

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - B



Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit.

Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. (loyolapress.com)

“Lord Jesus, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, you fill us with an indomitable spirit of praise and joy which no earthly trial can subdue. Fill me with your resurrection joy and help me to live a life of praise and thanksgiving for your glory. May I witness to those around me the joy of the Gospel and the reality of your great victory over sin and death.” †R.R.

***God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.***

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. request grace of health Daynel Coello Hernandez (friends)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
Novena - for living and deceased Mothers
†Mama Ona-Liucija and grandmothers (GJ)
†Leokadija Nevulis and Alida Groen in't Woud (V.Groen in't Woud)
†Sofija Olekas (O.Olekas)
†Marija Matusevicius (26th anniv.) (family)
†Daiva Vorps (D.J.Didzbalis)
†Regina Antanaitis (daughter)
†Ruta Bekeris (V.Puzeris)
†Genovaitė Budreckis (5th anniv.) (daughter Virginija and family)
for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' & Stonkus'
living and deceased family members (family)



2024

May 26

Confirmation

June 1

Run for Hope

June 7-9

Camp "Kretinga" -

Work Weekend

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

August 17 - 24

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

**Parish office
hours**

June - October

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday

9 a.m. - 1 pm.

July 1 - closed

August 5 - closed

September 2 - closed

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Akeksia Vadauskas

11 AM - choir "Svaja"

Akeksia, Lile and Lina Vadauskas

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (May 13): 7 p.m. Novena; in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family);

TUESDAY (May 14): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena;

WEDNESDAY (May 15): 7 p.m. Novena; thanksgiving (GJ);

THURSDAY (May 16): 7 p.m. Novena; †Ruta Bekeris ("Kretinga"); request grace of health for Elena, Terese, Valentina (friend);

FRIDAY (May 17): 7 p.m. Novena; †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

SATURDAY (May 18): 9 a.m. Novena; †Jadvyga Vaikutis and Aldona Urbonavicius (Daiva); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (May 19): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); for Sakevicius' and Gudelis' deceased family members (family); request grace of health for Stella Gruchalla (family); †Elvyra and Juozas Vosylius (Brigita); †Ona and Eligijus Narusis and Albertas Staskevicius (R.J.Karasiejus); †Dorothy Kucinskas (N.Ruslys); †Julius Nevulis (daughter Virginija and family); †Ruta Bekeris (O.Dirmantas); †Janina Songaila (daughter and family); †Regina Panavas (I.Stanaitis).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,145

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (05.05) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

40 envelopes - \$ 1,240

No envelopes - \$ 152.50

Direct deposit - \$ 3,015

Parents of First Communion children
donated \$ 780 to parish

In memory of Ruta Puzeris, family donated \$ 1,000

In memory of Ruta Bekeris, \$ 735 was
donated during her funeral Mass

THANK you for your generosity...



Today one seeks the most fitting words; gifts flow like a horn of plenty. Even children and grandchildren prepare a celebration. To honour "their **MOTHER**"!

Thanking her - for her care, her goodness, her patience, her understanding, her endless waiting, her encouragement, her timely suggestions, her dedication, her selflessness, and her sleepless nights. For her love! But doesn't every mother do this? We thank her for what is self-evident when talking about a mother's unconditional love. It is so strong that it seems divine and in that divinity - eternal. Each year it is getting more and more difficult give thanks, because I realize that, whatever I might do or say, nothing adequately conveys those feelings exactly to my mother. Everything seems to be a poor expression of what I feel and how I see my mother.

Now that I am a mother, I understand as never before, that a mother does that which she perceives at that time to be the best for her child. I appreciate my mother, then and now. Sometimes I cannot separate where my anxiety, concern and control mixed with love, where love turns into anger, and this - to an understanding and reconciliation, forgiveness and blessing. Mother, being saintly, acknowledges that not everything is in her power and that her child is a separate human being, even though it came out of her womb. To give birth and raise a child by her lived example passing on values, redirecting and not judging. A mother's mission is not easy. However, she does all of this - from her intuition, understanding and belief that it is good. Therefore, I believe that a mother does not require repayment for her love. It is a given. She doesn't know any other way of being, she is a mom. Motherhood - is a free acceptance of responsibilities without any job description. Is time rocking the cradle - overtime? Is getting up during the night - a harmful job condition? Is working weekends extra pay? Motherhood is unconditional and responsible love. It is not just intended for children but for everyone. Therefore today, I will not thank my mother that she gave me life. I will not return that love which she gave to me. I cannot give the impossible. Perhaps the grandchildren can return it as an extension of love (for me - from my mother, for them - from me) but I can't. For me my mother is not a mother just on Mother's Day, I don't remember her then and euphorically prepare to adorn her with flowers and a cheerful tone greet her "This is for you on Mother's Day". To me this is a show, a red wine velvet canopy which hides that which I really want to express and what I feel.

