

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further

evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of the Gospel to others. May your light and truth shine through me that others may find new life and joy in you, and freedom from sin and oppression." ([daily scripture.net](http://daily scripture.net)) †R.R.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. for Brough, Cernauskas' & Pranckevicius' deceased family members  
(S.Brough & D.Pranaitis)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| †Jonas Juodzevicius            | (Juodis family)               |
| †Eugenijus Siciunas            | (wife)                        |
| †Angelika Sungaila             | (Kubilis family)              |
| †Stase and Mecys Businskas     | (B.Kazlauskas)                |
| †Stasys Prakapas               | (Stanulis family)             |
| †Irena Paskauskas (1st anniv.) | (Paskauskas & Turczyn family) |
| †Inocentas Jurcevicius         | (family)                      |
| †Liudas Matukas                | (family)                      |
| †Juožas Stankaitis             | (L.Sukauskas)                 |

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### First Communion

registration and  
activities will begin  
on October 17th, 10a.m.  
in the parish meeting  
room.

### Confirmation

registration and  
activities will begin  
on October 24th,  
10a.m. in the parish  
meeting room.  
Disinfect your hands and  
wear a face covering.  
Thank you.

## Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Laima Underys

organist - Ilona Beres



## This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!

Let us follow all necessary precautions to keep the community safe and healthy.

Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines, including priests and music ministry members. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.

Of course, all existing precautions will 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.

Understandably, not everyone feels 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.

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The Province of Ontario's regulation related to proof of vaccination that came into force on September 22, 2021, directly impacts parish hall rentals. Renters of parish facilities for events, meetings and sports are now required to check ID and proof of vaccination certificates of all participants upon entry to the facility.

The **new regulation does not apply to places of worship**, and we will continue to follow existing COVID 19 protocols for masses, i.e., masks must be worn throughout, social distancing, sanitizing hands upon entry.

## Blessings and *let's unite in prayer wherever we are.*



We sincerely welcome Jesuit monk Mantas Mileris, SJ to our parish.

Mantas was born and raised in Kaunas. In 2014, he joined the Jesuit Order. On completion of the first 2 year stage of monastic education - the novitiate - in Birmingham, England, he moved to St. Louis, USA to study philosophy for 3 years. Then, he returned to Lithuania to practice pastoral leadership at Vilnius Jesuit High School and Vilnius University for 2 years.

Since September, he has been studying theology and preparing for the priesthood at the Jesuit Theological School - Regis College at the University of Toronto. These studies will last for 3 years.

We wish him God's blessings and rejoice that Mantas is among us.

Capital Fund - \$ 321,704

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

### Collections of September 19th

37 envelopes - \$ 2,692

No envelopes - \$ 68.55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,180

eTransfer - \$ 100

eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$ 50

Holy Land - \$ 230

**THANK you for your generosity**

**Thanksgiving** is a time of year when we celebrate gratitude. We think about all the things that are important to us like our family, our friends and our home; everything that makes us feel blessed.

The Church of the Resurrection invites all parishioners and their friends of all ages, to write heartfelt Thanksgiving greetings to our friends at "Labdara" nursing home.

Your greetings will bring them happiness, thankfulness, encouragement and a feeling of close connection to our community.

You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Dear Friend, Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, etc.

Completed greeting cards may be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday October 3rd, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida - [vida@primus.ca](mailto:vida@primus.ca)

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.





The Camp Kretinga community invites all parishioners and friends of Resurrection Parish to join the "JERUSALEMA" DANCE CHALLENGE.

**Sunday, September 26 after 11AM Mass—dance lesson and rehearsal.**

**Sunday, October 3 after 11AM Mass—Andy Kaknevičius will film our performance of „Jerusalema“. Come dressed in your best Lithuanian gear!**

From fleet-footed dancers to those just beginning to walk or those who need assistance—all ages and abilities are welcome to join. All COVID 19 safety protocols in effect. Masks and social distancing required.

**We look forward to seeing our friends from „Volunge“, „Ausra“ sports club members, „Gintaras“ and Atžalynas“ dancers, „Maironis“ Lithuanian school pupils, our neighbours from „Labdara“ and all who are interested in being part of this event!!!**

What is „Jerusalema“?

