

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - C



At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

### MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Ruta (1st anniv.) and Stasys Bekeris	(V.Puzeris)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in the world	
	†Sonata Ambrozaityte	(GJ)
	†Jonas Zaleckas	(V.Zaleckaite)
	†Ona Balsys	(I.Balsys)
	†Stase and Rimantas Bartusevicius	(O.Stoncius)
	†Kestutis Sukys	(R.J.Kuliesius)
	†Kazimieras and Ceslovas Rimkevicius	(RU)
	†Juozas Kalinauskas	(Rekus family)
	†Dr.Sigitas, Albinas and Jonas Kazlauskas	(V.Baliunas)
	†Marius Rusinas (1st month)	(family)
	for Cuplinskas', Stonkus', Matulionis' living & deceased family members	(family)

2025

**April 17-20**

*Holy week*

**April 20**

*Easter*

**April 26**

*"Volunges sparnais..."*

*concert*

**April 27**

*Parish Annual Meeting*

**May 2-3**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**May 4**

*First Communion*

**June 7**

*Run for Hope*

**June 8**

*Confirmation*

**June 13-15**

*Camp "Kretinga" -*

*Work Weekend*

**June 22**

*St.John's day*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 6-19 (En.)*

*July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)*

**October 24-25**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 8**

*Annual Dinner*

**December** (date TBD)

*Advent Retreat*

**December 14**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*



**Cantors of the Masses:**  
**9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas**  
**11 AM - Women's ensemble**  
**organist - Ilona Beres**



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 17th - HOLY THURSDAY**

**7 p.m. Holy Mass**

*(Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper:  
the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders)*

**April 18th - GOOD FRIDAY**

**2:45 p.m. Musical reflections**

**3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord**

*(This is a liturgy of Word and Service.)*

*We gather to reflect on the Passion and our salvation)*

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**April 19th - HOLY SATURDAY**

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**8:00 p.m. Blessing of the fire and preparation of the Easter Candle**

**Vigil Liturgy of the Word and Holy Mass of the Resurrection**

*(In this evening's liturgy, we welcome Christ as our Light,  
reflect on our salvation history, renew our Baptismal vows,  
and celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection)*

**April 20th - EASTER SUNDAY**

**9 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (English)**

**11 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (Lithuanian)**

**Holy Friday**, April 18th, we will collect donations for the "**Holy Land**". Envelopes will be placed in the church vestibule.

**Thank you.**

**P.S.** Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the **MEMO: Holy Land.**

**Office hours** during the Holy Week:

**April 18th and April 21st - CLOSED**



**Spring is a time** of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others. **We invite everyone** to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community. **We welcome everyone to the parish cafe TODAY after 9AM and 11M Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

For further questions, please contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in't Woud [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca) We thank you for your continued generosity.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY** to join the **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD campaign** to help those in need in the community.

**In the fall, we will continue this beautiful campaign that brings care and love to others.**

You can bring non-perishable food at any time and place it in the box located by the parish doors.

**"Labdara" committee** of the Resurrection Parish

**THANKS everyone who contributes.**

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (April 14): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (Prakapas family);

**TUESDAY** (April 15): for living and deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (April 16): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Elena, Terese, Valentina (friend); †Irena Morkunas (A.Morkunas);

**HOLY THURSDAY** (April 17): 7 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper;

**GOOD FRIDAY** (April 18): 2:50 p.m. musical reflections; 3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord; Solemn Vigil at the Lord's Tomb;

**HOLY SATURDAY** (April 19): Solemn Vigil at the Lord's Tomb; 8:00 p.m. **EASTER VIGIL LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY MASS;**

**SUNDAY - EASTER** (April 20): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (11th anniv.) (S.Brough); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas and request grace of health for parish priests (GJ); †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Benigna Ragauskienė (11th anniv.) (Liliana and Lina); †Regina Antanaitis (daughter); †Liudas Racickas (family); for living and deceased friends (B.Kazlauskas); for Planciunas', Urbonavicius', Levinskas' living and deceased family members (family); in thanksgiving - for living and deceased friends and family members (GJ).