Just a few words - **I love you, MOM, and Thank you** for being you. And mostly what I can and what I want - to be with you, to hug you, caress, to stroke your hair, to hold your hand, to reminisce and laugh with you, to be silent with you, to wipe some tears - and mine too.





Camp “**KRETINGA**” invites all to
Work Weekend on June 7th - 9th.
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 For more information Wally Dauginis:
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2024 CAMP “KRETINGA”
English camp July 7th - 20th
Lithuanian camp July 21st - August 3rd
https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2024-Camper_Registration
We can't wait to see YOU ALL!

Join in for Family Camp - We Are All One Big Lithuanian Family
 This is an open invitation to everyone to join us in a summer camping experience dedicated to renewing our shared Lithuanian heritage within a spirit of Roman Catholicism. This camp welcomes all multi generational families and persons of all ages, young and old.
Sunday, August 18 to Saturday, August 24, 2024
 Location: Camp Kretinga – 9 Endrus Rd., Wasaga Beach.
 For more information or to register please contact: Lili Steer 416-801-3689, lili.steer@sympatico.ca

KLB announcement

In recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Toronto Lithuanian Canadian Community (the Toronto Chapter of the LCC) let us honour the departed community members who volunteered in their respective organizations.

The commemoration will take place during the cemetery visitation day May 26, at St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery in Mississauga.

The Toronto Lithuanian Canadian Community is dedicating a special commemorative flag to be placed on the appropriate gravesites in memory of those volunteers.

The commemorative flags will be available in the Anapolis Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please have a family member or a representative of an organization pick up the flag(s) and secure them on the appropriate gravesite(s).

For further information about this project, please contact us at torontoklb@gmail.com.

-Toronto KLB board



11th Annual Run for Hope - June 1st **Join the 5K run or 1 K walk**

All proceeds to be donated to St. Francis Cancer Support Centre in Klaipeda, LT.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/oXFA1M5utaoz3ex7>
 e-transfer: viltiesb@gmail.com

In person registration will take place each Sunday after Mass, downstairs in front of the parish cafe.

If you have any questions, please contact:
gintare_kalendra@yahoo.ca



We invite you to LMAC to view an exhibition of sculptures in wood and stone by Gintaras Repečka.

This exhibition is a celebration of the enchanting and the ethereal, a reminder of our shared human heritage and the universal reverence for the natural world. It is a call to preserve the ancient whispers of the forests that still echo in the presence of the unseen.

Exhibition details: May 21 - July 31, 2024. Open Monday through Friday 11am - 4pm., Sunday May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 11am - 4pm.

Pope: The world needs Christian hope



Pope Francis reflects on the theological virtue of hope as he continues his cycle of catecheses on the vices and the virtues.

Hope “is the answer offered to the heart” when it ponders the question of our final destiny, Pope Francis said at the General Audience on Wednesday.

Focusing on the second of the three theological virtues, the Holy Father acknowledged that “a negative answer” to questions about the meaning of life will lead to sadness: “If there is no meaning to the journey of life, if at the beginning and the end, there is nothing, then we ask ourselves why we should walk” and we end in desperation.

Without hope many people give up on life and “all the other virtues risk crumbling and ending up in ashes,” the Pope said, before quoting Benedict XVI: “Only when the future is certain as a positive reality does it become possible to live in the present as well.”

Christians realize that hope does not come from their own merit, Pope Francis said. “If they believe in the future, it is because Christ died and rose again and gave us His Spirit.” He explained that hope is a “theological” virtue precisely because “it does not emanate from us... but is a gift that comes directly from God.”

Quoting a famous passage from St Paul – “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” – the Pope contrasted faith and disbelief: “if you believe in the Resurrection of Christ, then you know with certainty that no defeat and no death is forever. But if you do not believe in the Resurrection of Christ, then everything becomes hollow, even the preaching of the Apostles.”

Pope Francis went on to warn against sins against hope, including “bad nostalgia” for the happiness of the past and despair for our sins, when we forget that “God is merciful and greater than our hearts.”

A world in need of hope

“The world today is in great need of this Christian virtue,” the Pope proclaimed, adding that it also needs patience, “a virtue that walks in close contact with hope.” Those who are patient, he said, “are weavers of goodness,” always stubbornly desiring peace.

“Even when around us many have succumbed to disillusionment,” Pope Francis said, “those who are inspired by hope and are patient are able to get through the darkest of nights.”

Finally, the Holy Father said that “hope is the virtue of the young at heart,” recalling the New Testament example of Simeon and Anna, who encountered the newborn Messiah in the Temple. Pope Francis concluded that it would be a great grace if, at the end of our lives, we could proclaim with Simeon, “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace... for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people.”

Pope Francis concluded by calling on the faithful to “go forward and ask for the grace to have hope, hope with patience.” And he invited them to “Always look to the final encounter; always see that the Lord is always near us, that death will never, never be victorious.”

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