

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 4th EASTER SUNDAY - B



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so

angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.†R.R.

***The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.***

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Vincas Sinkevicius (N.Slivinskas, V.Randle)  
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for peace in the world  
†Benigna Ragauskiene (10th anniv.) (Liliana and Lina)  
†Jonas Gustainis (5th anniv.) (family)  
for Kazlauskas' deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas)  
for Kalinauskas' deceased family members (Prakapas family)  
†Jonas, Albinas and dr.Sigitas Kazlauskas (V.V.Baliunas)  
†Norbertas Lingertaitis (L.Underys)  
†Laimute Gudinskas (daughter)  
†Algimantas Syvokas (3rd anniv.) & deceased family members (R.R.Syvokas)  
blessings of the Lord for Birute Kazlauskas celebrating her birthday (D.A.Nausedas)



**2024**

**April 26-27**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**May 5**

*First Communion*

**May 26**

*Confirmation*

**June 1**

*Run for Hope*

**June 7-9**

*Camp "Kretinga" -*

*Work Weekend*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 7-20 (En.)*

*July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)*

**Family Camp**

*August 17 - 24*

**October 18-19**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 9**

*Annual Dinner*

**December** (date TBD)

*Advent Retreat*

**December 1**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - children

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (April 22): 7 p.m. †Leo Pereira (family);

**TUESDAY** (April 23): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; blessings of the Lord for Fr. Augustinas (GJ);

**WEDNESDAY** (April 24): 7 p.m. blessings of the Lord and request grace of health for Zuzana Jonikis (SM);

**THURSDAY** (April 25): 7 p.m.;

**FRIDAY** (April 26): 7 p.m. †Liudas Matukas (family);

**SATURDAY** (April 27): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Aldona Vaskevicius (I. Matus);

**SUNDAY** (April 28): 9 a.m. †Michael Brough (10th anniv.) (S. Brough); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for Labdara's rummage sales' living and deceased helpers; †Marija and Valentinas Indris (R. Indris); †Antanas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Danute and Kazimieras Manglicas; †Danute and Vilius Fidleris (Cuplinskas); †Birute (10th anniv.) and Jonas Danaitis (family); †Birute and Kazimieras Cepaitis; Racevicius' and Cepaitis deceased family members (G.A. Valavicius); †Audrone Ceponis (V. Zaleckaite); †Vladas Melnykas (13th anniv.) (family); †Zivile Stancikas-Vidmantas (sons); †Jonas Govedas and "Volunge" choir living and deceased singers; request grace of health for Joana (VDG).

**Capital Fund - \$ 371,845**

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (04.14) & "Vilnius Manor"**  
**Collections -**

50 envelopes - \$ 2,015

No envelopes - \$ 44

Direct deposit - \$ 965

**THANK you for your generosity...**



## **TODAY AFTER 11AM Mass, YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

A review of parish council activities and future plans will be presented, and the Financial Advisory Committee will report on the parish's Financial status.

Elections for parish council will also be held.

The parish will treat you to a lunch of delicious sausages prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew, and the social committee will provide refreshing beverages.

PLEASE COME...

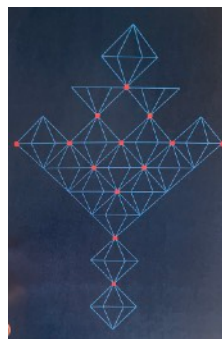
**TODAY IS THE LAST TIME UNTIL FALL**, our parish "Labdara" committee will collect food for the **FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES ALL to participate.**

**We will continue to collect food in the fall.**

Please leave **NON-PERISHABLE** food in the box provided at the parish door.

*The collected food is delivered to Haven on the Queensway.*

**Thank you** in advance for your kind donations.



Joint choirs "VOLUNGE" (Toronto) and "BALSAS" (Montreal) **THANK YOU ALL** for supporting our work, encouraging us to sing, attending our concert and sending us off to Lithuania's 100 year Anniversary **SONG FESTIVAL** this July.

We are most grateful to this concert's very generous donors: **PARAMA CREDIT UNION, LITHUANIAN CANADIAN FOUNDATION and VIDA WHITE.**

### **Lithuanian House Announcement**

This year On Monday, April 22, we invite members of the Toronto Lithuanian House organization to the annual reporting meeting in the Lithuanian House in Toronto (1st floor hall). Registration of the participants of the meeting - 5.30pm, the beginning of the meeting - 6.30pm. After the meeting - Lithuanian meal.

