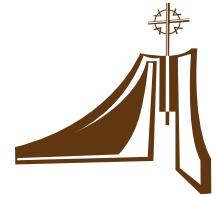


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## EASTER SUNDAY - B



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

## Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. for Krasauskas', Pazera and Nenortas' living and deceased family members (GJ)  
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for living and deceased family members and friends (Gitana)  
for Dirmantas', Nevulis' and Groen in't Woud' deceased family members (family)  
for Matusevicius' and Petrulis' deceased family members (family)  
†Loreta Murauskas (1st anniv) (R.Bell)  
†Birute Tamoliunas (1st anniv) (Zubrickas family)  
†Brigita Silinskas (15th anniv.) (G.Adie)  
requesting grace of health for parish priests (Ruta G.)  
requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma)

The church is open  
for private prayer  
on weekdays  
(Monday-Friday)  
from 5:30 pm  
to 7 pm

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## Cantors of the Masses:

**9 AM** - Tessa and Jacintha Groen in't Woud,  
Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas.

**11 AM** - Danguole Cinga, Ziba Janeliunas,  
Ilona Tarvydas, Julija Danaitis,  
Gintas Neimanas, Romas Puteris,  
Taras and Ted Chornomaz  
**organist** - Ilona Beres

## THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (April 5): 7 p.m. †Juožas Bansevicius (B.B.Degučiai); requesting grace of health for Laima (R.R.Syvokas);

**TUESDAY** (April 6): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Stella Kliorikaitis, Pranas Juskevicius and Aleda Bumdt (T.Urbantas);

**WEDNESDAY** (April 7): 7 p.m. †Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis (D.Gaputis); †Albina Laurinaitis (Jaglowitz family);

**THURSDAY** (April 8): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Juožas Bansevicius (D.J.Didzbalis); †Aldona Rulevicius (Cuplinskas);

**FRIDAY** (April 9): 7 p.m. requesting grace of health for family (R.R.Syvokas); requesting grace of health for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (M.S.Businskas);

**SATURDAY** (April 10): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (April 11): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for Kazlauskas' deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas); †Irena Smolskis (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Linas Balaisis (3rd anniv.) (R.J.Balaisis); †Salomeja and Pranciskus Tvarijonavicius (I.F.Zilinskas); †Brone and Antanas Pabedinskas and Senkus' deceased family members (JMC); †Sidrikas, Marija and Karolis Hagendorn (M.Hagendorn); †Albina Laurinaitis (1 month) (family); requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,944

**THANK YOU...**

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

### Collections of March 28th

33 envelopes - \$ 2,125

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**THANK you for your generosity**



## EASTER TRIDUM AT RESURRECTION PARISH 2021

Once again, due to the pandemic, Easter will be different. As COVID 19 case counts continue to rise, restrictions on numbers of Mass participants remain in force, and so **pre-registration for the Good Friday service, as well as Easter Vigil on Saturday, and Masses on Sunday, will be mandatory.** Understandably, some of you will choose to participate remotely, and as always, we will unite in prayer.

REGISTRATION:

Click here for **Good Friday service**:

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Good Friday(Lithuanian only) 3PM

Easter Sunday 9 AM (English) 11 AM (Lithuanian)

**"Music is well said to be the speech of angels."** (Peter Hoeg).

**THANK YOU** to the musicians and singers who, during the pandemic, have been refreshing our souls with music and song...

**Singers:** Emilia Degutis, Audra Rusinas, Ele Stravinskas, Monika Sutkauskas, Gintas Neimanas, jr., Laima Underys, Danute Pranaitis, Grazina Adie, Algis Vaisnoras, Dominykas Guzauskas, Zita Nausedas, Sandy McCullough, Dalia Vaskevicius, Aras Pabedinskas, Ruta Melkis.

**Special Thanks to the singers of the Holy Week:** Danguole Cinga, Ilona Tarvydas, Julija Danaitis, Zibute Janeliunas, Danute Biskys, Rasa Wilkinson, Gintas Neimanas, Romas Puteris, Taras Chornomaz, Ted Chornomaz, Gintas Pabedinskas, Gabriele Navickas, Tessa Groen in't Woud, Jacintha Groen in't Woud.

**Kankles ensemble:** Tessa Groen in't Woud, Jacintha Groen in't Woud, Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas; Directors - Alexandra Valaitis and Zibute Janeliunas.

