

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT - C



Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's

passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

*What marvels the Lord worked for us!
In deed we were glad.*

(CBW p.58)

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Juožas Morkunas	(A.Ciaucionas)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Magdalena and Jonas Tarvydas	(B.V.Bireta)
	for Besasparis' and Kazlauskas' living and deceased family members	(B.Kazlauskas)
	†Veronika Balaisis	(L.Underys)
	†Birute Tamoliunas (2nd anniv.)	(Zubrickas family)
	†Janina Poska	(R.Oleka)
	†Maria "Esa" Pabedinskas-Fisher	(G.Ignaitis)
	requesting grace of health for mother Almute	(daughter)
	requesting grace of health for parish priests	(NN)

**Sunday Masses
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Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Youth

11 AM - choir "Nonetas"

organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (April 4): 7 p.m. †Veronika Balaisis (B.Peleckas); †Irena Biskys (R.L.Steer);

TUESDAY (April 5): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Stasys Prakapas (family);

WEDNESDAY (April 6): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Antanas and Kotryna Rukas (A.Ulba); 7 p.m. †Jadvyga Bliskys and Cepiauskas family (daughter Egle);

THURSDAY (April 7): 7 p.m. †Bronius and Alvyte Liskauskas (A.Ulba); †Vytautas Stasiulevicius and Janina Klisevicius (J.G.Stasiulevicius); †Algis Vaisnoras (R.L.Steer);

FRIDAY: (April 8): 7 p.m. †Veronika Balaisis (B.B.Degutis);

SATURDAY (April 9): †Maria "Esa" Pabedinskas-Fisher (B.B.Degutis) 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Adele Dobis (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (April 10): 9 a.m. †Simonas Ramanauskas (O.Stoncius); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Teofile Kobelskis (children); †Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis (D.Gaputis); in thanksgiving (Ruta G.); †Izabele Matusевичius (55th anniv.) (relatives); †Regina Stabas (1st anniv.) (daughter Violeta); †Vytautas Strimaitis (2nd anniv.) (Margarita & Vytautas family); †Liutauras Cingys and living and deceased family members (mother); †Angele Bungardas and Algis Grajauskas (A.Pleinys).

Capital Fund - 327,929

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of March 27th

38 envelopes - \$ 1,085

No envelopes - \$ 66.50

Direct deposit - \$ 1,440

Support to UKRAINE - \$ 200

THANK you for your generosity



Every Thursday during Lent,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **5:30 p.m.**
will take place before the evening Holy Mass.
Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass.
Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.



2022

English camp July 3rd - 16
Lithuanian camp July 17th - 30th

Registrations are online this year!

Campers registrations: <https://campkretinga.squarespace.com/>
Counsellor registrations: <https://campkretinga.squarespace.com/>

We can't wait to see you all IN PERSON!

Help Wanted: The parish is seeking a worker to perform custodial duties and hall set-up for events. Mostly weekend work, however must also be available on call to support occasional weekday events such as funeral luncheons. Please call the parish office - 416-533-0621.

Spring is a time of rebirth and this is a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.

Prisikëlimo Parapija invites everyone to write heartfelt Easter greetings to our friends at "Labdara" Nursing Home.

Your greetings will bring them happiness, encouragement and a feeling of close connection to our community.

You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, Dear Friend, etc.

Completed greeting cards can be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday April 10th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Vida - vidag@primus.ca. We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



Lithuanian food for take out - on April 10th

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazina.valintiene@gmail.com. If you do not receive confirmation by email, please call 647-869-6164. In your email, please specify the items and quantities you wish to order, as well as the time you will be picking up your order. **PRE-ORDERS ONLY.**

Our parish CONTINUES our 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.

PEACE for UKRAINE!

Donations to provide urgent aid to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters suffering as a result of the war may be made:

1) via the Franciscan Fathers

by cheques: **Franciscan Fathers, Memo: Ukraine;**

2) be made Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org or by cheques:

Resurrection Parish – Ukraine Humanitarian Relief.

We invite you to help our brothers and sisters of Ukraine.

