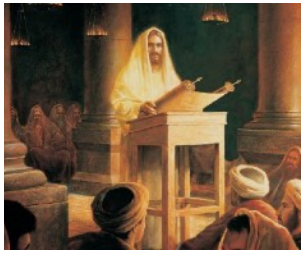
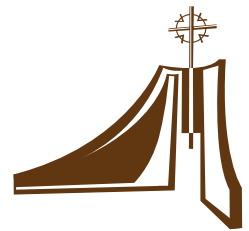


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C



Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel.

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the

Sabbath, which is said to be his custom.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word." (dailyscripture.net)

†R.R.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

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 (GJ)
in thanksgiving (GJ)
†Janina and Juozas Sarunas (Ruta G.)
†Sheila and Douglas Stacey (D.Danaitis)
†Aniceta and Jonas Matulionis and Agota Klimaite (family)
for Kuliesius' living and deceased family members (family)
blessings of the Lord and request grace of health for Marija Oliveira (GJ)

2025

February 9

Sports club "AUSRA" Mass

February 23

Pancakes day

March 2

St. Casimir Fair

March 5

Ash Wednesday

March (date TBD)

Lenten Retreat

April 13

Lithuanian food day

April 17-20

Holy week

April 20

Easter

April 26

"Volunges sparnais..."

concert

April 27

Parish Annual Meeting

May 2-3

Spring Rummage Sale

May 4

First Communion

June 7

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas ir Spencer Gallop

11 AM - Women's ensemble

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (January 27): 7 p.m.;

TUESDAY (January 28): for living and deceased parishioners; †Valentinas and Maria Indris (R.Indris);

WEDNESDAY (January 29): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Birute Matulaitis (Melnykas family); 7 p.m. †June Charpenher ("Kretinga");

THURSDAY (January 30): 7 p.m.;

FRIDAY (January 31): 7 p.m. †Sofija Putrimas (Jaglowitz family);

SATURDAY (February 1): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (February 2): 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ipolitas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Edmundas Urniezius (RU); for Vanagas' and Kazlauskas' deceased family members (family); †Brone and Antanas Pabedinskas (Cuplinskas family); †Zita Klevinas (O.Stoncius); †Laimute Gaizutis (R.Gaizutis); request grace of health for Vaida (Daiva).

"Capital Fund" - \$ 518,428

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (01.19) & "Vilnius Manor"

Collections

40 envelopes - \$ 1,262

No envelopes - \$ 73.75

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THANK you for your generosity...

Toronto Aušra Sports Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary!



When: Sunday, February 9th, 2025

Where: Resurrection Parish, 1 Resurrection Road, Toronto

The event will kick off with a Holy Mass followed by a variety of activities including chess, board games, and colouring. There will also be friendly competition games hosted by the basketball, table tennis, and volleyball teams. In addition, we will have cash lunch and refreshments as well as cake for everyone to enjoy. If you're feeling lucky we'll be hosting a 50/50 lottery, along with a silent auction filled with lots of fantastic prizes!

Event Program: Holy Mass at 11am; Lunch, coffee, cake, & light refreshments; Friendly table tennis, volleyball, & basketball games; Chess, board games, & colouring activities; 50/50 raffle & silent auction.

We invite everyone to participate!

Additionally, we kindly ask for contributions to the event's silent auction. If you are able to donate a prize of any size, please bring it to Resurrection Parish, marked "Aušra 70", or contact us via email at info@ausra.net.

We are looking forward to celebrating 70 years of sports, camaraderie, and memories with all of you. See you there!

Aušra Sports Club



Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome **Thomas Garsva, Leonas Dirmeikis, Palmer Balsys, Nico Bartusevicius, Dominik Ragainis, Leonas Sergautis, Charlotte Nigli, Dominik Matusiewicz, William Jakubowski, Sofia Dhillon, Emilia Statkus, London and Winslow Maduka** into our community of faith.

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

News for the Little Ones

To keep things fun and engaging, we invite our youngest parishioners, the children, to enjoy some art activities during Holy Mass. Parents, you will find colouring materials prepared in the church vestibule.

Feel free to use them!

"Auksinis klubas" will meet

on Tuesday, January 28th, 1:00pm in the church cafeteria. Ona Rekus agreed to tell and show how "kibinai" are made.

