

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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3rd EASTER SUNDAY - B



On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Lift up the light of your face on us, o Lord.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Ona Svarinskas	(A.Ciaucionas)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	†Stasys Bekeris	(V.Puzeris)
	†Benigna Ragauskienė (7th anniv.)	(Liliana and Lina)
	†Jadvyga, Leonas and Juozas Zilinskas	(I.F.Žilinskas)
	special intention	(Ruta G.)
	†Juozas Morkunas (2nd anniv.)	(A.Morkunas)
	†Teodoras Stanulis	(Prakapas family)
	†Albina Laurinaitis	(D.L.Simanavicius)
	requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia	(Irma)
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Antanina Rudminas	(D.R.Rudminas)
	in thanksgiving - celebrating Mecys and Stase Businkas' 75th wedding anniversary	(children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren)

The church is open for private prayer on weekdays (Monday-Friday) from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Sunday Masses online -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiayoKXdUfnA_c-g/

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www.prisikelimas.ca

Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

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Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Audra Rusinas, Rasa Siauciunas,
Ele Stravinskas, Monika Sutkauskas
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (April 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

TUESDAY (April 20): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Albinas and Ursule Kartavicius (K.Buozis); †Borne Vilkus (family);

WEDNESDAY (April 21): 7 p.m. requesting grace of health for Laimute Grigaitis - Coyle (Jaglowitz family); in thanksgiving (M.S.Businskas);

THURSDAY (April 22): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Albina Laurinaitis (L.R.S.Kuliavas); †Leo Pereira (Lee);

FRIDAY (April 23): 7 p.m. †Brone and Antanas Pabedinskas; †Emilija and Pranas Vainauskas (JMC);

SATURDAY (April 24): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (April 25): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (S.Brough); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Birute (7th anniv.) and Jonas Danaitis (Danaitis family); †Vitas Pleckaitis (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Kazimieras Cepaitis (25th anniv.) (G.A.Valavicius); †Albina Laurinaitis (R.Klicius); †Vladas Melnykas (10th anniv.) (family); for Cuplinskas' Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (family); †Marija and Marijonas Petrikas (A.Jurcevicus); requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma); †Zivile Stankaitis-Vidmantas (3rd anniv.)(family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); in thanksgiving - celebrating Mecys and Stase Businkas 75th wedding anniversary (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren).

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Dear parishioners,

The imposition of COVID 19 restrictions on churches by the Ontario provincial government remains. All previous precautions remain in effect to ensure the health and safety of all:

*If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home

*Upon arrival at church, please check in with the volunteers

*Disinfect your hands and wear a face covering while you are in church

*Always maintain a safe distance of 2m. from others

The maximum number of Mass participants is currently limited, including priests and those participating in music ministry. **As a result, we are temporarily implementing a mandatory registration system for Sunday Masses.**

We regret that we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass in person. We will only be able to accommodate Mass participants who have pre-registered, and we ask for your patience and understanding.

Please use the link below to register for Mass on Sunday, April 18th.

<https://prisikelimoparapija.flocknote.com/signup/52006>

When a new window opens, select the Mass you wish to attend and fill in your name and e-mail address. You may register up to three people.

IMPORTANT

*Please check for a confirmation email after you register; if you don't see one in your inbox (or junk), your registration was not successful.

*If you register and then realize you will not be able to attend, please cancel your registration to free up the spot for someone else.

Understandably, some of you will not feel comfortable or safe returning to church at this time. Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian will continue Sundays at 11, as will the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Until we can all safely worship together, let us remain united in prayer.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Stase and Mecys Businskas celebrating
their 75th wedding anniversary.
Lord's blessings...

Our parish CONTINUES and INVITES ALL to join a FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto. NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

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Thank you...

Pope at Audience: Church is the house and school of prayer

Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer at the weekly General Audience in the Vatican, Pope Francis explains that prayer belongs to the very essence of the Church, without which she cannot carry out her evangelising mission and service to others.

In his Catechesis at Wednesday's General Audience, the Pope explained how the Church is a great school of prayer. As children, he said, we learn our first prayers on the laps of grandparents and parents, who also give their advice inspired by the Gospel. Later, the experience of faith and prayer is deepened through encounters with other witnesses and teachers of prayer, such as in the life of a parish and every Christian community which is marked by liturgical and community prayer.



Prayer and difficulties of life

"The garment of faith," the Pope said, "is not starched, but develops with us." It is not rigid, it grows, even through moments of crisis and resurrection. And "you cannot grow without moments of crisis, because crisis makes you grow."

He continued, "And the breath of faith is prayer: we grow in faith inasmuch as we learn to pray." After certain moments in life, we become aware that without faith we could not have made it through and that our strength was prayer. We realize that not only personal prayer, but also that of our brothers, sisters and the community, whom we requested, also accompanied and supported us."

Community and prayer

The Pope explained, "This is also why communities and groups dedicated to prayer flourish in the Church. Monasteries, convents, hermitages often become centres of spiritual light, small oases in which intense prayer is shared and fraternal communion is constructed day by day." The Pope said, "They are cells that are vital not only for the ecclesial fabric, but that of society itself." In this regard, he recalled the role of monasticism in the birth and growth of European civilization as well as other cultures. "Praying and working in community keeps the world going. It is a motor."

"Everything in the Church," the Pope continued, "originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer." He pointed out that certain groups while carrying out reforms and changes in the Church, put great effort in terms of organization and the media but prayer is sometimes missing. "Prayer," the Pope said, "is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit, which is what inspires us to go forward." He continued, "Changes in the Church without prayer are not Church changes, they are group changes. And when the Enemy wants to fight the Church, he does so, first of all, by trying to dry up its sources, by preventing it from praying, and [inducing it to] make these other proposals." When prayer ceases, he said, "the Church realizes it has become like an empty shell, lost its bearings and no longer has its source of warmth and love."

Prayer - oil for the lamp of faith

The Pope pointed out that holy women and men also have problems in their lives, and often face opposition. "But their strength is prayer" through which they nourish the flame of their faith, like oil used for lamps. Thus, they move ahead walking in faith and hope, "not with the weapons of money and power, or of the media and the like, but with the weapon of prayer."

Evangelization and service

"In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus poses a dramatic question that always makes us reflect," the Pope said: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" Or, the Pope asked, "will He only find organizations, like a group of 'faith entrepreneurs,' all well organized, doing charity and many things?" That, he said, is why Jesus insists on the "need to pray with perseverance without getting tired." Hence, "the lamp of faith will always be lit on earth as long as there is the oil of prayer."

The Pope said it is prayer that carries forward our prayer and our poor, weak, sinful life with certainty. Therefore, Christians should ask themselves whether they pray and how they pray. "Do I pray like a parrot or from the heart? Do I pray feeling part of the Church and praying for its needs, or do I pray a little according to my needs, letting my ideas become prayer," the Pope asked. "This is pagan prayer, not Christian prayer," he said.

The essential task of the Church, then, is to pray and to teach how to pray, transmitting "the lamp of faith and the oil of prayer from generation to generation." Without the light of this lamp, he said evangelization would not be possible and we would not be able to draw near and serve our brothers and sisters. "For this reason," the Pope said, "the Church, as the house and school of communion, is the house and school of prayer."

(RK / Vatican News)

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