

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 :

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| 9 a.m. | †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas | (Paulius and family) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas and her deceased parents | (Gitana) |
| | †Ipolitas Stanevicius | (Stanevicius family) |
| | †Mary Anne Kuslikis | (“Kretinga”) |
| | †Juozas, Viktoras and Alfonsas Merkevicius | (D.Danaitis) |
| | †Stasys Kuliavas (51st anniv.) and Stasys Vaitiekunas (48th anniv.) (R.L.S.Kuliavas) | |
| | †Nina Peciulyte | (V.Rasiulis) |
| | special intention | (D.A.Nausedas) |
| | in thanksgiving - for Parish priests | (GJ) |



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 1): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (A.E.Bubulis); †Jurgis Stankaitis (A.Ratavicius);

TUESDAY (February 2): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Marijona Janeliunas (Z.Stravinskas); in thanksgiving (Groen in't Woud family);

WEDNESDAY (February 3): 7 p.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (Jaglowitz family); †James Dierks (G.Gaizutis);

THURSDAY (February 4): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Mindaugas Vainas (Balaisis family);

FRIDAY (February 5): 7 p.m. †Brone Vilkus (O.Dirmantas); †in thanksgiving (GJ);

SATURDAY (February 6): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (Ruta G.); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (February 7): 9 a.m. †Aldona Podsadecki (D.Pranaitis, S.Brough, R.Zander); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for living and deceased friends (GJ); †Domarkas Slizauskas (A.Abromaitis); †Adele Caltukas and her relatives (Samonis family); †Edvardas Peculis (O.Dirmantas); †Birute Vaitiekunas (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Irena and Henrikas Mausevicius (R.J.Balaisis); †Jonas Cerbas (1st anniv) (L.Cerbas-Mickus); †Edvardas (20th anniv.), Marijona and Justas Punkris (I.Punkris).

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 24th - 27th**

8 envelopes - \$ 700

Direct deposit - \$ 1,240

eTransfer - \$ 275

eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$ 70

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...**



As we are aware, COVID 19 has had a huge impact on all of us, and especially the elderly living at Labdara. As visitors are not allowed at this time, they are in need of warmth and closeness.

Therefore, Prisikelimo Parapija is organizing a Valentine's Day card event for Labdara residents. We are looking for volunteers to write warm, heart-felt greetings to the residents.

Cards can be dropped off inside of the church's office front doors where you will find a decorated collection box.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday February 7th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

These acts of kindness may be small, but they are mighty. In a resident's life, these greetings are assured to bring them happiness, tears of joy, and encouragement so that they feel they are not forgotten.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in 't Woud - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.

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.

Join the Toronto Lithuanian Community as we learn from Danguole Breen, the curator of "[Democracy - One Defining Moment](#)" a special digital gallery put on through the [Lithuanian Museum-Archives of Canada](#).

This digital gallery commemorates the events of January 13, 1991 and sheds a spotlight on Toronto and Canada's ongoing response.

WHEN:

Sunday, February 7 from 3:00- 4:30 pm

WHERE:

A link will be provided via ZOOM.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Please send an email to TorontoKLB@gmail.com by Saturday February 6 to confirm your attendance along with any questions you might have for Danguole in advance. 😊

In addition, if you or your family members have a personal connection to Toronto's crisis centre or the events of January 13th, time will be dedicated for open reflection during this event.

We look forward to learning and reflecting with you all soon! We welcome both English and Lithuanian speakers to this event.

Visit the digital gallery in advance at: <https://www.lithuanianheritage.ca/january-13>

Sincerely,
Skaidra Puodžiūnaitė,
Toronto Lithuanian community committee member

Pope at Audience:

The Bible, the place where God meets man

Continuing his catechesis on prayer at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the importance of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of prayer, saying it was written for each one of us.



"The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart." Those were Pope Francis' words during his Catechesis at his Wednesday General Audience.

Bible written for each one of us

Reflecting this week on prayer that accompanies the reading of Sacred Scripture, the Pope underlined that the Bible was written for every one of us individually, to bring us "a word of God."

This experience, he said, happens to all believers. A passage from the Scripture, heard many times already, unexpectedly will speak to a person one day, and enlighten a situation that they are living, offering fresh insights and often challenging our habitual way of thinking about and seeing the world.

However, the Pope stressed that it was necessary "that I, that day, be present for that appointment with that Word," in order for it to sow a seed "in the soil of our lives."

Christians as tabernacles

Pope Francis noted, "Through prayer a new incarnation of the Word takes place. And we are the 'tabernacles' where the words of God want to be welcomed and preserved, so that they may visit the world." He went on to say, "The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that they were written in the Holy Spirit."

It is a grace, said the Pope, "to be able to recognize oneself in this passage or that character, in this or that situation."

In off-the-cuff remarks, Pope Francis said that it irritated him "to hear Christians reciting Bible verses 'like parrots'." He went to say that it was important to encounter the Lord with the heart and not just to recite a verse from memory.

Lectio divina

Pope Francis went on to describe how the Christian tradition is rich in experiences and reflections on prayer with the Sacred Scripture. In particular, he observed, "the method of 'Lectio divina' has been established; it originated in monastic circles, but is now also practised by Christians who frequent their parishes."

"One then enters into dialogue with Scripture," said Pope Francis, "so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer," while also asking what it "says to me".

The last step of *Lectio divina*, explained the Pope, is contemplation. "Words and thoughts give way here to love."

"The biblical text remains, but like a mirror, like an icon to be contemplated," he said.

Concluding his Catechesis, the Pope emphasized that "Through prayer, the Word of God comes to abide in us and we abide in it."

The Word a source of peace

"The Word inspires good intentions and sustains action," he said. It becomes an inexhaustible source of peace, wisdom and strength as we grow in faith and give it concrete expression in charity and service of others.

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