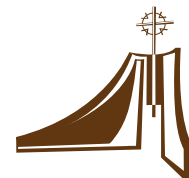


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



In the first reading, we find that we cannot be saved by deeds of service without faith in Christ, but our faith lacks sincerity if it doesn't reach out to others. God says he wants our service to go beyond our own personal growth to acts of kindness, charity, justice and generosity. In our work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

The psalmist states "Even in darkness light dawns for the upright". The just person is a light in the darkness. Good comes to him who trusts in the Lord.

"You are the salt of the earth ... and you are the light of the world" says Jesus to his disciples in the Gospel reading.

We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time as a flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. If salt loses its flavour, it has no value. If Christians make no effort to affect the world around them, they are of little value to God. We, as Christians, should be able to influence others positively, just as seasoning brings out the best flavour in food.

Jesus' call to be salt of the earth and light of the world powerfully states our mission as a Church and as Christians. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Can you hide a city on top of a hill? Its light at night can be seen for miles. If we live for Christ, we will glow like the lights of the city. Sometimes we hide our light by being quiet when we should speak, going along with the crowd, letting sin dim our light or ignoring the needs of others. Be a guiding light of truth - don't shut your light off from the rest of the world.

†RR

*A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Algirdas Kapocius (Pabedinskas family)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for peace in the world
- †Juozas, Victoras and Alfonsas Merkevicus (D.Danaitis)
- †Laimute Gaizutis (R.Gaizutis)
- †Juozas Bansevicius (5th anivv.) (children and families)
- †Jadvyga Cibulskiene (2nd anivv.) (family)
- †Julija Degutis (B.B.Degutis)
- for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' & Stonkus' living & deceased family members (family)

2026

**February 18**

*Ash Wednesday*

**February 27 - March 1**

*Lenten Retreat*

*Fr.Mantas Mileris, S.J*

**March 8**

*St. Casimir Fair*

**March 28**

*Lenten Retreat for Women*

*sister Igne*

**March 29**

*Parish Annual Meeting*

**April 2-5**

*Holy week*

**April 5**

*Easter*

**April 17-18**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**April 26**

*First Communion*

**May 31**

*Confirmation*

**June 6**

*Run for Hope*

**June 14**

*We welcome summer*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 5-18 (EN.)*

*July 19 - August 1 (LT.)*

**October 23-24**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 7**

*Annual Dinner*

**December** (date TBD)

*Advent Retreat*

**December 13**

*Christmas Music Evening*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

### **Cantors of the Masses:**

**9 AM** - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz

**11 AM** - children

choir conductor Anita Puodziunas

**organist** - Ilona Beres

### **The week's Holy Mass**

**MONDAY** (February 9): 7 p.m. †Brone Maziliauskas (12th anniv.) (I.Kavanagh);

**TUESDAY** (February 10): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (February 11): 7 p.m.;

**THURSDAY** (February 12): 7 p.m. †Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter);

**FRIDAY** (February 13): 7 p.m. †Rima Biciunaite (1st anniv.) (V.Zaleckaite);

**SATURDAY** (February 14): 9 a.m. for living and deceased friends (JMC); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Juozas Leknius, Vytautas Simonavicius and Albertas Butvilas (B.Tamosiunas);

**SUNDAY** (February 15): 9 a.m. †Dana Puzeris (2nd anniv.) (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Birute Kriauciunas-McKenny (15th anniv.) (I.Balsys); †Virginijus Siciunas (10th anniv.) (J.Siciunas); †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); †Danute Garbaliauskas (J.Cuplinskas); †Romualdas Juknevicius (4th anniv.) (family); †Birute and Teodoras Stanulis (Prakapas family); for Cepaitis', Racevicius' and Kondrotas' deceased family members (family).

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We bid farewell to our beloved parishioner

†**ANIELA KUNCAITIS**, 85

Blessings of the Lord for her family.

**May She Rest in the Peace of Christ.**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

### **Sunday (02.01) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections**

43 envelopes - \$ 1,415

No envelopes - \$ 106.40

Direct deposit - \$ 2,520

Children's envelopes: Vilius Paulius - \$ 5

**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!*

### **TODAY**

**We invite everyone to ENJOY PANCAKES -**

after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass amazing cooks will offer delicious pancakes.



*We invite everyone to attend!*

### **Resurrection parish council -**

*If you are interested in joining the parish council to help organize parish activities, please contact a member of this year's recruitment committee - Jurgis Kuliesius - [kuleza@sympatico.ca](mailto:kuleza@sympatico.ca).*

*We are especially looking forward to hearing from youth (18-35) and young families, in the hopes of revitalizing activities for these groups.*

### **BALTIC DANCE FOR UKRAINE FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

**On March 1st at 3pm** in Anapilis Hall (21-35 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga) join Toronto's Ukrainian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian folk dance groups for an afternoon of multi-cultural dance.

