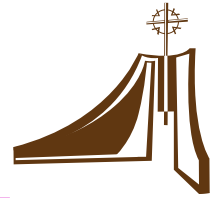


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 8 (3378) February 21st, 2021

## 1st SUNDAY OF LENT - B



On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

for Ignaitis' deceased family members

†Vanda (13th anniv.) and Stasys (20th anniv.) Vaitkus

†Julija Vaitiekunas

†Lina and Ignas Juzukonis

†Algirdas and Regina Ostis (Ostrauskas)

for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas' deceased family members

†Veronika, Benediktas, Antanas and Vytautas Navickas

requesting grace of health for Eugenijus and Jurate Siciunas (Ruslys family)

(family)

(V.Puzeris)

(L.R.S.Kuliavas)

(family)

(D.A.Pabedinskas)

(R.Pleinys)

(I.F.Zilinskas)

2021

## CALENDAR

THE CHURCH  
IS OPEN FOR

PRIVATE  
PRAYER

ON

WEEKDAYS

(MONDAY-  
FRIDAY)

FROM 5 PM

TO 7 PM

SUNDAYS

FROM 1 PM

TO 3 PM

(CHANGE FROM

PREVIOUS

SUNDAYS )

THE HOLY

MASS

CAN BE

SEEN ON

YOUTUBE

## THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (February 22): 7 p.m. †Elena Kriksciunas (R.Stravinskas); †Magdalena Stankaitis (A.Ratavicius);

**TUESDAY** (February 23): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Maryte Andrulevicius (K.Buozius);

**WEDNESDAY** (February 24): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); requesting grace of health for Juozas (NN);

**THURSDAY** (February 25): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Zigmas Sajauskas and deceased family members (I.F.Zilinskas); †Kostas Astravas (1st anniv.) (Prakapas family);

**FRIDAY** (February 26): 7 p.m. †Marijona Janeliunas (R.Stravinskas); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

**SATURDAY** (February 27): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (N.Ruslys); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (February 28): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Sofija and Leonas Skukauskas (V.Skukauskas); †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas (Gitana); †Jonas Poska (A.Vaisnoras); †Birute and Alfonsas Liskaukas (R.J.Balaisis); for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' and Stonkus' living and deceased family members (JMC); †Juozas Leknius (B.Tamosiunas); †Regina Antanaitis (5th anniv.) (daughter).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,444

**THANK YOU...**

**THANK YOU** for donations handed in by envelopes with cash or by check.

**You can donate** to the parish and for other purpose through:

**eTransfers** (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed)

or on the **parish site**

[www.prisikelimas.ca/give](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Also, you can donate through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections, beginning week of February 14th - February 18th**

8 envelopes - \$ 515

Direct deposit - \$ 1,110

eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$ 100

**THANK you for your generosity**

**Dear parishioners,** In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA\\_c-g/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/).

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -

Website: [www.prisikelimas.ca](http://www.prisikelimas.ca)

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

Mass recordings, broadcasts [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA\\_c-g/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/)

Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

**Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for YOU ALL in this difficult time. Let us have hope...**

**On February 28th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out.** Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene [grazinav2@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



Cardinal Danneels,  
Archbishop of Brussels

### Ten easy Lenten practices for the faithful:

1. Pray. Each morning and evening say a prayer for example „Our Father“ or Hail Mary“.
2. Pick one sentence or one idea from each Sunday’s Gospel and reflect on it all week.
3. Each time that you purchase something that is not absolutely essential – donate something to the poor. One needs to share out of their abundance.
4. Each day do a kind deed (without being asked).
5. When you hear unkind words spoken about you, resist the temptation to payback in kind. It is better to remain silent and to break the cycle of mockery.
6. If you have spent 15 minutes with the TV channel changer and have not found anything of value, turn off the TV and spend time with those you live with or read a good book.
7. During Lent, finish your meals with a slight feeling of hunger. Show solidarity with those starving in the world.
8. Remember that forgiveness is associated with a sincere desire to forgive.
9. You have promised someone a phone call or a visit? Do it now.
10. Be generous with your time and possessions.

## Pope at Ash Wednesday Mass: ‘Lent is a journey of return to God’

Pope Francis celebrates Mass on Ash Wednesday in St. Peter’s Basilica, and urges Christians to experience Lent as a return journey toward the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As the Church begins the holy season of Lent, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for Ash Wednesday, with the blessing and imposition of ashes.