We ask the members of the Lithuanian House Organization, who have changed their place of residence - to report new addresses to the office of the Lithuanian House tel. 647-471-4167 or e-mail [diana@lithuanianhouse.ca](mailto:diana@lithuanianhouse.ca)

LN Board

## NEXT WEEK April 26 - 27 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Our Labdara Committee cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

**Men needed** to set up tables

Monday, April 22nd, 10am - 12 noon.

**CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES: we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.**

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

**We ask you to bring your donations**

**NO EARLIER than Tuesday**

**APRIL 23rd at 10AM!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

**We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit.

**We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!**

\*For other info please contact:

Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271;  
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**SHARE LIFE Campaign** on April 28th. Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using the **DONATE NOW**.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a *ShareLife* agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support *ShareLife*, we are making more than a financial contribution – we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese!  
Thank you...

### Pope at Audience: Temperance won't rob our joy, but will fill us with happiness



During his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis focuses on the fourth and final cardinal virtue of temperance, saying that our ability to have power over ourselves will help us savour all we have in life, in a much more meaningful and joyful way, akin to sipping a glass of wine, rather than drinking it all at once. Our ability to master ourselves and moderate our passions, can lead us toward true happiness....

This week, the Pope continued his catechetical series on vices and virtues. After months dedicated to the vices, he transitioned to discussing virtues, thus far focusing on prudence, patience, justice, fortitude, and, now, temperance.

Moderates our relationship with pleasures - The Catechism describes the cardinal virtue of temperance as "the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods." Moreover, the Catechism says that temperance "ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," noting the temperate person "directs the sensitive appetites toward what is good and maintains a healthy discretion, and does not follow the base desires, but restrains the appetites."

With the other three cardinal virtues, this virtue shares a history that goes far back in time and does not only belong to Christians.

Power over oneself - The Pope recalled Aristotle's reflecting on *enkráteia*, the Greek term literally means "power over oneself," as the great philosopher studied virtues as he explored the concept of happiness. Over time, the Holy Father recalled, temperance was understood as one's "capacity for self-mastery," the "art of not letting oneself be overcome by rebellious passions." Temperance, the Pope suggested, is the virtue of the right measure.

Savours with good judgment amid impulses - Faced with pleasures, the Pope said the temperate person acts judiciously. "The free course of impulses and total license accorded to pleasures end up backfiring on us, plunging us into a state of boredom," the Pope said. "How many people who have wanted to try everything voraciously have found themselves losing the taste for everything!" Given this, he said, we should enjoy moderately. "For example, to appreciate a good wine," the Pope observed, is "to taste it in small sips," rather than drinking it all at once.

*"To appreciate a good wine, to taste it in small sips, is better than swallowing it all in one go"*

Knows the right measure - The temperate person, Pope Francis said, knows how to weigh words and dose them well. "He does not allow a moment's anger to ruin relationships and friendships that can then only be rebuilt with difficulty," especially, the Pope said, "in family life, where inhibitions are lower, we all run the risk of not keeping tensions, irritations and anger in check." He acknowledged that they know the time to speak and to be silent, both in the right measure, knowing how to control their own irascibility.

"This does not mean we always find him with a peaceful and smiling face," the Pope said, recognizing that at times it is necessary to be indignant, "but always in the right way."

A word of rebuke, he said, is at times healthier than a sour, rancorous silence. "The temperate person knows that nothing is more uncomfortable than correcting another person, but he also knows that it is necessary."

Manages extremes gracefully - "In some cases, the temperate person succeeds in holding extremes together," the Pope said, stating, "he affirms absolute principles, asserts non-negotiable values, but also knows how to understand people and shows empathy for them." The gift of the temperate person, the Holy Father said, is being "balanced," which the Pope described as precious and rare. When "everything in our world pushes to excess," the Pope said that temperance "combines well with Gospel values such as smallness, discretion, modesty, meekness."

Pope Francis concluded, by clarifying that temperance does not make one "grey and joyless," but "on the contrary," it "lets one enjoy the goods of life better."

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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).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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