

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - A



In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. (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.	†Anele, Juozas and Susan Urkis	(Urkis family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas	(granddaughter)
	†Jeronimas Pleinys	(family)
	†Albina Laurinaitis (2nd anniv.)	(family)
	†Bronius Matusevicius (37th anniv.)	(family)
	†Antanas Bumbulis	(family)
	†Birute Tamoliunas	(Z.Rudvalis)
	†Romus Kalinauskas	(V.Kalinauskas)



2023

March 18-19

Lenten Retreat

April 2-8

Holy week

April 9

Easter

April 21-22

Spring Rummage Sale

April 30

Parish 70th anniversary

lunch

May 7

First Communion

May 28

Cemetery day

June 3

Run for Hope

June 4

Confirmation

June 25

St. Johns' day

Camp Kretinga

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

October 14

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

November 18

70th Anniversary Parish

Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas & Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Zita Nausedas & Julija Danaitis

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

March 13 - 19

MONDAY (March 13): 7 p.m. Edita Putrimas (R.L.Grybas); †Theresa and Leo Pereira (NN);

TUESDAY (March 14): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; special intention (NN);

WEDNESDAY (March 15): 7 p.m. †Fr. Izidorius Sadauskas (G.Matukas); †Veronika Balaisis (M.Balaisis);

THURSDAY (March 16): 7 p.m. request grace of health for Elena, Teresele and Valentina (friend);

FRIDAY (March 17): 7 p.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (R.L.Grybas);

SATURDAY (March 18): 9 a.m. †Bronislava Birute Skendeliene (V.Vingelis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Birute Jonaitis (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (March 19): 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Silvija Freimanas (V.Puzeris); †Saulius and Augusta Masionis (family); †Rimantas Anskis (Stanevicius family); for Morkunas deceased family members (A.Morkunas); †Irena and Vincas Ignaitis (family); †Irena Dubickas (1st anniv.) (Dubickas & Biskys); †Brone Dambrauskas and Paulina Masiotas (J.G.Neimanas); for living and deceased choir "Volunge" members ("Volunge").

Capital Fund - \$ 339,090

Scouts - \$ 300

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections in "Vilnius Manor"
and March 5th**

61 envelopes - \$ 2,395

No envelopes - \$ 91.90

Direct deposit - \$ 3,015

Humanitarian Relief - \$ 320

THANK you for your generosity



Every Thursday during Lent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass. Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.

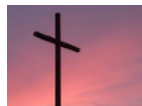
Our Parish Lenten Retreat (in Lithuanian), on March 18 - 19,

will be conducted by the Provincial General of the Order of St Francis Little Brothers of Lithuania, St Casimir Province, Br.Fr. Evaldas Darulis, OFM.



March 18th (Saturday) - 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass & short homily; 9:30 a.m. First Conference; 10:00 a.m. Coffee break; 10:30 a.m. Second conference; 11:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed - confessions will be heard; 11:30 a.m. Benediction.

March 19th (Sunday) - 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass & homily.



Save the date: Friday, April 7th for a Lenten youth retreat at the Church of the Resurrection from 3-9 pm.

Simple home-cooked vegetarian meal; vigil by the tomb of Jesus; Stations of the Cross; discussions; art; prayer; Church yard spring clean; and more. 15\$ per person. Please register with an email to ateitininkai.virtualus@gmail.com.

Six hours of community service granted by an OCT. Adults interested in volunteering are asked to email using the same email.

A "Thank you" lunch!

February 16th marked 11 years since Fr. Aurelijus came to our parish.

Please join us on Sunday, March 19th after 11AM Mass in the main hall, to celebrate and express the parish's gratitude for Fr. Aurelijus' dedicated service.

Visiting friars will be in attendance and there will be light refreshments.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

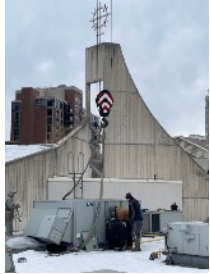
APRIL 21 - 22 2023

**After several years we are happy to announce that we will be having a Rummage sale!!!!
More information will be next week.**

Thanks to your generous donations to the parish's Capital Fund, the main component of the church's HVAC system was recently replaced. This unit is the most powerful of the 12 components of the system. The total cost of equipment and installation was \$61,000. We sincerely thank company "Ledas" for their professionally executed



work, Algimantas Nakrosius and Romas Krasauskas for their help in coordinating the project. Thank you to everyone for your continuous support of the parish, for only by pulling together will we be able to maintain it.



Pope: Every baptised person is part of Church's mission



Pope Francis continues his catechesis on apostolic zeal at the weekly General Audience, and recalls that each baptised person plays our own unique role in the Church's mission, regardless of our position in the Church or level of instruction in the faith. Every baptised person plays our own unique role in the Church's mission.

The proclamation of the Gospel, the Holy Father stressed, is not the task of isolated individuals, but a communal service to the Church's apostolic faith, which "must be passed down in its integrity to every generation."

Zeal for spreading the Gospel, he said, is inseparable from this ecclesial dimension, which, he explained, protects the Christian message from distortion and from accommodating to worldly interests and ways of thinking.

The Vatican II Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, the Pope recalled, presents all evangelization as having its source God Our Father's immense love, which was poured out on the world through the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and prolonged in the Church's mission of proclaiming this saving love to all the ends of the earth.

Missionary Disciples - As "missionary disciples," Pope Francis insisted, all the baptized are called to imitate the self-sacrificing love of Christ. He said the faithful are called to bear creative and convincing witness to the truth of His word and its reconciling power, not only for individuals, but for the life of our entire human family.

"The apostolic zeal of each missionary disciple," the Pope stressed, is so important "because in the pilgrim and evangelising People of God there are no active and passive subjects."

Returning to his words in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* on proclaiming the Gospel in today's world, the Pope reassured, "All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization."

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New ways of witnessing - This invites us, the Pope warned, not to become 'fossilised' or stoic.

The missionary zeal of the believer, he said, expresses itself as a creative search for new ways of proclaiming and witnessing, new ways of encountering the wounded humanity that Christ took on, of serving the Gospel and humanity.

Going back to the Father's love and the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit, he said, does not close us in spaces of static personal tranquillity.

On the contrary, the Pope said, they "lead us to recognise the gratuitousness of the gift of the fullness of life to which we are called, a gift for which we praise and thank God."

Pope Francis concluded by urging faithful to live ever more fully what they have received and to share it with others.

Spring is a time of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others. We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community.



We welcome everyone to the parish cafe March 19, 26, and April 2. After 9am & 11am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

For those wishing to make their greeting cards at home, we ask that they be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors, by April 2. This will allow enough time for your cards to be handed out to the seniors by the staff. If you have any questions, please contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in't Woud vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued generosity.

The XVII Lithuanian World Youth Congress is taking place this summer from **June 14-22** in Boston, Camp "Neringa", and Montreal. The Congress organizing committee invites all who are interested in learning more about the Congress to a presentation in the parish cafe on Sunday, March 26th after 11am mass. All donations collected during the presentation will go towards organizing the Congress program. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

The Toronto Lithuanian Community board invites everyone its annual Celebration of Lithuanian Independence (Feb.16 and Mar.11), on Sunday, March 26 at 4 p.m. at Anapolis Christian Community Centre (2185 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga). Renowned Canadian Lithuanian author Antanas Šileika to speak. "Gintaras" Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble children's, youth and student groups to dance. Poetry to be recited by Toronto "Maironis" Lithuanian School students as well as musical performances by piano, violin and voice students of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

The Toronto Lithuanian Community board

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