(Everything is in Lithuanian).

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.

About the Pope and His Grandmother Rosa

The Pope's autobiography "Hope" is a groundbreaking and unprecedented work by Pope Francis, marking the first autobiography of its kind in history, as previous popes did not write autobiographies. This is likely one reason for the global interest in the book, despite the already extensive collection of books about Francis and the current papacy, including interview-based works.



Initially, Pope Francis planned for the book to be published posthumously, but he later changed his mind, and in mid-January, the book appeared in bookstores in Italy and other countries.

The autobiographical work "Hope" by Pope Francis is a 400-page book co-authored with Carlo Musso. It has been translated, or is in the process of being translated, into 18 languages, including Lithuanian. The Lithuanian translation, published by the Lithuanian Writers' Union Publishing House, is expected to be released later this year, which also happens to be the Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Both the autobiography and the Jubilee Year center on the theme of hope.

In recent days, excerpts from the Pope's autobiography have been shared by some newspapers, highlighting that Francis recounts certain life events in detail—such as his youth and family history, beginning with

his grandparents who emigrated to Argentina from Italy. However, he discusses other aspects of his life more modestly, such as his time as the Jesuit provincial superior during Argentina's dictatorship years.

In 2025, alongside numerous events planned as part of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is expected to preside over several canonizations. One of these, scheduled for August 3, will declare Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) a saint. Frassati, who died a century ago, was a young Italian man whom the Pope mentions in his book, noting that his grandmother Rosa personally knew him.

Now 88 years old, the Pope emphasizes the significant role his grandmother Rosa played in the Bergoglio family's life as



1) Giovanni Bergoglio con la moglie Rosa e il figlio Mario prima di emigrare in Argentina.
2) Regina Maria Savio e Maria Bergoglio nel 1933 a Buenos Aires il giorno del matrimonio avvenuto il 12 dicembre 1933.
3) Jorge Mario Bergoglio (in piedi) con il fratello il giorno della Prima Comunione.
4) E' il papa Jorge Mario (sitting a destra) con i compagni alla scuola secondaria.
5) Il futuro Papa con la mamma Maria Regina e il papà Mario.
6) Padre Bergoglio ai fornelli.
7) La foto brilla negli occhi del futuro Papa, elemento indispensabile per tutti i presbiteri.
8) La famiglia, al centro, include: nonna Rosa con il marito Giovanni e il figlio Mario insieme a Alberto Norcia, Oscar Adrian, Maria Regina, Maria Elena e altri componenti della famiglia.



migrants and in his personal development. He describes Rosa as a "daily saint," a cornerstone of his formative years, and the primary influence in nurturing his faith.

Pier Giorgio Frassati came from a wealthy and influential family in Turin; his father was a politician and owner of the major Italian newspaper *La Stampa*. Frassati, however, discovered his faith not at home but in a Jesuit school and became an active participant in Catholic movements and charitable organizations. Pope Francis notes that his grandmother Rosa, also actively engaged in Catholic social work in Turin, knew the future saint personally.

Rosa Vasallo, the Pope's grandmother, was born in the village of Cagna, now called San Massimo, located in Piana Crixia municipality in Italy's northwestern Savona province. On January 31, 1929, Rosa Vasallo Bergoglio, her husband Giovanni, and their son Mario—the Pope's father—moved from Turin and Asti to Argentina, departing from the port of Genoa.

Rosa is one of the few family members Pope Francis has spoken about during his papacy. The Pope has recalled how his grandmother would take her grandchildren to the Good Friday procession, teaching them to kneel before the statue of Christ removed from the cross and saying: "Look: He is dead, but tomorrow He will rise!"

"You must remember: no matter the difficulties, a moment of prayer in front of the tabernacle, where the greatest and most revered martyr is kept, and a glance at the Virgin Mary standing beneath the Cross, can become a balm for the deepest and most painful wounds," Rosa would say. She also often reminded children and adults alike of the sacred truth about death, saying that "a shroud has no pockets."

In his autobiography "Hope," Pope Francis reiterated that he wishes to be buried at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, not St. Peter's Basilica: "The Vatican is the house of my last ministry, not my eternal home!" he affirmed.

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