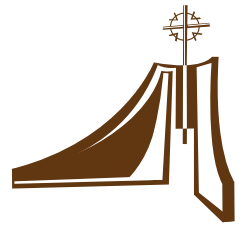


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 39 (3566) September 29th, 2024

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others

who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of the Gospel to others. May your light and truth shine through me that others may find new life and joy in you, and freedom from sin and oppression." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. | †Anson Quon | (V.Dovidaitis) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | for peace in the world | |
| | for deceased family members | (O.Krasauskas) |
| | †Ona Rociunas (1st anniv.) | (family) |
| | †Regimantas Ramanauskas (1st anniv.) | (family) |
| | †Juozas Balsys | (I.Balsys) |
| | †Adele Kliukinskiene and Marija Krakauskiene | (Jonuska family) |
| | for parish living and deceased choristers, singers and musicians | |

2024

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

***Parish office on
September 30th
will be
CLOSED***

Cantors of the Masses:
9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas
11 AM - choir "Volunge"
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (September 30): 7 p.m.

†Teresa and Leo Pereira (son);

TUESDAY (October 1): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ramute and Leopoldas Gumuliauskas (daughter);

WEDNESDAY (October 2): 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius (RU);

THURSDAY (October 3): 7 p.m. blessings of the Lord for Vitalija and Juozas Degutis (B.B.Degutis);

FRIDAY (October 4): 7 p.m. special intention (NN); †Ramute and Leopoldas Gumuliauskas (daughter); †Kazimiera and Ceslovas Rimkevicius (daughter);

SATURDAY (October 5): 9 a.m. blessings of the Lord (GJ); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (October 6): 9 a.m. †Algirdas Smolskis (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Adomas and Ramute Grigonis (A.Grigonis); †Katarina and Juozas Alisauskas (D.J.Didzbalis); †Magdalena and Antanas Dauksa (D.J.Didzbalis), †Ona Juodisis, Danute and Jurgis Jankus (A.G.Valavicius); †Algimantas Simanavicius (family); †Birute and Pranas Ceponis (J.G.Neimanas); for Bijunas' and Vaitiekunas living and deceased family members (family); †Filomena Maciulis (6th anniv) (family); †Violeta Rinkunas (Tyrune).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,845

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (09.22) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

41 envelopes - \$ 1,430

No envelopes - \$ 52.60

Direct deposit - \$ 1,065

THANK you for your generosity...

This Sunday at 11AM Mass we will celebrate a new season of community activities at the parish and give THANKS for all those who participate and volunteer. After both 9AM and 11AM Mass, Lithuanian food will be available for purchase.

Please come and enjoy our food and fellowship.

"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 engagement in our Parish.



Thanksgiving is a time of year when we celebrate gratitude.

We think about everything that is important to us, our family, friends and home; anything that makes us feel blessed.

We invite all parishioners to make one or more heartfelt Thanksgiving greeting card for the seniors who live at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greeting cards will bring them hope, love, joy and peace as well as a feeling of close connection to our community.

We welcome everyone to the parish cafeteria TODAY, September 29th and October 6th. After, 9am & 11 am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make a few greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

More info contact Vida; vidag@primus.ca.

We thank you for your outstanding generosity.

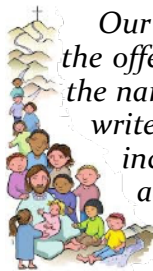
First Communion registration and activities will begin on **October 20th, 10 a.m.** in the parish meeting room. The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration. **THANK YOU** to Rasa Balaisis for preparing the children for First Communion.

Confirmation registration and activities will begin on **October 27th, 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 for preparing the youth for the Sacrament.

"Auksinis klubas" announcement - "Auksinis klubas" will have first meeting on **Monday, September 30th, 1:00 p.m.** in the parish cafe. Dr. Rita Kolycius will share (*in Lithuanian*) her impressions and images after her second visit to St. Mother Teresa's institutions in India. *We are waiting for you...*

After a long break "Children's Offering Envelopes"

are being reintroduced:



Our youngest parishioners often joyfully place a quarter or a loonie in the offertory basket. Starting today, there will be a supply of envelopes in the narthex, especially for children's offerings, so that our youngsters can write their names on them. For tax purposes, these donations will be included in receipts issued to parents or grandparents. Thanks in advance for encouraging a spirit of giving in our children, and for teaching them about the importance of supporting the parish.

May God bless your families!

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Campaign today, September 30th. Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet www.archtoronto.org and using the **DONATE NOW**. Thank you...

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 18 - 19

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

Tuesday, OCTOBER 15th, 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 October 15th at 12NOON!

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.

Dear dancers and parents,

Toronto "Gintaras" is beginning its 2024-2025 season!

We welcome previous dancers and new dancers (starting at age 5/ Senior Kindergarten) to our first practices.

Kids and Youth groups (SK-grade 10): September 26th at 6:30pm at Anapilis

Student Group (grade 11+): September 22nd at 6:00pm at Anapilis – parapijos room.

Registration will occur during the first practices.

We can't wait to see everyone!

Sincerely, "Gintaras" teachers and parent committee



The Lithuanian Museum Archives of Canada is pleased to announce the launch of a new project on the history of Lithuanians in Canada on the Digital Museums Canada website, "European Traces in the War of 1812". This initiative aims to capture and share the early history of the first Lithuanians to reach Canada. We are extremely grateful to Digital Museums Canada for their financial support to make this project possible.

The museum invites you to visit: European Traces in the War of 1812

<https://www.communitystories.ca/v2/european-traces-war-of-1812-traces-europeennes-guerre-de-1812/>

Pope at Audience: Against the devil's deception, Jesus protects us



During his weekly General Audience Wednesday morning, Pope Francis continues his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit and reminds that despite Satan's attempts to distract and tempt us, the Lord enables us to free ourselves of his trickery and deception.

The Lord protects us from being deceived by the devil....

Pope Francis gave this comforting observation during his Wednesday morning General Audience in St. Peter's Square, while, at the same time, urging the faithful to "never dialogue with the devil."

As he continued his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit, he turned this week to the Gospel account of Jesus' temptations in the desert.

Never converse with the devil

The Pope recalled a Church Father's observation that once Christ, on the Cross, "defeated forever the power of the 'prince of this world', the devil was "bound, like a dog on a chain; he cannot bite anyone, except he who, braving the danger, goes near him..."

"He can bark, he can urge," the Pope said, "but he cannot bite, except he who wants to [be bitten]." "If you are a fool and you go to the devil and [say], 'Ah, how are you?'" Pope Francis said, "he ruins you."

With the devil, he said, we must always keep distance.

The Holy Father acknowledged how we all in one way or another have experienced the devil trying to approach us with some temptation, but when this may happen, also through technology, he appealed, we must stop and step away.

"Do not," he warned, "approach the dog tied with a chain."

Saints as our models

Pope Francis suggested that the greatest proof of the existence of the devil is not to be found in the evidence of evil in our world, but rather in the lives and witness of the saints.

The saints' efforts to grow in virtue and holiness, he observed, testify to the sinister reality "of the spirit of evil and the need to struggle against temptations to sin."

Devil is cunning, but Christians are smarter

The Holy Father emphasized that the Lord's victory over the power of evil and sin "gives us sure hope" that, by trusting in His word and strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome the devil's attempts to distract us.

"Be careful, because the devil is cunning," Pope Francis said, "but we Christians, with God's grace," he reassured, "are smarter than he is."

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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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