All proceeds will support the Ukraine. Humanitarian Appeal at the Canada Ukraine Foundation.

Adults \$40; Youth {12-18} \$20; free for Children!

Purchase tickets online: [www.lettshop.org](http://www.lettshop.org)

**Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The 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.*

## Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, SJ Delegate of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference for the Pastoral Care of Lithuanians Abroad 2025 activity review *(continued)*

**South America** - In November there was an important trip to Argentina: the consecration of a new image of Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn at the Shrine of Luján. We also celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Lithuanian community in Argentina. Throughout the year, leading up to this celebration, a copy of the painting was venerated throughout various Lithuanian communities in Argentina. I also visited the Lithuanian Olgbrun Museum in Patagonia and the Lithuanians in the city of Rosario, where we prayed at St. Casimir's Church. In Avellaneda, near Buenos Aires, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy with a solemn Mass and procession.



**Lithuania** - Several times a year, the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference holds meetings during which issues related to the pastoral care abroad are also discussed. In March and October, there are meetings of the Lithuanian Parliament and the World Lithuanian Community Commission. At the beginning of these meetings, I am invited to give the invocation, and in October, to present a report regarding preserving the Lithuanian religious heritage in the United States and other related issues.



There were other meaningful celebrations and days of prayer: in January and July, commemorations of Bl Jurgis Matulaitis in Marijampolė; in May, the 600th anniversary of the birth of St. Mykolas Giedraitis in Videniškių; I participated in prayer celebrations in Žemaičių Kalvarija, Klovainiai, and Šiluva, and in Krekenava, the crowning of the image of Mary. I administered the sacrament of Confirmation in several parishes, and in Kaunas, I ordained

Mantas Mileris, SJ as a deacon. At the beginning of July, the 12th World Lithuanian Sports Games took place in Palanga, and the 18th Seimas of the World Lithuanian Community took place in Vilnius. It is commendable and meaningful that both began with prayer. In September, we traveled with pilgrims from Lithuania and others from abroad to Malta, and in October to Turkey, to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and to visit places associated with the apostles and the first Christians.

**With gratitude I sincerely thank** everyone who supports Lithuanian parishes and missions abroad. Gratitude to you who have supported the pastoral work of Lithuanians abroad: LCRA, the Lithuanian American Priests' Association, parishes, priests, and individual donors. Thanks to your generosity, I have been able to reach Lithuanian communities and share the Gospel message. I hope for your continued support.

Sincerely, Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas

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**by cheque FRANCISCAN FATHERS; MEMO: gift to the Pastoral Care of Lithuanians Abroad THANK YOU...**

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### Pope calls for prayers for Ukraine, renewed commitment to nuclear disarmament



Pope Leo XIV asks for prayers for the people of Ukraine, who continue to suffer the consequences of war exacerbated by freezing temperatures, and appeals for a renewed international commitment against the proliferation of nuclear weapons, as the New START treaty is due to expire.

Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday renewed his appeal for prayer and solidarity with the people of Ukraine, who continue to suffer the consequences of the conflict, and highlighted the need to renew the “New START treaty” against nuclear proliferation that is due to expire.

Speaking during the General Audience, the Pope said, “I urge everyone to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine with prayer, as they are being severely tested by the consequences of bombardments that have once again begun to strike energy infrastructure as well.”

He went on to express his gratitude for concrete gestures of solidarity, and thanked the Catholic dioceses of Poland and other countries “which are working to help the population endure during this time of intense cold.”

The Pope then turned his attention to international security, recalling the “New START Treaty,” signed in 2010 by the Presidents of the United States and the Russian Federation, which he said is due to expire on Thursday. Highlighting that the agreement represents an important step in limiting the proliferation of nuclear weapons, Pope Leo reaffirmed his encouragement for all constructive efforts in support of disarmament and mutual trust.

“I issue an urgent appeal that this instrument not be allowed to lapse without seeking to ensure a concrete and effective follow-up,” he said. The current situation, he continued, “demands that everything possible be done to avert a new arms race that would further threaten peace among nations.” The Pope stressed the urgency of moving beyond a logic rooted in fear and mistrust. In its place, he called for a shared ethic capable of guiding decisions toward the common good, “so that peace may become a responsibility and a heritage safeguarded by all.”

What is New START? The Pope’s appeal to limit nuclear proliferation comes as experts express concern that the end of New START could lead towards a dangerous and costly arms race between the world’s biggest nuclear powers.

New START, (the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty), which was initially agreed upon in 2010 and extended for five years in 2021, limited US and Russian deployed strategic nuclear weapon arsenals. The treaty defines strategic nuclear weapons systems as those that are “intercontinental in range.”

The Treaty limited the number of strategic nuclear weapons for the United States and Russia. It also required regular short-notice, on-site inspections and biannual data exchange between the two countries.

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