



# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER - C



In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of

faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

†R.R.

*Give thanks, for the Lord is good,  
God's love is everlasting*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. †Ona Svarinskas (A.Ciaucionas)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
in thanksgiving celebrating Fr.Augustinas' 90th birthday  
for peace in Ukraine and the world
- †Zivile Stancikas-Vidmantas (sons)
- †Fr. Kazimieras Kaknevicus (family)
- †Beningna Ragauskiene (8th anniv.) (Liliana and Lina)
- †Birute (8th anniv.) and Jonas Danaitis (family)
- †Vladas Melnykas (11th anniv.) (family)
- †Marija and Marijonas Petrikas (A.Jurcevicus)
- †Veronika Balaisis (family)
- †Jonas Vaskevicius (family)
- for Gataveckas' deceased family members (J.R.Karasiejus)
- †Onute Sutkiene, Marija Uscenko, Viktoras Krasauskas & Vladas Brindza (A.R.Krasauskas)

### Sunday Masses

online -

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## Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Youth

11 AM - choir "Apastalai"

organist - Ilona Beres

### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (April 25): 7 p.m. †Irena Biskys (Melnukas family); †John McColl (G.Hardt);

**TUESDAY** (April 26): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Kazimieras Cepaitis (family);

**WEDNESDAY** (April 27): 10 v.r. "Labdara" †Jonas and Terese Mildazis (A.Ulba); 7 p.m. †Liudas Matukas (family);

**THURSDAY** (April 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Audrone Čeponis (V.Zaleckaite); †Vladas Dzemionas (Prakapas family);

**FRIDAY** (April 29): 7 p.m. †Zivile Vidmantas (4th anniv.) (T.Siciunas); †Veronika Balaisis (Prakapas family);

**SATURDAY** (April 30): †Juozas Dziminskas (M.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Jonas and Irena Zurinskas and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

**SUNDAY** (May 1): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (8th anniv.) (S.Brough); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; Stasys and Ona Dackus (granddaughter); †Rymantas Chaponis (family); †Antanas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Salomeja Oleka (R.Oleka); †Arnoldas and Algirdas Olis (I.Punkrys); †Antanas and Stase Jurgilas (T.Bartkuviene).

**Capital Fund - \$ 329,929**

*Drs.B.C.Jonys - \$ 2,000*

**THANK YOU...**

**"For it is in giving that we receive".**

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

### **Collections of Easter weekend**

72 envelopes - \$ 4,623

No envelopes - \$ 317.65

Direct deposit - \$ 1,125

eTransfer - \$ 450

Holy Land - \$ 530

Help to Ukraine - \$ 1,000

*Drs.B.C. Jonys donated to  
the parish renovation fund - \$ 5,000*

**THANK you for your generosity**

**WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
GENEROUS GIFTS, DONATIONS AND PRAYERS  
DURING THE HOLY WEEK...**

**A SINCERE THANKS FOR INCREASING YOUR  
DONATIONS WHICH ARE A GREAT HELP FOR  
OUR PARISH'S FUTURE.**

**MAY GOD BLESS  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES...**



The Church of the Resurrection would like to thank you for participating in writing beautiful and heartfelt

Easter greeting cards to our friends living at "Labdara" Nursing home.

Through your love, kindness, and generosity, we as a community of parishioners came together to bring warmth and closeness to those who need it most this Easter holiday.

### **Lithuanian food for take out - on May 1st**

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene [grazina.valintiene@gmail.com](mailto: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.

NON-PERISHABLE Food WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL 1 MAY. Will later continue the collection in the fall.

*Thank you in advance for your kind donations.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
FATHER AUGUSTINAS ON HIS  
90TH BIRTHDAY AND  
THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE PRIESTHOOD...  
WE WISH HIM GOOD  
HEALTH, BOUNDLESS  
ENERGY, AND  
GOD'S BLESSINGS.**



### 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](http://www.archtoronto.org) or by cheques: **Resurrection Parish – Ukraine.**

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

**SHARE LIFE Campaign** on May 1st. Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using the **DONATE NOW**.

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### Pope at Audience: Elderly must be loved and honoured



During the first Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square in over two years, Pope Francis highlights the importance of honouring the elderly, and calls for young people to be educated about life and its stages.

The Holy Father noted that through the Word of God (Sir 3:3-6, 12-13.16), we explore a passage on the frailty of old age, marked by “the experiences of confusion and despondency, of loss and abandonment, of disillusionment and doubt.” He explained that this experience of our frailty can occur at any stage of life. In old age, it produces less of an impression – or even annoyance, while the more serious wounds of youth and childhood, “rightly provoke a sense of injustice and rebellion, a strength to react and fight.”

The wounds of old age - even serious ones - the Pope said, are accompanied by the feeling that “life is not contradicting itself, because it has already been lived.”

*Gratuitous love, revelation and honor* - Love “descends,” the Pope underlines. “It does not return to the life behind with the same force that it pours out on the life that is still before us.” Hence, the gratuitousness of love is known by all parents and the elderly. More so, revelation opens up a way for reciprocating love by honouring those who have gone before us. This honour, intended for the elderly, is also sealed by God’s commandment to “honour thy father and mother.” In addition, dignity – the value of respecting and caring for the life of everyone – is essentially equivalent to honour.

*“It is not just about one’s own father and mother. It is about their generation and the generations before, whose leave-taking can also be slow and prolonged, creating a time and space of long-lasting coexistence with the other ages of life. In other words, it is about the old age of life.”*

*Love as honour* - Reflecting on the “beautiful expression of love which is honour,” he pointed out that honour is lacking when “an excess of confidence, instead of being expressed as delicacy and affection, tenderness and respect, is transformed into roughness and abuse.” Thus, even acts like caring for the sick, supporting those who are not self-sufficient and the guarantee of sustenance can be lacking honour. And this can happen anywhere – even in homes or offices, when “weakness is reproached, and even punished, as if it were a fault, and when bewilderment and confusion become an opening for derision and aggression.”

*Young people are to honour the old* - The Pope went on to caution against encouraging in young people – even indirectly – an attitude of condescension or contempt for the elderly as they can lead to unimaginable excesses. Contempt, which dishonours the elderly, actually dishonours us all, the Pope stressed, recalling the passage from the Book of Sirach that condemns the dishonour which “cries out for vengeance in the sight of God.” He further recalled the story of Noah in his old age, who lay unconscious after having drunk a little too much. His sons, in order not to wake him up and embarrass him, covered him up while looking aside with respect. This text, the Pope notes, is “very beautiful and says everything about the honour due to an old man.”

*Fostering honour for the elderly* - In spite of the material provisions that richer societies can provide for old age, Pope Francis noted that the struggle for the restoration of “that special form of love which is honour still seems fragile and immature.” To promote this love, he urged everyone to offer better social and cultural support to those who are sensitive to this form of the “civilization of love,” including transforming how we educate the young about life and its stages.

Concluding, the Pope said that love for the human person, including honoring a life lived, is not only a matter for the elderly but is rather “an ambition that will bring radiance to the youth who inherit its best qualities.”

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