

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - B



Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In most years, this feast is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. When Epiphany falls on either January 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Monday after Epiphany.

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism; it

was a preparation for the Christian Baptism we celebrate today, and through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. In accepting John's baptism, Jesus, though sinless, united himself with all sinners.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, Jesus' baptism was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, the voice from heaven speaks to all who are present. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism shows that something new is beginning through the baptism and ministry of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Surprisingly, on this the last day of the Christmas season the Gospel does not tell a story from Jesus' childhood. Instead the Gospel reveals Jesus' relationship to God: the Son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. We believe that through Baptism we are also made children of God. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father." (daily scripture.net)

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. †Pranas (25th anniv.) and Juzefa (20th anniv.) Dovidaitis (daughters)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
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| †Romualdas Tumpa | (V.Skukauskas) |
| †Elena Kriksciunas | (V.Karosas) |
| †Mary Anne Kuslikis | (D.Pranaitis and S.Brough) |
| in thanksgiving | (Ruta) |
| †Sofija and Juozas Oleka | (O.Oleka) |



2021 CALENDAR

**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE
PRAYER
ON
WEEKDAYS
(MONDAY-
FRIDAY)
FROM 5 PM
TO 7 PM**

**SUNDAYS
FROM 8 AM
TO 10 AM**

**THE HOLY
MASS
CAN BE
SEEN ON
YOUTUBE**

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (January 11): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (V.J.Dzemionas); †Terese Grazulis (K.Buozis);

TUESDAY (January 12): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Regina Ostrauskas (L.Underys);

WEDNESDAY (January 13): 7 p.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis and Jane Vingelis (Vaskevicius family);

THURSDAY (January 14): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Irena Kasperavicius - Salvian (L.Underys);

FRIDAY (January 15): 7 p.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (R.Masionis);

SATURDAY (January 16): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (R.A.Nakrosius); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (January 17): 9 a.m. †Aldona Podsadecki (S.Kopera); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Danute Kersis (15th anniv.) (daughter); †Ona Anskis (Stanevicius family); in thanksgiving (GJ); †Irena and Ceslovas Salciunas (family); †Danielius and Petronele Peciulis (daughter); †Vytas and Onute Marcinkevicius (O.Peciulyte); †Rimas Zavis (G.Gaizutis); blessings of the Lord for Sofija Augaitis celebrating her 102nd birthday (A.Ratavicius).

Capital Fund - \$ 316,944

THANK YOU...

*"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections, beginning week of
January 1st - 4th**

10 envelopes - \$ 1,195
Direct deposit - \$ 2,205
eTransit - \$ 500

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 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/.

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -

Website: www.prisikelimas.ca

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

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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...**

Our parish started 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.

On January 17th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene 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.

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JANUARY: AT THE SERVICE OF HUMAN FRATERNITY



January 2021 prayer intention:

"When we pray to God following Jesus, we come together as brothers and sisters with those who pray according to other cultures, other traditions and other beliefs.

"We are brothers and sisters who pray.

"Fraternity leads us to open ourselves to the Father of all and to see in the other a brother or sister, to share our lives or to support, to love, and to know each other.

"The Church values God's action in other religions, without forgetting that for us Christians, the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity, is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We believers must return to our sources and concentrate on what is essential. What is essential to our faith is the adoration of God and love of neighbor.

"Let us pray that the Lord may give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions and not fight each other, and praying for one another, open ourselves to all."

"Our memory is alive, because it's a witness"

January 13th – Defenders of Freedom Day!



Freedom – a person's first and truthful, and a whole nation's, source of good fortune and welfare. Many wars, disagreements, arguments arose and still arise because of desires to limit or even eliminate freedom. One

of the greatest punishments to an individual is the loss of freedom because by losing freedom, you may say that they also lose their powers, their voice, their "I." The loss of freedom is the loss of the ability to grow and develop. Slavery not only demeans a nation's reputation, but weakens its will and spirit. The Lithuanian nation's freedom has been paid with the lives of the noblest of Lithuania's youth. Today, we bow our heads to them and in admiration of their actions, declare to the whole world: we will never be subjugated and we will defend our Nation's freedom with all of our might.

The Lithuanian nation's true resolve and dedication were shown during the events of January 13th, 1991. They required many sacrifices: about 700 persons were injured, 14 lost their lives. The latter were *Loreta Asanavičiūtė, Virginijus Druskis, Darius Gerbutavičius, Rolandas Jankauskas, Rimantas Juknevičius, Alvydas Kanapinskas, Algimantas Petras Kavoliukas, Vidas Maciulevičius, Titas Masiulis, Alvydas Matulka, Apolinaras Juozas Povilaitis, Ignas Šimulionis, Vytautas Vaitkus, Vytautas Koncėvičius.*

Let us remember them in our prayers...

Pope at Angelus:

Let Christ's light shine in love for one another

Pope Francis prays the Angelus on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, and invites us to proclaim the Gospel by allowing God's light of love to shine for others to see.

As the Church marks the feast of the Epiphany on Wednesday, Pope Francis joined Catholics around the world in praying the Angelus in live-streaming.

Standing in the library of the Apostolic Palace, the Pope reflected on the light which the liturgical feast brings to our world.

He said Epiphany celebrates the same mystery as Christmas—the birth of Christ—but from the perspective of light and the manifestation of the Lord to all peoples.

That light, the Pope noted, should be "*welcomed* in faith and the light *to bring to others* in charity, through witness, in the proclamation of the Gospel."

Light in darkness - Reflecting on Isaiah's vision (60:1-6), Pope Francis said the prophet's description of his time is more relevant than ever: "darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness the peoples."

In such obscurity, the prophet Isaiah announced the coming of "the light given by God to Jerusalem and destined to shine on the path of all the peoples."

The Pope said this attractive vision invites hope, and reminds us that God's light overcomes all shadow of darkness.

Star on the horizon - Turning to Matthew's telling of the Magi adoring Jesus (Mt 2:1-12), Pope Francis pointed out that the light foreseen by Isaiah was the Babe of Bethlehem, even if not everyone accepted His kingship.

"He is the star who appeared on the horizon, the awaited Messiah, the One through whom God would inaugurate His kingdom of love, of justice and of peace," said the Pope. "He was born not only for some, but for all men and women, for all peoples."

Shining through us - But how, asked Pope Francis, does Christ's light come to shine everywhere and on everyone? "Through the proclamation of the Gospel," he said.

God, he added, used this same "method" to come to us. In the Incarnation, God draws near to the other and assumes "the reality of the other."

"The star is Christ," he said, "but we too can and must also be the star for our brothers and sisters, as witnesses of the treasures of goodness and infinite mercy that the Redeemer offers freely to everyone."

Guided by Christ - Pope Francis then urged everyone to welcome the light of Christ on this Epiphany, and allow ourselves to be guided—like the Magi—and converted by Christ.

"This is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, which continually fill us with every new joy and wonder."

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