aldona Vaskevicius (Jaglowitz family);

WEDNESDAY (December 6): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (Ruta G.);

THURSDAY (December 7): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh); †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family); †Petras Budeika (Neverauskas); in thanksgiving (A.Kuncaitis);

FRIDAY (December 8): 7 p.m. †Leokadija and Julius Nevulis (1st anniv.) (V.Groen in't Woud);

SATURDAY (December 9): 9 a.m. †Edita Putrimas (Jaglowitz family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Terese Tuse Zeleskas (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (December 10): 9 a.m. †Bronius, sr. and Bronius, jr. Stoncius (O.Stoncus); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †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); †Stasys Prakapas (family); †Edmundas Urniezius (Prakapas family); †Antanas Ulba (B.Kazlauskas); †Agota RataVICIUS (1st anniv.) (family); †Albina Simukenas (2nd anniv.) (sons Aras & Remigijus).

Capital Fund - \$ 361,460

In memory of Aldona Vaskevicius
"Vilnius Manor" board donated - \$ 150

D.Puteris, A.Ciaucionas - \$ 400

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (11.26) and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

52 envelopes - \$ 2,190

No envelopes - \$ 247.90

Direct deposit - \$ 1,080

In memory of Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas,
camp "Kretinga" donated - \$ 500

In memory of Aldona Vaskevicius, the family
donated - \$ 1,000

In memory of Aldona Vaskevicius, at the funeral,
guests donated to the parish - \$ 730

In memory of Aldona Vaskevicius, at the funeral,
guests donated to camp "Kretinga" - \$ 1,560

THANK you for your generosity...



"DŽIUGI DANGAUS GIESMĖ"

38th Annual Christmas Concert

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

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



Christmas is fast approaching.
As we prepare to celebrate, let's
remember our less fortunate brothers
and sisters in Lithuania.

Beginning Sunday, December 3rd, and
throughout Advent, **donations to
support soup kitchens in Lithuania**

will be accepted in the church vestibule.

From TODAY

Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai

will be 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.

**Christmas Craft Sale - December 10th, 10:00 am -
6:00 pm Resurrection Parish.**

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!

TODAY, with the First Advent Sunday 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.

**THANK YOU TO THE SCOUTS' "VYTIS" TROUP FOR
A CHRISTMAS TREE, WHICH WILL DELIGHT NOT ONLY US
BUT ALSO OUR NEIGHBOURS...**

"KIŠKIŲ KLUBAS" - TODAY after 11am Mass, children together with their parents are invited to the small hall to enjoy making Christmas crafts, hosted by "Kiškių klubas". All welcome...

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 café on the following Sundays after 9am and 11am Mass; December 10th, and 17th. 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

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.

"Agurkų klubas"

We play Wednesdays and Fridays 9 am -12 noon.

Beginners start at 9 am -10 am.

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 ;

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.

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

PLEASE NOTE: When writing cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish**, in the **MEMO** write the charitable purpose: Donation to Parish or Mass. When writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers**, in the **MEMO** write the charitable purpose: Capital Fund, Renovation fund, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda.



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS
AMBASADA KANADOJE

EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
TO CANADA

November 18th, 2023

Congratulations to all of you assembled to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Toronto's Resurrection Parish.

Through these decades your community has created and fostered a centre of Lithuanian cultural, social, and charitable activities, as well as a centre in Canada for the support of Lithuania.

For many years Resurrection Parish was, and continues to be, a place where Lithuanians find strong community support and a feeling of home, even as they are far from their homeland. Your fellowship and faith are living proof of the vitality and longevity of our culture.

My sincere thanks for your meaningful contribution to passing down a Lithuanian and Catholic heritage to our youth, for your charitable works, and for maintaining a constant and living connection with Lithuania.

May Resurrection Parish continue to be a strong source of Lithuanian culture in Canada, disseminating our traditions, values and spirit. May these 70 Years be just the beginning of a long and successful community history!

Respectfully,

Ambassador of the Republic of
Lithuania to Canada

Darius Skusevičius

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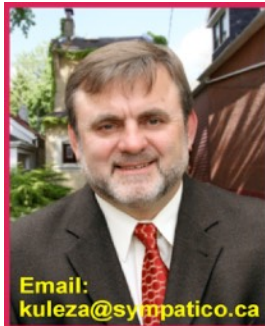
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