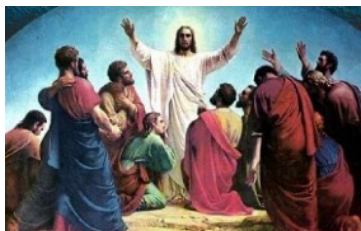


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - A



Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. [Matthew 28:9-10](#)). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. [Matthew 10:1-15](#)). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. [Matthew 1:23](#)), for all eternity. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death."

(dailyscripture.net)

†R.R.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Regina Panavas (2nd anniv.)	(I.Stanaitis)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	Novena - for living and deceased Mothers	
	†Katerina and Juozas Alisauskas	(D.J.Didzbalis)
	†Danute Tunkunas	(J.Siciunas)
	†Vytautas Uspalis (1st anniv.)	(R.R.Smolskis)
	†Antanina and Vidas Adomonis	(O.Stoncius)
	†Antanas Laurinaitis	(J.Cuplinskas)
	for Vanagas' and Kazlauskas' deceased family members	(A.S.Vanagas)
	†Leokadija Nevulis	(O.Dirmantas)
	†Jurgis Senda	(Senda family)
	†Juozas and Elvyra Vosylius	(Brigita)
	†Ona and Eligijus Narusis	(R.J.Karasiejus)



2023

May 28

Cemetery day

June 3

Run for Hope

June 4

Confirmation

June 9 - 11

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

**Parish office
hours**

June - October

**Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 2 pm.**

August 6th - closed

September 4th - closed

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Laima Underys and Julija Danaitis
organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

May 22 - 28

MONDAY (May 22): 7 p.m. Novena;

TUESDAY (May 23): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena;

WEDNESDAY (May 24): 7 p.m. Novena; †Veronika and Linas Balaisis (Prakapas family);

THURSDAY (May 25): 7 p.m. Novena; †Marija Gudelis (L.R.Kuliavas); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas); †Ona Baceviciute-Maleckas (family);

FRIDAY (May 26): 7 p.m. Novena; blessings of the Lord for Jura (NN);

SATURDAY (May 27): 9 a.m. Novena; †Joana Zenkevicius (B.V.Bireta); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Antanas Siskus and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (May 28): 9 a.m. Edie Kyzelyte Houle ("Kretinga"); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Elena Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); for Urniezius' and Rimkevicius' deceased family members (Urniesius); †Antanas and Monika Bumbulis (family); †Ada Lemezys (V.White); †Antanas Laurinaitis (D.L.Simanavicius); †Katerina Kraciun (Juodis family); †Sarunas Ivaniukas (family); blessings of the Lord for Danute and her family (Prakapas family).

Capital Fund - \$ 345,260

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections in "Vilnius Manor"

and May 14th

45 envelopes - \$ 1,212

No envelopes - \$ 81.70

Direct deposit - \$ 1,285

THANK you for your generosity

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, strength and sweetness of God!

Come, You, movement and peace!

Renew our courage,

Fill our solitude in the world,

Create in us intimacy with God!

We no longer say, like the prophet: "Come from the four winds",

As if we did not yet know from where you came;

We say: Come, Spirit from the pierced side of Christ upon the cross!

Come from the mouth of the Risen One!

THE PARISH IS LOOKING FOR an **employee** who could take care of the halls and prepare them for events as needed, e.g.: parish events, funerals, on Sundays or during the week.

Please call the parish office - 416-533-0621.

There will be no coffee this Sunday, May 21st

Parish office will be closed on May 22nd



Annual Resurrection Parish Run for Hope - June 3rd

Join the 5K run or 1 K walk

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipėda, Lithuania.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/7y7jvXE7K8YbH7Rm7>.

e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com

In person registration will take place each Sunday after mass, downstairs in front of the parish cafeteria.

If you have any questions, please contact:

gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca

P.S. Mrs. Aldona Kerpyte, head of the Oncology Center in Klaipėda, sent a documentary film made 5 years ago about the Oncology Center, its activities and sincere people.

Movie link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQoAZhhJss>

MOZAIKA II

Silent Art Auction - October 14th

ALL are invited to support MOZAIKA II by donating artwork: sculptures, paintings, prints. We will gladly accept donations at the Church office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For more information, please contact: raminta.nakrosius@gmail.com

Camp "KRETINGA" invites all to a
Work Weekend
on June 9th - 11th.

