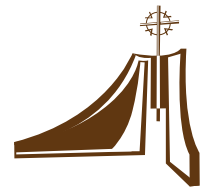


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 2 (3529) January 14th, 2024

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



2024

February 4

Sports club "AUSRA" Mass

February 11

Pancake Sunday

February 14

Ash Wednesday

March 3

St. Casimir Fair

March (date TBD)

Lenten Retreat

March 28-31

Holy week

March 31

Easter

April 7

Choirs "Balsas" and

"Volunge" concert

April 26-27

Spring Rummage Sale

May 5

First Communion

June (date TBD)

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

(date TBD)

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November (date TBD)

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus? (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Here I am, Lord, here I am, Lord: I come to do your will.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Juzefa and Pranas Dovidaitis (daughters)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
- †Alfonsas Simonavicius (40th anniv.) (family)
- †Ona and Stasys Nomeika and deceased family members (daughter Zita)
- †Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas (2nd anniv.) and Sally Puodziukas-Pennock (family)
- †Algis Vaisnoras (family)
- †Sheila and Douglas Stacey (D.Danaitis)
- †Irena Labanauskas (V.White)
- †Adela and Eugenijus Abromaitis (B.Abromaitis)
- †Stasys and Vladas Vydmantas (G)

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - choir "Volunge"

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (January 15): 7 p.m. †Irena Labanauskiene (Prakapas family);

TUESDAY (January 16): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

WEDNESDAY (January 17): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ);

THURSDAY (January 18): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); for souls in purgatory (A.Kuncaitis);

FRIDAY (January 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

SATURDAY (January 20): 9 a.m. request grace of health for Rasa (friends); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (January 21): 9 a.m. †Antanas and Jadvyga Paskevicius, Monica and Clare Creedon (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Stase and Rimantas Bartusevicius (O.Stoncius); †Ona Anskis (Stanevicius family); for Gudelis' and Sakevicius' deceased family members (family); †Regina and Antanas Ulba (A.Jurcevicius); †Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (B.Kazlauskas); †Marija and Bronius Karasiejus (R.J.Karasiejus); †Domicela and Antanas Gadliauskas (family); †Sofija and Jonas Rumbutis, Stanislavas and Boleslovas Seslauskas (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 371,055

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Also enjoy coffee and sweets after 9 am and 11 am Mass.

We invite everyone to attend!

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NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

INVITATION -

The Embassy of Lithuania to Canada is hosting a virtual run/walk for the commemoration of January 13, 1991.

Please join us on Sunday January 14TH at 1:15pm at Resurrection Parish to walk 9km in memory of the 14 victims who sacrificed their lives. We will pass by important LT sites in Toronto and finish the walk with a picture at Hillside Gardens in High Park. For more information, please contact Monika Satkauskas masatkauskas@gmail.com.



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**“Our memory is alive, because
it’s a witness”**

**January 13th – Defenders of
Freedom Day!**

Freedom – a person’s first and truthful, and a whole nation’s, source of good fortune and welfare. Many wars, disagreements, arguments arose and still arise because of desires to limit or even eliminate freedom. One of the greatest punishments to an individual is the loss of freedom because by losing freedom, you may say that they also lose their powers, their voice, their “I.” The loss of freedom is the loss of the ability to grow and develop. Slavery not only demeans a nation’s reputation, but weakens its will and spirit. The Lithuanian nation’s freedom has been paid with the lives of the noblest of Lithuania’s youth. Today, we bow our heads to them and in admiration of their actions, declare to the whole world: we will never be subjugated and we will defend our Nation’s freedom with all of our might.

