

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT - A



As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will

be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. in thanksgiving	(GJ)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in Ukraine and the world	
†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 Biskys (1st anniv.)	(Dubickas & Biskys)
†Brone Dambrauskas and Paulina Masiotas	(J.G.Neimanas)
†Sally Puodziukas Pennock	(sister and family)
for living and deceased choir "Volunge" members	("Volunge")

2023

**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 - Ted Chornomaz  
11 AM - choir "Volunge"  
organist - Ilona Beres

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**The week's Holy Masses**  
**March 20 - 26**

**MONDAY** (March 20): 7 p.m. †Petras Murauskas and deceased family members (R.Bell);

**TUESDAY** (March 21): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Terese Grazulis (Buozis family); †Vytautas Vingelis (40th anniv.) (daughters);

**WEDNESDAY** (March 22): 7 p.m. †Adele Storyk (4th anniv.) and deceased family members (N.Storyk);

**THURSDAY** (March 23): 7 p.m. †Alvydas Kapp (R.R.Smolskis);

**FRIDAY** (March 24): 7 p.m. †Tomas Prakapas (M.Balaisis);

**SATURDAY** (March 25): 9 a.m. †Giedrius Bujauskas (V.Vingelis ir R.Grybas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (March 26): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (D.A.Suziedelis); †Tomas Prakapas (40th anniv.) (family); for Giendrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius); †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (Groen in't Woud family); †Danute Stulgys (10th anniv) (V.White); †Marija (24th anniv.) and Bronius Karasiejus (R.J.Karasiejus); †Liudas Matukas (family).

**Capital Fund - \$ 339,090**

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections in "Vilnius Manor"  
and March 12th**

35 envelopes - \$ 915

No envelopes - \$ 96.25

Direct deposit - \$ 1,175

**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.

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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](mailto: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.

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**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 TODAY, March 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](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)

*We thank you for your continued generosity.*

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**SHARE LIFE Campaign** on March 26th. 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...

**Once again we are happy to announce  
that we will be having a  
SPRING RUMMAGE SALE  
APRIL 21 - 22 2023**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success! Men, women, teens, welcome!

Men are needed to set up tables Tuesday, April 18th at 9 am., and also to assist during the set up and sale.

Teens who volunteer will receive  
"Community Service" credit .

Everyone is needed to sort and organize  
the donated items!

**CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:**

For health and safety reasons, **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.**

Since we have limited space, **we ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Monday April 17in the AM!**

**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.**

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

\*For other info please contact:  
Dalia Nausedas 416 418 9920  
Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088

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***Sunday, April 2nd, WE INVITE you  
to visit the parish cafe and enjoy Lithuanian food.***

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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.

**2023 CAMP "KRETINGA"**  
**English camp July 2nd - 15th**  
**Lithuanian camp July 16th - 29th**

**Campers registrations:**

[campkretinga.squarespace.com](http://campkretinga.squarespace.com)

**Counsellors (born 2006 or earlier) registrations:**

[campkretinga.squarespace.com](http://campkretinga.squarespace.com)

**We can't wait to see YOU ALL!**



**Bank "PARAMA"** has been a big supporter of the "Kretinga" camp and its campers since its inception.

This year, in memory of Prelate Edmundas Putrimas, "PARAMA" donated \$20,000 to the camp.

We would like to thank "PARAMA", which supported and continues to support our campers, in their educational programs, in preserving their Lithuanian heritage and language, and developing a Christian community. **THANK YOU "PARAMA"!**

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**RCU announcements -**

\*RCU Credit Union is currently hiring Member Service Representatives. Part-time and full-time positions are available. RCU offers competitive wages, benefits, paid training, and so much more. Please visit <https://www.rpcul.com/about-us/careers> for more info.

\*RCU Credit Union welcomes members to attend the 60th Annual and Special Meeting. It will be held at 3:30pm on Sunday April 23. Registration starts at 3pm. The meeting will be held in-person only, with no ability to participate remotely.

RCU Credit Union will be hosting a meal at the end of the meeting. Each person joining us for the meal will need their own unique reservation number to participate. Please call 416-532-3400 or email [rcuagm@rpcul.com](mailto:rcuagm@rpcul.com) by 4pm on Wednesday April 12 to reserve your spot.

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**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.

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*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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THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca);

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the MEMO: Capital Fund, Renovation fund, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.



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