In his homily, the Holy Father reflected on Lent as a journey of return to God and as an opportunity to deepen our love of our brothers and sisters.

God, said the Pope, is appealing to our hearts and our entire being, inviting us to Him.

“It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking,” he said, “to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends.”

### From slavery to freedom

He urged Christians to evaluate the direction our lives are headed and how steadfastly we walk along our path toward God.

“The journey of Lent is an exodus from slavery to freedom,” he said. As we progress, we will feel tempted to return to our old habits and illusions. But, noted the Pope, we can rediscover our way by looking to the Word of God, no matter how many times we stumble.

Pope Francis said the first step of Lent involves returning to the Father, by accepting God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

“It is the Father’s forgiveness that always set us back on our feet,” he said.

Next, he said, we need to return to Jesus. Like the leper who returned to thank Him, we too “need Jesus’ healing. We need to present our wounds to Him and say: ‘Jesus, I am in your presence, with my sin, with my sorrows. You are the physician. You can set me free. Heal my heart’.”

Then, said the Pope, we are invited to return to the Holy Spirit. The ashes sprinkled on our heads, he pointed out, remind us that we are dust. “Yet upon this dust of ours, God blew His Spirit of life.”

### In heartfelt reconciliation

The Holy Father went on to note that our return journey to God is only possible because He “first journeyed to us.”

Because Jesus embraced our sin and death, “our journey then is about letting Him take us by the hand.”

Our response to God’s invitation, said the Pope, involves heartfelt reconciliation, “with the deeds and practices that express it.”

### A descent in love

Finally, Pope Francis reminded us that Lent is the proper time both to journey toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.

“Lent is a humble descent both inwards and towards others,” he said. “It is about realizing that salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love.”

No matter how often we stumble, concluded the Pope, we can always turn to the Cross of Christ and contemplate in His wounds our own shortcomings and emptiness.

“By kissing those wounds, we will come to realize that there, in life’s most painful wounds, God awaits us with His infinite mercy”.

THE PARISH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
CONTENT OF THE ADS

**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.**



**Will assist you  
in buying or selling  
your House or a Condo**

**JURGIS KULIEŠIUS** M.Eng.,  
Jerzy Kulesza  
Sales Representative  
Tel. **416.568.1604**   
Sutton West Realty Inc.,  
Brokerage 416.236.6000

kuleza@sympatico.ca  
kulezahomes.com

**Affiliated Insurance Management**

Home, Auto & Business Insurance

Competitive rates  
Expert, professional advice  
Personal service  
Supporting the Lithuanian community

Contact:

Rima Dresher, rimad@affiliatedinsurance.ca  
Rick Dresher, rickd@affiliatedinsurance.ca

2012 Ontario Insurance Brokerage of the Year

905.845.4201

[www.affiliatedinsurance.ca](http://www.affiliatedinsurance.ca)



**ROYAL LEPAGE**

Lina Kuliavas - Sales Representative  
Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd.,  
Brokerage  
416-762-8255 bus // 416-616-1600 cell  
[Lina@Kuliavas.com](mailto:Lina@Kuliavas.com)



**MORTGAGE**  
**1.49%**  
1 Year Closed

- New financing to RCU
- Owner occupied

\*Rates are subject to change without notice



PLEASE CALL FOR DETAILS  
tel. 416-532-3400

**Special Offer**  
**1-Year GIC @ 1.5%**  
**RSP Loans at Prime**



For details, visit [parama.ca](http://parama.ca)

**Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM**  
**Associate Pastors: Fr. Aurelijus Kazimieras Kasparavicius, OFM**  
**Parish economist: Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM**  
**Serving Priests: Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, OFM**  
*Msgr. Edmundas Putrimas*  
*Emeritus Rev. Kazimieras Kaknevičius*  
**Deacon: Dr. Kazimieras Ambrozaitis**  
**Parish office administrator: Gitana Judvytyte**

**Office hours:**  
**M - F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Phone.: (416) 533 0621**  
**Fax.: (416) 533 7247**  
**Web: [www.prisikelimas.ca](http://www.prisikelimas.ca)**  
**Email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca)**

**Church of the Resurrection**  
**1 Resurrection Rd., Toronto, ON. M9A5G1**