

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

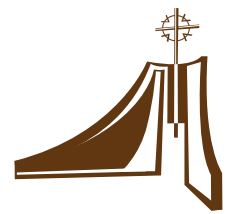
In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee. (loyolapress.com) †R.R.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas (family)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
†Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas & Genute and Romas Simkus (G)
†Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris)
request grace of health for Joana (VDG)
†Vilius and Jadvyga Ruslys (N.Ruslys)
†Juozas, Viktoras and Alfonsas Merkevicus (D.Danaitis)
†Petras, Ona, Rita and Baltramiejus Jonikas (Z.Jonikas)
†Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (I.Baziliauskas)
†Laimute Gudinskas (1st anniv.) (family)
†Ilona Smalenskaskas (V.Puzeris)



2024

February 4

Sports club "AUSRA" Mass

February 11

Pancake Sunday

February 14

Ash Wednesday

March 3

St. Casimir's Fair

March (date TBD)

Lenten Retreat

March 28-31

Holy week

March 31

Easter

April 7, 2pm

Choirs "Balsas" and

"Volunge" concert

April 21

Annual Parish Meeting

April 26-27

Spring Rummage Sale

May 5

First Communion

June (date TBD)

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

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

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Audra, Daina, Cassandra, Lina, Rasa, Ramona

11 AM - children and choir "Svaja"

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (January 29): 7 p.m. †Onute and Stasys Kirsinas (R.J.Balaisis);

TUESDAY (January 30): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (January 31): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

THURSDAY (February 1): 7 p.m. †Valentina and Jonas Simanavicius (relatives);

FRIDAY (February 2): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family);

SATURDAY (February 3): 9 a.m. †Edmundas Urniezius and deceased family members (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (February 4): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Laimute Gaizutis (15th anniv.) (R.Gaizutis); for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' & Stonkus' living and deceased family members (Cuplinskas); † Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (R.J.Karasiejus); †Juožas Bansevicius (3rd anniv.)(family); request grace of health for Anele Kruzikas (sister and family); †Bronislava Damasius-Dundzys and deceased family members (I.Beres); †Vitas Senda (Senda family); †Juožas and Donatas Zemaitis deceased family members (GK); †Birute Abromaitis (10th anniv.) (A.Baltakys).

Capital Fund - \$ 371,055

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (01.21) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

37 envelopes - \$ 1,622

No envelopes - \$ 154.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,115

In memory of Sofia Augaitis, the family donated \$ 500 to the parish

In memory of Sofia Augaitis, the A.R.Zilinskas donated \$ 300 to the parish

THANK you for your generosity...

We invite our community to meet with Viktorija Čmilytė - Nielsen, Speaker of the Parliament of Lithuania on Sunday, January 28, after 11 am Mass, Resurrection Parish Hall (address - 1 Resurrection Rd, Etobicoke, M9A 5G1).

TODAY stop by our cafeteria for Lithuanian food: kugelis, meatballs and soup.

Also enjoy coffee and sweets after 9 am and 11 am Mass.

We invite everyone to attend!

Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The 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.

We invite everyone to PANCAKE SUNDAY -

on February 11th, after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass amazing cooks will offer delicious pancakes.

Music will be provided by our KAPELA and the Parish Children's choir.

We invite everyone to attend!



Cozy retirement home "Fairfield Residence" in South Etobicoke finally has availabilities for new residents.

Good prices, Lithuanian chef, home atmosphere and elevator makes this place very desirable.

For more information or a tour please call or text 416-825-9519.



Senior 55+ Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 9th, 7pm

Church of the Resurrection

\$20 per person. Cash Bar

Dress Code: Casual with a **Splash of Red!**

Space is limited.

RSVP to: ritagrybas@gmail.com or 647-625-2625.

If you wish to bring an appetizer please contact:

victoria.vingelis@gmail.com or 647-225-3573

For more information contact:

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Pope clears way for canonisation of Canadian nun Mary Leonia Paradis

Pope Francis recognises a miracle attributed to the Canadian-born Blessed Mary Leonia Paradis, opening the door to her canonisation. He also recognises the martyrdom and heroic virtues of five other men and women.

Pope Francis has authorised the promulgation of a Decree recognising a miracle that occurred through the intercession of Blessed Mary Leonia Paradis, the Canadian nun who founded the Institute of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family.