**"Capital Fund" - \$ 534,398**

**A.Baziliauskas, R.J.Birgiolas - \$150**

**THANK YOU...**

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

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday (04.06) & "Vilnius Manor "**

**Collections**

44 envelopes - \$ 1,535

No envelopes - \$ 97

Direct deposit - \$ 3,065

**THANK you for your generosity...**

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

**May 2nd - 3rd**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

**MONDAY, April 28th, the hall is occupied for the election.**

**We kindly ask you to come on Tuesday, April 29th at 9 AM to set up the tables, 10 AM to gather for the distribution of items.**

### **ATTENTION:**

**we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.**

**We also ask that you do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

**We ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than**

**Tuesday, APRIL 29th at 12NOON!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

**We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.**

**We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

*Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit.*

***We ask for your cooperation and THANK YOU in advance!***

*\*For other info please contact: Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271;*

*Dalia Rocca 905-820-3088;*

*Ramune Stravinskas 416-523-1095.*

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***Don't wait - care for your skin and make a difference at the same time!***

***You can buy the cream in the café foyer after Holy Mass!***

## **Pope Francis: We must release all burdens holding us back from God**



In Pope Francis' prepared catechesis for the weekly General Audience, which was not held due to his ongoing convalescence, he urges the faithful to give up all burdens weighing down their hearts, in order to experience the peace and joy that comes from the Lord's unconditional love.

As Pope Francis recovers in his residence at the Casa Santa Marta after being discharged from Rome's Gemelli Hospital on Sunday, 23 March, he has called on us faithful to let go of all which is getting in the way of our welcoming God's incredible love for us.

The Pope did so in the text that had been prepared for the Wednesday General Audience, which he asked the Holy See Press Office to publish.

Since his medical team discharged the Pope, recommending two months of rest for a proper convalescence, the Press Office continues to distribute the catecheses prepared for the Audience, as it did during his hospitalization.

In his catechesis, focusing on encounters in Jesus' life, the Pope reflected on the biblical episode of the rich man recounted in the Gospel of St. Mark.

In Mark 10:17-22, a man runs up to Jesus and asks, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus reminds him of the commandments, and tells him to sell everything he has, give it to the poor, and then follow Him. The man, overwhelmed and unable to do so, goes away saddened.

*Possibility for true happiness* - The Holy Father reminds the faithful how Jesus' love offered the man the possibility to start over, and renew his life. Jesus "loved him," the Pope underscored, noting, "Jesus loves this man even before inviting him to follow." "He loves him just as he is," he stressed, marveling that "Jesus' love is freely given—the exact opposite of the logic of merit that worries this man."

"We are truly happy," the Holy Father continued, "when we realize we are loved this way: freely, by grace."

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*'Sell' all weighing us down* - To fill that lacking or emptiness inside of us, the Pope went on to stress, "we must not try to 'buy' recognition, affection, or esteem; rather, we must 'sell' everything that weighs us down, in order to free our hearts. The Pope lamented that the rich man ends up alone because "the weights in his life keep him anchored in port."

"Sometimes we think things are treasures, but," the Holy Father reminded, "they are only burdens holding us back."

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Pope Francis concluded by calling on all faithful to entrust to the Heart of Jesus all "those who are sad and undecided," so "they may feel the loving gaze of the Lord, who is moved with tenderness when he looks into our hearts."



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THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site [www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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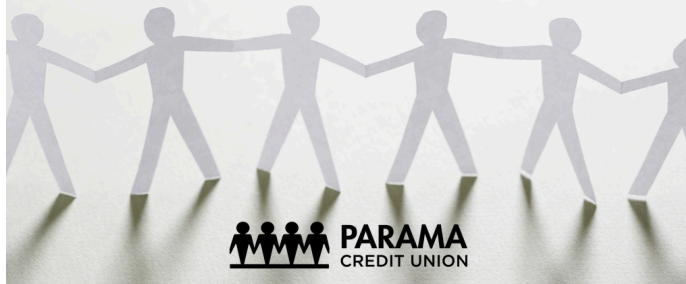
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