

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 38 (3512) September 17th, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



2023

October 14, 4pm - 9 pm

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

November 19

Parish Family Day

11 am Thanksgiving

Mass

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable, the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful. Free me from all bitterness and resentment that I may truly forgive from the heart those who have caused me injury or grief." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

***The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Bernadette Brosnou	(OP)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in Ukraine and the world	
for Rusinas' deceased family members	(R.M.Rusinas)
for Barsciauskas' deceased family members	(family)
†Vladas Stabas	(daughter Violeta)
†Antanas Valincius	(B.B.Degutis)
†Elena and Feliksas Senkus	(Cuplinskas)
†Alfonsas and Birute Juozapavicius	(family)
†Liudmila Sukauskas	(AJurcevicus)
†Skirmantas Trainys (2nd anniv.)	(family)
request grace of health for Garsva and Johnson families	(parents)

Parish office
hours

June - October

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday

9 a.m. - 1 pm.

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas and Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - Julija Danaitis, Danute Pranaitis,

Elenute Stravinskas, Monika Satkauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (September 18): 7 p.m. †Ona and Kostas Zaremba and Laimute Butenas (V.V.Ragelis);

TUESDAY (September 19): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

WEDNESDAY (September 20): 7 p.m. †Jonas Gudavicius (R.Gulyas);

THURSDAY (September 21): 7 p.m. †Alfonsas Stunguris (R.J.Balaisis); †Teresa Kersys (Mickus) (Balaisis family);

FRIDAY (September 22): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

SATURDAY (September 23): 9 a.m. †Ona and Jonas Jarmalavicius (V.Karosas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Liudmila Sukauskas (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (September 24): 9 a.m. †Laima Fox (D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Petronele and Danielius Peciulis (Peciulis family); †Sofija Dilkus (B.Tamosiunas); †Liudmila Sukauskas (Prakapas family); †Inocentas Jurcevicus (wife); †Valentina Grybas (I.O.Turczyn); request grace of health for parish priests (GJ).

Capital Fund - \$ 346,560

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

September 10th - 42 envelopes - \$ 1,625

No envelopes - \$ 83.55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,075

THANK you for your generosity...

We invite you to enjoy coffee and sweets

on Sundays after 9 am and 11 am Mass.

We invite everyone to attend!

Singers and instrumentalists - young and old are invited to join:

Youth and children's choir - rehearsals will be Sundays after the 11 am Mass. All children and youth between the ages of 7 - 17 are welcome to join.

(leader: Daina Babeckas, dainababeckas@gmail.com)

Kankles ensemble - rehearsals will be in parish library on Sundays at 10 am.

Children and youth from the age of 10 are most welcome.

(leaders: Alexandra Valaitis, Daina Sablinskas)

You are ALL welcome...

First Communion registration and activities will begin on

October 15th, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room.

The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

THANK YOU to Rasa Balaisis for preparing the children for First Communion.

Confirmation registration and activities will begin on October 22nd, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room.

The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

THANK YOU to Paulius Sukauskas and Mantas Mileris for preparing the youth for the Sacrament.

"KIŠKIŲ KLUBAS"

"Kiškių klubas" welcomes parents/grandparents with Preschool Toddlers/Babies for friendship, Lithuanian songs, games and activities in the Resurrection Hall every Thursday morning 9:30 am - 11:00am, starting October 5th, 2023.

Registration contact: lili.steer@sympatico.ca or cell: 416-801-3689.

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve..." (Mt 20.28)

Announcement for Altar Server Recruitment

We invite and encourage all our girls and boys, who have received their First Communion, to volunteer and join the ranks of our current excellent group of Altar Servers.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to serve God at Holy Mass and also to serve our Parish *Community of Faith*. For more information, please contact Deacon Kazimieras at 416-550-6413.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and your *enqagement* in our Parish.

Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend is fast approaching. The celebration begins on Saturday, November 18th with a gala dinner and show, "Better than Hollywood". An evening full of surprises and wonderful memories awaits you! Dinner with wine, cash bar and .much more! Tickets are \$70 per person, on sale at the parish on Sundays or online at *insert link from poster*. For info contact ritagrybas@gmail.com.



We hope to see you all on Sunday, November 19th as the celebration, "From your Hand..." continues with parish family and friends at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11AM, followed by music, youth entertainment, photo apps and a special commemorative video produced by Andy Kaknevičius.