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For more information: Wally Dauginis:
wally.dauginis@bell.ca

**P.S. * paid positions available for
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2-4 weeks in July; *As well, could
someone donate
an SUV or VAN to the camp?
We WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL..**



LMAC Exhibition

After a successful showing at the Old Fort Erie Museum last summer, our exhibition "**European Traces in the War of 1812**" will be presented at the Lithuanian Museum Archives of Canada beginning May 28th. This is the story of 99 soldiers, born in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, who reached Canadian soil and fought for the British in the War of 1812 between Britain/Canada and the United States. Visitors will see a replica of a regimental uniform and will have the chance to sample some baked goods made from a recipe from that time. Exhibition details: **May 26-June 19, 2023. Open daily from 11 am- 4 pm except Saturdays.**



The Toronto Folk Dance Ensemble Gintaras is inviting everyone to "Find the Fern Blossom Festival" on June 24th at the Anapolis halls in Mississauga. Doors open at 2 pm and the festivities will continue until 1am. Advance tickets are available online: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (5-16) at togintaras.ticketspice.com/gintarines-jonines. At the door, tickets will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for children (5-16).

For more information about the event go to torontogintaras.com.

"**Auksinis club**" card players meet every two weeks, Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the church cafeteria.

The next dates are: May 23, June 6, June 20.
All are welcome.

Pope at Audience: Love of Christ drove St. Francis Xavier to furthest frontiers



Praising 'the greatest missionary of modern times,' St. Francis Xavier, as embodying apostolic zeal at his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis said the love of Christ drove him to the farthest parts of the world to spread the Gospel.

"The love of Christ was the strength that drove him to the furthest frontiers, with constant toil and danger, overcoming setbacks, disappointments and discouragement, indeed, giving him consolation and joy in following and serving Him to the end." With these words, Pope Francis described St. Francis Xavier, "rightly considered the greatest missionary of modern times" at his weekly General Audience on Wednesday morning in St. Peter's Square, as he continued reflecting on figures who personified apostolic zeal.

Reflecting on the patron saint of Catholic missions to the faithful in the Square, the Pope praised the saint's prolific care for the sick, poor, and children, wherever he found himself.

"His intense activity was always united with prayer, with union with God."

Gratitude to today's missionaries - "We can learn from St. Francis Xavier," the Pope said, praising him as an example for missionaries and also for young people. With poverty and courage, the Pope said, the saint's "strength was consumed in his service to the mission" and he accomplished incredible endeavours. While celebrating St. Francis Xavier's achievements, the Pope praised all missionaries, who continue to dedicate themselves to helping others, inspired by the faith and love of Christ.

"We see this courage in missionaries today, who do not go on ships, but on airplanes, but they have the strength to go out," the Pope applauded.

"There are so many hidden missionaries, who even today, do so much more than St. Francis Xavier."

The Pope praised the "many, many, priests, lay people, sisters, who go to the missions," stressing that we can learn from them.

Dedication unreservedly to God - The Holy Father highlighted how St. Francis Xavier's closeness to Christ, even amid turmoil, always empowered him.

"He never left prayer, because he knew there was strength there."

Xavier, the Pope recalled, was born into a noble but impoverished family in Navarre, northern Spain, in 1506, who would later study at the University of Paris "in order to obtain a well-paid ecclesiastical position that will secure his future." The Pope recalled his reputation as a likeable and brilliant young man, excelling in sport and study. In college, he met St. Ignatius of Loyola. "They become great friends, and Ignatius helps Francis to live a new and profound spiritual experience," the Jesuit Pope highlighted.

The Pope noted how Francis Xavier would be among the Jesuits of the time sent to the East Indies, to bring the faith.

Making Jesus Christ known - Here, he said, began the first of a numerous band of passionate missionaries, ready to endure immense hardships and dangers, to reach lands and meet peoples of completely unknown cultures and languages. What they had in common, the Holy Father suggested, is that they were driven only by the very strong desire to make Jesus Christ and His Gospel known. Later, Xavier was appointed Apostolic Nuncio, Pope Paul III's representative to the rulers of the so-called Indies, and in little more than eleven years, he accomplished an extraordinary work.

Even if ship voyages at that time were very hard and dangerous, with many dying *en route* from shipwrecks or illnesses, the Pope highlighted, Xavier spent over three and a half years on ships, a third of the entire duration of his mission.

All out of love for God - Having arrived in Goa, India, the capital of the Portuguese Orient, Xavier set up his base there, but did not stop there, the Pope said. Rather, he set forth to evangelise the poor fishermen of India's southern coast, teaching catechism and prayers to children, baptising and healing the sick.

Then, during a night prayer at the tomb of the Apostle St Bartholomew, he felt he must go beyond India, and therefore, leaves for Moluccas, the most distant islands of the Indonesian archipelago, where he founded several Christian communities in two years. The saint put the Catechism into verse in the local language and taught how to sing it.

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