The Lithuanian nation’s true resolve and dedication were shown during the events of January 13th, 1991. They required many sacrifices: about 700 persons were injured, 14 lost their lives. The latter were *Loreta Asanavičiūtė, Virginijus Druskis, Darius Gerbutavičius, Rolandas Jankauskas, Rimantas Juknevičius, Alvydas Kanapinskas, Algimantas Petras Kavoliukas, Vidas Maciulevičius, Titas Masiulis, Alvydas Matulka, Apolinaras Juozas Povilaitis, Ignas Šimulionis, Vytautas Vaitkus, Vytautas Koncevičius.*

**Let us remember them
in our prayers...**

Pope at Audience: Gluttony distorts God's gift of 'our daily bread'



At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the sin of gluttony, and recalls that imbalanced relationships with food can damage the planet and our own hearts.

Eating a slice of cake is not the issue, since Jesus Himself appreciated good food and company, but rather taking for granted or distorting "God's daily bread," which can slowly but surely destroy the planet.

Continuing his catechesis series on virtues and vices, the Pope focused this week on the sin of gluttony.

Jesus enjoyed good meals with others - The Holy Father pointed out that, from the Christian point of view, food is not "bad". Rather, what risks being a problem is our relationship with food. The Pope recalled how the Lord rejected the Hebrew law's ritual distinction between pure and impure food.

Jesus, he insisted, showed us with His own actions that there is nothing wrong with enjoying a good meal or some wine, as evidenced in Scripture when He is questioned by the Pharisees about His disciples not fasting while having dinner at Levi's house with tax collectors and sinners (Mk 2:18-20). He wants us to be joyful with Him at the table, but also to be prepared to balance that with abstaining and fasting at times of suffering, for example, as Christians do during Lent. The Pope emphasized that what matters is the distortion of our relationship with food and how it changes us and our hearts.

"What does the Gospel tell us about this? Let us look to Jesus," said the Pope. "His first miracle, at the wedding feast of Cana, reveals His sympathy with human joys: He cares that the feast ends well and gives the bride and groom a lot of very good wine." Jesus, recalled the Pope, is often seen at the table eating, as opposed to John the Baptist, who is remembered for his asceticism. As a guest at the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus taught the goodness of food and drink, and the joy of table fellowship.

Pope Francis therefore urged the faithful to always be grateful for God's gift of our daily bread and "mindful of our responsibility towards others and virtuous in our enjoyment of the good things of this earth."

Our relationship with food must be balanced - The Pope drew attention to society's tendency to have a more distorted or imbalanced relationship with food. In societies troubled by eating disorders, which all too often waste great amounts of food even as many people in our world go hungry, the Pope suggested that our eating habits should be moderate and socially responsible.

He acknowledged that these illnesses, "often very painful," are "mostly related to the torments of the psyche and soul." "Food is the manifestation of something inner: the predisposition to balance or immoderation; the ability to give thanks or the arrogant claim to autonomy; the empathy of those who know how to share food with the needy; or the selfishness of those who hoard everything for themselves."

The issue is not 'giving in' before a piece of cake - How one eats, the Pope said, reveals something about their soul. The Holy Father recalled the saying that "we eat to live; we don't live to eat." He warned that our consumption behaviours, which may seem personal, can also impact society and the planet as a whole. If we see it from a social point of view, the Pope reasoned, gluttony is "perhaps the most dangerous vice that is killing the planet."

While "the sin of those who 'give in' in front of a slice of cake, all things considered, does not cause great harm," the "voracity with which we have been lashing out, for the past few centuries, at the planet's goods," on the other hand, "is compromising everyone's future," insisted the Pope.

Implications for the entire world - "We have pounced on everything to become masters of everything, even though everything has been entrusted to our stewardship," lamented the Pope. "Here, then, is the great sin, the fury of the stomach: we have abjured the name of men to assume another, 'consumers.'"

Pope Francis decried that while "we were made to be "eucharistic" men and women, capable of thanksgiving, discreet in the use of the earth," we have instead "turned into predators, and now we are realizing that this form of 'gluttony' has done much harm." The Pope concluded by encouraging everyone to ask the Lord to strive to live in sobriety.

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