KLJS Announcement

On September 23rd in the cafeteria of our parish KLJS will be hosting their annual general meeting. In the evening at 7pm we invite everyone young and all ages to our Eurobash! There will be live music, a cash bar and food. Please join us as we celebrate our youth and our community!



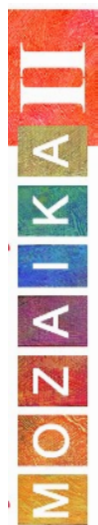
Join us for a stimulating and engaging literary event...
Sunday, September 24th at 4 p.m. Toronto Lithuanian House
 1573 Bloor Street West, Toronto (one block west of Dundas)

Guest translators: Professor Violeta Kelertas and Maryte Racys will present their translated-into-English-version of the Lithuanian literary creations by acclaimed and much-loved writer, **Julija Zemaite's** originals written between 1860 and 1920 **Marriage for Love A 19th Century Lithuanian Woman's Fight for Justice.** Accompanying the guest speakers will be American-Lithuanian writer and Birchwood Press publisher **Birute Putrius** to introduce her latest work **The Last Book Smuggler.** This event will be moderated by well-known Toronto author and literary critic **Antanas Sileika.**

Refreshments will complete the enjoyment of the afternoon. Donations welcome.

Hope to see you there! *Event hosted jointly by Lithuanian House & Toronto KLB*

The Toronto Lithuanian youth ensemble "Gintaras" is starting its 2023-24 season. We cordially invite everyone who wants to dance to join our dance groups. Rehearsals for the children's and youth group will begin Thursday September 28th at 6:30 PM. Rehearsals for the student group will begin Sunday September 17th at 6:00 PM. Registration forms and additional information are available on the Toronto Gintaras website: www.torontogintaras.com
 Rehearsals take place at the Anapilis Halls (St. John's Halls) (2185 Stavebank Rd. Mississauga ON L5C 1T3)



OCTOBER 14TH, 6 PM - 9 PM

All youth and children are invited to participate in the SILENT AUCTION by donating

ARTWORK CREATED AT HOME

Donate your artwork to our Parish fundraiser by **September 17th.**
 If you would like the artwork to be framed by the Mozaika committee please use **8" x 10" sized paper.**
 If the artwork is a different size, please donate it framed.

MENAS SUKURTAS NAMUOSE

Kviečiame vaikus ir jaunimą prisidėti padovanojant savo meną

We will gladly accept your artwork donation at the Resurrection Parish Church office: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 12 pm. at 1 Resurrection Road, Etobicoke

Or you can contact raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com for other drop off times.

Pope's September prayer intention: 'For people living on the margins'



Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of September, and invites everyone to pray and assist people who live on the margins of society.

"Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out."

'Stiff necks, indifferent hearts' - Pope reflected on the indifference endured by many people who are marginalized.

"A homeless person who dies on the street will never appear among the top stories of search engines or newscasts," he lamented, wondering how our societies could have reached such a level of indifference.

Pope Francis attributed this indifference to a "throwaway culture in which millions of men and women are worth nothing compared to economic goods". He said our "necks are going to get stiff from looking the other way so we don't have to see this situation."

Culture of welcoming - The Pope then urged everyone to pay attention to people who face marginalization, even if it results from "poverty, addictions, mental illness, or disability." "Let's focus on accepting them, on welcoming all the people who need it," he said. In response to such indifference, he held up a "culture of welcoming, of providing shelter, of giving a home, of offering love, of giving human warmth."

And Pope Francis concluded by inviting every Christian to pray for those people "on the margins of society living in subhuman living conditions."

Widespread poverty and hardship - A press release accompanying his prayer intention noted that The Pope Video for September contains images of homeless people, street children washing car windshields, and people with various disabilities.

According to the UN, over 10 percent of the global population, or 700 million people, live in extreme poverty. Another 1.6 billion people dwell in inadequate living conditions, even in developed nations.

"Similarly, reports from the World Health Organization reveal that one of every eight persons lives with a 'mental disorder,' and that 16% of the world's population lives with a 'serious disability,'" according to the press release.

Hearts of flesh - Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, echoed the Pope's prayer intention, inviting us to have hearts of flesh and not of stone.

"Welcoming is more than helping: it means putting the other person at our level, rediscovering a sister or a brother we have lost," said Cardinal Czerny. "We are transformed into one Body through prayer."

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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.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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