Pope recites special prayer for end to war in Ukraine Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

*Lord Jesus, born in the shadows
of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms
in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines,
have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands
in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!*

Forgive us, O Lord.

*Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails
with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue
to slate our thirst with the blood of those
mauled by weapons.*

*Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend
have been transformed into instruments of death.*

Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;

*Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up
the stones of our fields to kill Abel.*

*Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty
with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality
of our actions with our pain.*

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You!
Hold fast the hand of Cain!*

*Illuminate our consciences; May our will not be done;
Abandon us not to our own actions!*

Stop us, O Lord, stop us!

*And when you have held back the hand of Cain,
care also for him. He is our brother.*

O Lord, put a halt to the violence!

Stop us, O Lord!

Amen.

Pope at Audience:

Old age can be a time of spiritual vitality

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the lives and witness of the elderly, looking at how they can ensure our spiritual grounding and teach us the importance of discerning God's presence in our daily lives and the unfolding of His saving plan.



Presenting the next part of his catechesis on the meaning and value of old age, Pope Francis this week explored how the Gospel account of the elderly figures Simeon and Anna help us see how the elderly are called to offer a personal witness of faith and trust in the fulfilment of God's promises, and thus build bridges between the generations. And while the passing of years can dull our physical senses, he said, at this precious time in life the Holy Spirit can sharpen our spiritual senses.

Fidelity of waiting - The Pope noted how in Luke's Gospel we read how Simeon and Anna await God's visit, and Simeon by premonition of the Holy Spirit knew he would not die before seeing the Messiah. Both of them, "filled with spiritual vitality", recognize the presence of the Lord in the Child Jesus who fills them with consolation before they bid farewell to life. This "fidelity of waiting sharpens the senses," as the Holy Spirit "enlightens the senses," despite the limits or decline of our physical senses of the body that is natural as we age. And old age dedicated to God and waiting for His visit and consolation will be even more keen and ready to sense it, he noted.

Lively spiritual senses - Pope Francis underscored how much society needs older persons capable of recognizing and welcoming Christ's presence and the gifts of his Spirit.

"Today we need this more than ever: an old age gifted with lively spiritual senses capable of recognizing the signs of God, or rather, the Sign of God, who is Jesus."

On the other hand, a society that exalts pleasure and cultivates the illusion of eternal youth can act as an "anaesthesia of the spiritual senses," he warned, and it is particularly insidious because we not even be aware this is going on. We can lose a sense of touch or taste, he observed, but matters of the soul can be ignored causing an insensitivity to the spiritual senses related to compassion, remorse, devotion, tenderness, and responsibility for oneself and others.

Spirit of human fraternity - We need to regain a spirit of human fraternity, the Pope said, to regain our sensitivity to spiritual matters and creating a culture where social tenderness can grow. The lives and witness of Simeon and Anna, as well as other Spirit-sensitive elderly in biblical accounts, can teach us ways to bring vitality and grounding into our own spiritual lives, as they teach us the primary importance of discerning God's presence in our daily lives and the unfolding of His saving plan from one generation to the next.

Spiritual old age unites - In conclusion, the Pope pointed out how "spiritual sensitivity of old age is capable of breaking down competition and conflict between generations in a credible and definitive way," by showing us the way to what is ultimately important in life, "for an advent of God in the generation to come, which arrives together with the departure of one's own."

"Only spiritual old age can give this witness, humble and dazzling, making it authoritative and exemplary for all."

Remembering Ukraine

At the conclusion of the General Audience, Pope Francis greeted Ukrainian children hosted by the Italian Associations "Aiutiamoli a vivere" and "Puer", and the Ukrainian Embassy to the Holy See. He added that our thoughts turn to the monstrosity of war, and he asked that we renew our prayers so that this savage cruelty that is war be stopped.

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and for parish causes through:
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Q: What is the name of the parish?

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MEETING**

April 5, 2022

Tuesday | 6:30 pm

Pre-registration required www.rpcul.com
Meeting will be taking place virtually

**NOMINATIONS
OPEN UNTIL**

March 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon



Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

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