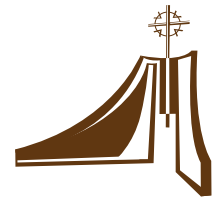


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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B



Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the Baptist was himself the Messiah. Just as in today's Gospel, however, John speaks quite explicitly that the Messiah was to come after him.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas' and Pranckevicius' deceased family members
(S.Brough and D.Pranaitis)
- 11 a.m. For living and deceased parishioners
- †Ona and Stasys Dackus (granddaughter)
 - †Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis, Gene Miglinas, Birute Senceris (family)
 - †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family)
 - †Petras Augaitis (Z.Augaitis)
 - †Alfonsas Juozapavicius (family)
 - †Juozas Maciulis (family)
 - †Elena Bersenas, Antanina Leparskis and Irena Morkunas (Z.Bersenas)
 - †Tomas Prakapas (Stanevicius family)
 - †Romas Simkus (1st anniv.) (GJ)
 - †Daria Chodocinskas (Augaitis family)
 - †Daria Chodocinskas (4 week) (family)

2020 CALENDAR

December 6

4pm

*Scouts' Kucios
via the Zoom app -
details to be
announced later*

December 20

4 pm - 5 pm

*"Kretinga Camp
Advent Gathering -
Christmas Concert"
(via the Zoom app -
details to be
announced later)*

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

CANCELLED

December 25

Christmas

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (December 7): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh);

TUESDAY (December 8): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Leokadija Nevulis (granddaughter Vida);

WEDNESDAY (December 9): 7 p.m. for Pietaris' and Drizis' living and deceased family members (J.Stasiulevicius);

THURSDAY (December 10): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); for Kuliesis' deceased family members (G.Slabosevicius); in thanksgiving (R.J.Karasiejus); †Edvardas Peciulis (J.G.Stasiulevicius); †Jonas Kasparavicius (1st anniv.) (br.Kazys);

FRIDAY (December 11): 7 p.m. †Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa); †Angela Bungardas (4 week) (Pleinys family);

SATURDAY (December 12): 9 a.m. †Onute Razauskas (†A.Ledas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Brone Peciulis (M.Grambiene);

SUNDAY (December 13): 9 a.m. †Bronius, sr. and Bronius, jr. Stoncius (O.Stoncius); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Vaclovas Anskis (Stanevicius family); †Mindaugas Gabrys (5th anniv.) (family); special intention (NN); †Aleksas Kersis (10th anniv.) (daughter); for Rusinas' deceased family members (R.M.Rusinas); †Steponas Ignatavicius (B.Tamosiunas); †Robina Dixon (D.D.Danaitis-Stacey); †Brone Vilkus (I.Matus); †Aloyzas Pazera (2nd anniv.) (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 311,549

V.Dovidaitis - \$500

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections, beginning week of
November 30th - December 6th**

4 envelopes - \$ 450

Direct deposit - \$ 1,135

eTransit - \$ 550

THANKS to RCU for \$ 2,000 donation

NN donated to the renovation fund \$ 5,000

THANK you for your generosity



Dear parishioners,

Recognizing the health and safety measures announced by the Province of Ontario on November 20, 2020, aimed at controlling the spread of COVID 19 in the region, Thomas Cardinal Collins has directed parishes in Toronto to implement some new restrictions. We are sharing them here, along with the impact on our parish:

- By Monday, November 23, 2020, parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. The Franciscan Fathers will celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.
- While maintaining the maximum capacity of 10 people, our church will be open for private prayer weekdays between 5PM and 7PM, and Sundays 8AM to 10AM.
- For the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call 416-533-0621 and make an appointment.
- Weddings, funerals and baptisms (without Mass) are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).
- Parishioners are encouraged to view online/livestream/televised Masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org and Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate the live-streamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (in Lithuanian), from our parish, will continue to be available via YouTube.
- No meetings should take place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time.

We join with Cardinal Collins in his expression of hope that we will soon be able to fully and safely resume public worship. And as we enter into this very unique Advent season, we will inform you of additional virtual ways to stay connected through the "Parish News" and www.priskelimas.ca.

The Lord leads and cares for ALL of you in this difficult time and leads you to bright hope...

Your 2021 Church Collection Envelopes - are available at the back of the church Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 12 pm.

All donations for tax purposes should reach the Parish Office by the **31st of December, 2020. Please don't wait until the last day.**

Donations to the parish should be written to **Resurrection Parish** and in the MEMO, write the charitable purpose: **Donation to Parish, Mass.**

Donations to the Franciscan Fathers should be written to **Franciscan Fathers** and in the MEMO, write the charitable purpose: **Monastery, Parish renovation fund, Capital fund, Sielovada, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.**

Donor envelopes - we ask that everyone donating to the parish, or in support of its causes, by way of donor envelopes, kindly ensures that **all** the information requested on the envelope front is submitted **correctly**, i.e. name, address, etc.

Thank you in advance!



Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai are available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 12 pm. It is a Lithuanian tradition that when we are seated at the Kucios table, we share this symbol of the living bread – Jesus Christ as He comes into the world.



Christmas is fast approaching. As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Throughout Advent, donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania may be made by leaving the donation in the parish mailbox, at RCU bank or by e-transfer.

Thank you for your generosity in this difficult time ...

Our parish started 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.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



5TH ANNUAL FRANCISCAN NATIVITY SCENE COMPETITION

Let's join Franciscan Parishes across Lithuania in the tradition of creating nativity scenes.

Families and individuals are invited to build 3D nativities and submit photos to an online gallery. Online voting will determine the favourites in various categories. We invite you to photograph and register your creation at www.prakartele.lt by December 14.

A meaningful, fun and creative activity for this pandemic Advent. Kids (14 and under) may opt to submit drawings instead of 3D models.

Get inspiration for your nativity scene by reading the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 2, 1-21)

Share locally – post your photos to the parish's Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

Or email to musuprakartele@gmail.com to share on the parish website.

A blessed Advent to all!

On December 20th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@hotmail.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. Prices: 1 cabbage roll - \$5; 1 potato dumpling (cepelinas) - \$5; 1 portion potato casserole (kugelis) - \$12

Pick-up will be outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM. **PRE-ORDERS ONLY.**



THANK YOU TO THE SCOUTS' "VYTIS" TROUP FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS TREE, WHICH WILL DELIGHT NOT ONLY US BUT ALSO OUR NEIGHBOURS...

IN MEMORIAM

MARY ANNE KUSLIKIS, 66

She is survived by her husband Bernard, sons Viktor (Priscilla) and Jonas (Elnaz); sisters Vicki Vingelis (nieces Adele and Simone), Rita Grybas (Linus, nephews Saulius and Adomas).

Sincere condolences to the family and please remember her in your prayers.

THE PARISH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
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PLEASE NOTE:

Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO write the charitable purpose: **Donation to Parish** or **Mass**.

Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the MEMO write the charitable purpose: **Capital Fund, Renovation fund, Monastery, Sielovada, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.**



*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



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