

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - B



The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is, we know, that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Antanas and Jadvyga Paskevicius	(C.M.Creedon)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	Novena - for living and deceased Mothers	
	for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' deceased family members (Cuplinskas)	
	†Pole Tumpa	(B.Tamosiunas)
	†Jimmy Pike	("Kretinga")
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Albina Laurinaitis	(family)
	†Anastazija Vaisnoras	(A.I.Vaisnoras)
	in thanksgiving to Our Lady at the Shrine of Siluva	(RJK)
	†Regina Stabas	(B.Tamosiunas)
	†Aldona and Aloyzas Kuolas	(A.Kuolas)
	†uncle Jonas Akelaitis	(Irma)
	requesting grace of health for parish priests	(GJ)

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

Sunday Masses
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THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (May 24): 7 p.m. Novena; †Albina Laurinaitis (B.Nekrosius);

TUESDAY (May 25): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; Novena;

WEDNESDAY (May 26): 7 p.m. Novena; requesting grace of health for Barakauskas' family (Prakapas family); Danute Sablinskas (5th anniv.) (family)

THURSDAY (May 27): 7 p.m. Novena; †Donatas Vaicieuskas (wife); †Aleksas and Jadvyga Ambrozaitis (A.K.Ambrozaitis); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

FRIDAY (May 28): 7 p.m. Novena; †Pranas Ceponis (V.Zaleckaite); †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

SATURDAY (May 29): 9 a.m. Novena; for Zilinskas' and Malinauskas deceased family members (I.Kavanagh); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (May 30): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Elena Stanevicius (Stanevicius); †Ona (22nd. anniv.) and Vytautas (13th anniv.) Judvytis (daughter); †Juze and Antanas Pivoriunas (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Marija Matusевичius (family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Vladas Vytas (A.G.Valavicius); for Gendrenis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (D.L.Laurinavicius); †Vladas Simonaitis and his relatives (RBS); †Anele and Petras Agurkis (Prakapas family); †Ada Lemezys (I.Matus).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,944

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Collections of May 16th

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Dear parishioners,

In an effort to control rising numbers of COVID 19 cases, the provincial government added stricter measures to the current "stay at home" order, which is in force until May 20. In keeping with these new restrictions, Cardinal Thomas Collins declared that public Masses will again be suspended. During this period, the Franciscan Fathers will continue to celebrate Masses privately for the intentions of parishioners. Our church will be open for private prayer on weekdays from 5:30 PM till 7:30PM. It will be open on Sundays from 1 PM till 3 PM. Those who wish, may receive Communion at that time, however the number of people in the church at any given time cannot exceed 10.

Livestreams of Sunday Masses available to parishioners through the parish's YouTube channel. Thanks to their generosity, we will continue to livestream both Masses every Sunday at 9 AM and 11 AM.

***Until we can safely meet to worship together,
let's remain united in prayer.***



As we drive by many War of 1812 monuments in the Niagara peninsula, it's hard to imagine that there is a connection to the first Lithuanians in Canada.

Visit our latest LMAC digital exhibition, "European Traces in the War of 1812" to learn about the first Lithuanian soldiers who walked on this soil and participated in the War of 1812:

www.lithuanianheritage.ca

On May 30th, 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.

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.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



“Aušra” Sports Club Announcement

The Aušra Sports Club is very happy and proud to announce that a new Executive Board of Directors was elected on April 20th 2021. Congratulations to President Elenute Lelis, Vice Presidents Ona Mills and Laura Ligda, Secretary Gintaras Batura and Treasurer Graeme Dymond. The Executive will be supported by Aušra Naujaliene, Linas Zubrickas, Rasa Augaitis and Vytas Gataveckas. The new members look forward to continuing to work with the Toronto Lithuanian Church of the Resurrection in the tradition of organizing and bringing together the Lithuanian community through quality sports activities.

The Aušra Sports Club was founded in 1955 and has had a large role in the recreational and competitive development of many men and women of all ages in our community. The organization wishes to celebrate its rich and memorable past as well as move forward to continue to develop the skills, sportsmanship and character of our athletes. We are all looking forward to getting back to the fun times and camaraderie of coaching, practicing and playing together as one family and team.

During these challenging times it is most important to be wise and take care of our health and well being. The Aušra Sports Club will not be conducting any practices, games or participating in any tournaments until it is absolutely safe to do so. Regrettably, last year's SALFASS tournaments were cancelled and we are sorry to say that all indications are that this year's will also not take place. The Board of Directors will continue to monitor the situation and let you know more as details become available. We understand how much all of the athletes, coaches and fans look forward to Aušra sports and we look forward to a date in the near future when we can once again come together as a Lithuanian community united through sport.

Keep informed of all Aušra Sports Club news and announcements by visiting the Ausra Sports Club website @ <http://www.ausra.net/> and our interactive facebook page @ [Aušra Sports Club](#) Anyone wishing to assist with the Club can contact us at @ info@ausra.net. Volunteers are always welcome !

The Aušra Sports Club wishes you and your families a happy, healthy, safe and quick return to the sports and activities we so enjoy.

Sincerely Yours,

The Aušra Sports Club Executive 2021

Overcoming difficulties in prayer: Pope at General Audience

In his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis says we must always persevere in order to overcome the difficulties we face in prayer.



Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis identified three difficulties we often experience in prayer: distraction; feelings of dryness or barrenness; and “acedia,” a certain listlessness in prayer.

Distractions

Distraction is a common experience, not only in prayer but in all we do. “The human mind finds it difficult to dwell for long on a single thought; we all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompany us even in our sleep.” But if we give into this temptation, said the Pope, we are unable to do anything well.

The Pope explained that distractions are not sinful in themselves, but we must nonetheless fight against them. To do so, we must embrace the Gospel virtue of perseverance. We do not know the day or hour in which Jesus will come, and so we must be watchful, striving to concentrate and be attentive to the task at hand.

Aridity

Aridity or “dryness” in prayer – when prayer seems to do no good, and inspires no joy or enthusiasm – is different from distraction in that it doesn't always arise from within us.

Sometimes, said Pope Francis, God Himself allows us to experience this spiritual dryness, and at such times we must rely on “pure faith.”

Acedia

Acedia, sometimes called sloth, “is a real temptation against prayer, and more generally against Christian life,” Pope Francis said.

Quoting the catechism, he described it as a form of depression due to “lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, and carelessness of heart.” As one of the seven deadly sins, “it is fuelled by conceit, and can lead to the death of the soul.”

Perseverance in prayer

In the face of this “succession of enthusiasm and discouragement” in prayer, Pope Francis called on Christians to persevere, to always keep walking.

“All the saints have passed through this ‘dark valley’,” he said, and we should not be scandalised when we hear about their struggles with prayer, “the account of evenings of listless prayer, lived without taste.”

At those times, the Pope continued, we must learn to remain constant in prayer. “Believers never stop praying!” he insisted.

Even if, like Job, we complain and protest against God, “we know that at the end of this time of desolation” God will answer us.

“God will gather up even our harshest and most bitter expressions with the love of a Father, and consider them as an act of faith, as a prayer,” concluded Pope Francis.

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