At the same time, the Pope also authorised Decrees relating to the martyrdom of the Polish priest Michał Rapacz, and the heroic virtues of four other individuals.

A life dedicated to supporting priests - Beatified by John Paul II on 11 September 1984, in Montreal, Marie Leonia Paradis has now been credited with curing a newborn girl of "prolonged perinatal asphyxia with multi-organ failure and encephalopathy" in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, in 1986.

The Canadian nun was born on 12 May 1840 in L'Acadie, Canada. At the age of 13, she entered the Congregation of the Marianite Sisters of the Holy Cross, dedicated to domestic service in the homes of the "Priests of the Holy Cross" and to the education of young people. She lived in various houses in Canada, France, and the US before, in 1880, founding the Congregation of the "Little Sisters of the Holy Family", with the charism of providing service in religious communities, colleges and seminaries. Her Congregation eventually spread beyond Canada, opening houses in Italy, the US, and Honduras. Mother Mary Leonia died on 3 May 1912 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, at the age of 72.

Pope Francis: 'Prayer is breath of faith in war-torn world'

In a preface for Cardinal Comastri's new book, "Praying Today. A Challenge to Be Overcome", Pope Francis invites Christians to prepare for the 2025 Jubilee through fervent prayer for our conflict-ridden world.

In the preface of a book published on Tuesday, 23 January, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of praying insistently as wars are fought around the world.

The Pope's preface introduces Cardinal Angelo Comastri's "*Praying Today. A Challenge to Be Overcome*", which was published by the Vatican Publishing House (LEV) in connection with the Year of Prayer.

"Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression," writes Pope Francis.

It is not easy to find words to express the mystery of prayer, continues the Pope, adding that despite the many definitions from saints and masters of spirituality, "it can only ever be described in the simplicity of those who live it."

Cardinal Comastri's book is the first in a series of brief texts set to be published throughout the Year of Prayer, which was launched on Sunday by Pope Francis ahead of the Jubilee of 2025.

Pope Francis explains that this series seeks "to promote this Year of Prayer" and to help Christians "to enter into the various dimensions of prayer."

He thanks the various authors of the series for their contributions, adding, "I gladly place these 'Notes' in your hands, so that each one may rediscover the beauty of entrusting oneself to the Lord with humility and joy."

In fact, "the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 is just around the corner," continues the Pope in his preface, wondering: "How can we prepare for this event, so important for the life of the Church, if not through prayer?"

Scenario we live in calls for prayers - Pope Francis describes the modern-day need for "a true spirituality, capable of responding to the great questions that arise every day in our lives, provoked also by a world scenario that is certainly not serene. He then highlights this world scenario by shining light on "the ecological-economic-social crisis aggravated by the recent pandemic; the wars, especially the one in Ukraine, which sow death, destruction, and poverty;" and "the throwaway culture of indifference."

"These phenomena contribute to generating a heavy climate, which prevents so many people from living with joy and serenity," says the Pope. "We need, therefore, our prayer to rise with greater insistence to the Father, so that He may hear the voice of those who turn to Him in the confidence of being answered."

Various pastoral initiatives - Pope Francis says the Year of Prayer should not undermine pastoral initiatives carried out in particular Churches.

Rather, he adds, the Year seeks to "recall the foundation on which the various pastoral plans should develop and find consistency. It is a time in which, both personally and as a community, one can rediscover the joy of praying in a variety of forms and expressions."

The Holy Father invites everyone to embrace humility so as to make room "for the prayer that flows from the Holy Spirit," as "it is He who knows how to put the right words in our hearts and on our lips to be heard by the Father."

Contributions of consecrated men and women - Pope Francis also prays for bishops, priests, deacons, and catechists, assuring them of his certainty that they will "find in this year the most suitable ways to place prayer at the basis of the proclamation of hope that the Jubilee 2025 intends to make resound in this troubled time."

The Holy Father highlights the contribution of consecrated persons, especially communities of contemplative life, as being "very valuable."

He expresses his hope that "in all the shrines of the world, privileged places for prayer, initiatives will increase so that each pilgrim may find an oasis of serenity and depart with a heart full of consolation."

Finally, Pope Francis extends his invitation to all, praying that "personal and community prayer become unceasing, without interruption, according to the will of the Lord Jesus, so that the Kingdom of God may spread and the Gospel reach every person who asks for love and forgiveness."



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