**Music director** - Dalia Viskontas

**Organist** - Ilona Beres

The Resurrection parish would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in writing beautiful and heartfelt Easter greeting cards to our friends at Labdara.

Once again, it was a huge success. Through your love, kindness, and generosity, we as a community of parishioners and non-Lithuanian speaking neighbourhood families contributed an overwhelming 357 greeting cards!

Thank you for bringing warmth and closeness to those who need it most during this most difficult time in our lives.

**Easter – the most important holiday of the Christian calendar – commemorates Christ's death and resurrection.**



*An excerpt from Pope Francis's Easter Vigil homily...*

<...> Let us hear the words of the angel of the Lord: He is not here, "He is risen!" (Mk 16:6); he is our greatest joy, always on our side and will never disappoint us.

This is the basis of our hope. The Christian hope is not mere optimism, psychological attitude or a call not to lose courage. It is a gift, bestowed by God, when we ourselves open up to Him.

It is a hope that does not disappoint us, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom 5:5). The Comforter does not make things appear rosy, it does not eliminate the bad with the wave of a magic wand. It provides tangible strength, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty that you will always be loved and your sins forgiven by Christ, who overcame sin for us, conquered death, defeating fear. Today is our celebration of hope, the celebration of certainty: nothing in all of creation will be able to separate us from His love (Rom 8:39).

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is risen! We have the ability to open up, accept and receive the wonderful gift of hope. Let us follow the path leading through hope. Let us allow Christ's works and words of remembrance, a shining light, full of confidence, lead our steps to Easter without end. Amen.



***Then (Jesus) said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe" (Jn 20:27).***

**Dear Lithuanians of the Diaspora, brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Thomas did not believe the witnessing of the apostles, that Jesus was alive and in their midst, for one can be easily deceived by one's sight. Thomas said, he would not believe until he saw Jesus with his own eyes and touched His wounds with his own hands. Jesus replied to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29).

These words of Christ apply to us today, especially in this time of pandemic, when we are urged by doctors and scientists to keep our distance from each other and wear masks to protect against coronavirus, thus concealing ourselves from one another.

Thomas's response to Jesus' call was hindered by doubt and hardness of heart. Therefore, we must be vigilant so that we, too, do not become indifferent to the needs of our loved ones, which are even more difficult to notice now – after all, smiles, excitement, worries are hidden by facial masks. It is no coincidence that in his letter for this Lenten season, Pope Francis writes that "the highest expression of our faith and hope is the love experienced in following Christ, showing attention and compassion to every person."

The cross is a special Christian symbol that leads to the resurrection. Through the Crucified One the sacrificial Love and Mercy of God is given to humanity. The Good Friday Gospel verses tell us about the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, while during the Liturgy, the Holy Cross is unveiled and worshipped by the congregation. They chant, "Lord, we worship Your Cross as we praise and exalt Your Holy Resurrection; behold, through the Cross, joy has come for all mankind."

May the Mystery of the Cross unveil the blessing of the Risen Jesus to you, your families, and your parish communities as you celebrate Easter.

Blessed Holy Easter to all! May you be healthy and safe.

*Msgr. Edmond J. Putrimas, Lithuanian Catholic Bishops Conference Delegate for Lithuanian Catholics of the Diaspora*



***„Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." (Jn 12, 23-24)***

**Embrace, oh Risen Lord, all the believers of our parish, all the families of the parish and their loved ones - let the grains of Faith, Hope and Love, revived by the Redemption in this darkness of fear and unknowing of what, yet, awaits us - light our way as we sing - Christ is Risen!**

**Sincere Easter greetings to all on the day of Resurrection and on the name day of our Parish: the Provincial General of the Order of St Francis Little Brothers of Lithuania, St Casimir Province Fr. Algirdas Malakauskis, OFM, and the priests serving in the parish.**

**Sincere Thanks for all the donations to the parish and monastery. For enriching our liturgy, many thanks to the Mass internet producers Arunas Pabedinskas and Kazimieras Senda, Music Director Dalia Viskontas, organist Ilona Beres, singers and musicians and the lectors, volunteers and everyone assisting in Holy Week and Easter liturgies.**

**May the Lord bless you abundantly.**

*Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM; pastor*



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