About a year ago, South African DJ Master KG created a beat and set lyrics to it, based on an old African hymn. The steps of a traditional line dance were added and „Jerusalema“ went viral, capturing a universal expression of hope in a world so deeply impacted by the pandemic. Communities all around the world danced in support of front line workers, and frontline workers danced to keep going. Schools and businesses and churches joined in, and during this summer's virtual edition of „Camp Kretinga“, so did we! And now we challenge you to join us in our expression of unity, hope, perseverance and thanksgiving.

Check it out! (Just one of thousands of videos on Youtube. There are tutorials, too!)

[https://youtu.be/6Zw0Jf15\\_bE](https://youtu.be/6Zw0Jf15_bE)



Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome

**Alexander Nakrosius, Karina Zalpyte, Josephine Seselja, Connor Watt, Aliya Botting, Tavijus Gylys, Aurora Hopper, Lucas Lane, Nicholas and Theodore Lukac** - into our community of faith.

We rejoice with their parents, asking God's abundant blessings to their families.

**SHARE LIFE Campaign** on September 26th. Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using the **DONATE NOW**.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a *ShareLife* agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support *ShareLife*, we are making more than a financial contribution – we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese! Thank you...

Our parish, from September 19th, CONTINUES our FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and INVITES ALL to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

## Pope at Mass for CCEE jubilee: Love alone satisfies the human heart



Pope Francis celebrates Mass with the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe, and encourages bishops to reflect on three words as they celebrate their golden jubilee: reflect, rebuild and see. In his homily at Mass with the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE) on Thursday, Pope Francis reflected on "three words that challenge us as Christians and Bishops in Europe: reflect, rebuild and see."

Reflect - God, speaking through the Old Testament prophet Haggai, invites us to reflect on how we live our lives, said the Pope: Twice the prophet says to the people: "Reflect on your ways!" (Hag 1:5.7).

The Pope noted that those words, 'Reflect on your ways!', are challenging because in Europe today, "we Christians can be tempted to remain comfortably ensconced in our structures, our homes and our churches, in the security provided by our traditions, content with a certain degree of consensus, while all around us churches are emptying and Jesus is increasingly forgotten".

He asked the bishops and all those present to consider "how many people no longer hunger and thirst for God."

This is not because they are evil, he continued, but because there is "no one to awaken in them a hunger for faith and to satisfy that thirst in the human heart". Certainly, we are "preoccupied" by this, but are we really "occupied" with responding to it? asked the Pope.

There is no sense in judging those who do not believe, said the Pope. "Do we feel concern and compassion for those who have not had the joy of encountering Jesus or who have lost that joy?"

Through the prophet Haggai, the Lord asks his people to reflect on another thing, said the Pope, and this is charity. "Lack of charity causes unhappiness, because love alone satisfies the human heart," said the Pope. "The solution to problems and self-absorption is always that of gratuitous gift. There is no other. This is something to reflect on."

Rebuilding - "Build my house", God says through the prophet (Hag 1:8), and the people rebuild the Temple, said the Pope, introducing the second word: rebuilding.

In order to build the European common house, we must "leave behind short-term expedience and return to the farsighted vision of the founding fathers, a prophetic vision of the whole", he said.

We must begin from the foundations, because that is where rebuilding starts: from the Church's living tradition, which is based on "what is essential, the Good News, closeness and witness. We need to rebuild from her foundations the Church of every time and place, from worship of God and love of neighbour, and not from our own tastes."

"All rebuilding takes place together, in unity, with others," said the Pope. Rebuilding means becoming artisans of communion, weavers of unity at every level.

See - "If we rebuild in this way, we will enable our brothers and sisters to see," said the Pope. This is the third word: See. "So many people in Europe see the faith as *déjà vu*, a relic of the past," said the Pope. This is because they have not seen Jesus at work in their own lives, he explained. Often this is because we, by our lives, have not sufficiently shown Him to them.

"They will not recognize the One who loves each of His sheep, calls them by name, and bears them on His shoulders. They will not see the One whose incredible passion we preach: for it is a consuming passion, a passion for mankind," said the Pope.

This divine, merciful and overpowering love, concluded the Pope "is itself the perennial newness of the Gospel and it demands of us, dear brothers, wise and bold decisions, made in the name of the mad love with which Christ has saved us."

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