

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- A



This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

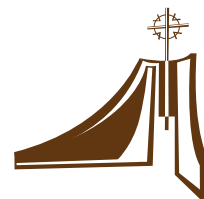
Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

***Give the Lord glory, glory and honor.***

### SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Monica and Clare Creedon	(family)
11 a.m.	For living and deceased parishioners	
	†Stase Bitleris	(†A.Ledas)
	†Juozas and Albina Kriauciunas	(O.Balsys and family)
	†Dana Beresnevicius	(B.Tamosiunas)
	in thanksgiving	(Ruta G.)
	†Irena Paskauskas	(“Kretinga”)
	†Liudas Matukas (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv.)	(family)
	†Romas Kalinauskas	(Prakapas family)
	for Bacenas' deceased family members	(M.R.Rusinas)
	†Viktoras Budra (10 <sup>th</sup> anniv.)	(G.Budra)
	†Ceslovas and Egle Aldona Gudaitis	(family)



### 2020 CALENDAR

**November 1**  
Cemetery day

**November 14**  
Annual Parish Dinner  
**CANCELLED**

### **December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat  
(in Lithuanian)

**December 6**  
Scouts' Kucios

**December 13**  
35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Christmas Concert

**December 25**  
Christmas

**NEXT SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1ST.  
1 HOUR BACK**



## Cantors of the Masses:

9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough

11 a.m. - Zita Nausedas and Audra Rusinas  
organist - Ilona Beres

### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (October 26): 7 p.m. †Anele and Petras Agurkas (Prakapas family); †Vincas Piecaitis (A.Kuncaitis);

**TUESDAY** (October 27): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Jonas Dirmantas (daughter Vida);

**WEDNESDAY** (October 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); request grace of health for Janina Mickus (Onute and Brone);

**THURSDAY** (October 29): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Danute Vaidila (Prakapas family);

**FRIDAY** (October 30): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); request grace of health for brother Juozas (A.Ratavicius);

**SATURDAY** (October 31): 9 a.m. request grace of health for Gabriele Gerviene (D.A.Garsva); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" for Vaskevicius' and Kemezis' deceased family members (A.Vaskevicius);

**SUNDAY** (November 1): 9 v.r. for deceased friends (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Fr. Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm (V.Zaleckaite); †Jonas and Brone Greiciunas (A.Angermann); for Judvytis', Vydmantas' and Dackus' deceased family members (GJ); †Fr. Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm (Stanevicius family); †Kazimieras Budreckis (daughter Virginija and family); †Magdalena and Kazimieras Nevulis (daughter); †Danute and Antanas Damasius (daughter and granddaughter); †Vladas Melnykas (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 307,049

THANK YOU...

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

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" October 17th - 18th**

36 envelope - \$ 1,915

No envelopes - \$ 52.60

Direct deposit - \$ 1,190

Attendance 115

eTransit - \$ 200

eTransit (for Mass) - \$ 50

*In memory of Juozas Morkunas,*

*E.R.Stravinskas donated to the parish - \$ 50*

**THANK you for your generosity**



THIS IS THE PARISH HOME  
FOR ALL OF US

– SO WELCOME HOME!

During the period of gradual re-opening, we continue to act with the greatest of care and caution in order to protect the health, safety and life of every community member. Public health guidelines and respect for our fellow parishioners require us to:

- Masks or face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces in Toronto, including our Church; **WEAR MASKS FOR THE DURATION OF MASS** (unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so); removing them only to consume host after receiving Communion
- Sanitize our hands upon entering the building
- Provide contact information to the volunteers at the entrance, for contact tracing purposes, should there be an occurrence of Covid 19
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres while inside the building; pews have been marked with green tape to denote safe seating
- Follow directional markings in the church to maintain proper distancing
- Refrain from congregational singing, as there is evidence that singing can result wide spread of droplets, thus increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever or cough. Understandably, for some members of our community, a return to Mass at this time is not advisable due to poor general health or immune system issues. Please note that Cardinal Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those unable to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. The archdiocese will continue to livestream Sunday Masses, and you may wish to join in prayer with the parish community via our YouTube channel, as we will continue to provide recordings during this gradual re-opening period.

**Weekdays** – parishioners are invited to participate in daily weekday Masses at **7PM (maximum capacity – 25)**

**Sundays** – parishioners are invited to participate in Sunday Masses

**We will accept registrations before entering the church.**

**Please - be patient.**

**9AM in English (maximum capacity – 90)**

**Doors will be open at 8:30 AM and close between 10 AM - 10:30 AM.**

**The church has to be sanitized between Masses**

For **11AM Lithuanian Mass (maximum capacity – 90)**

**the Church will be opened at 10:30AM**

**P.S. \*we are beginning to distribute paper copies of the parish bulletin. In order to limit the potential for spreading the virus, and in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, the bulletin will be handed out as you exit the church.**

**\*As we return to a "new normal", we expect more parishioners may return to Sunday Mass. Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.**

**May the Lord bless us all and grant us his Mercy!**



All Souls' Day is an opportunity to remember deceased loved ones and honour the One who loved them in life and received them in death. All Souls' Day reminds us that the veil between this life and the next is often quite thin. Our prayers radiate beyond this lifetime, bringing greater light to the post-mortem journeys of our loved ones.

All Souls' Day provides us with the opportunity to give thanks, as well as forgive those imperfect but loving persons who have shaped our lives. Death cannot sever our connections with loved ones. Whatever is loved lives on forever not only in our hearts but in God's healing memory.

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in Him.

We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers for them will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.

*We will remember and pray for our departed loved ones who died during 2019-2020.*

*Let us each take the time to come together in prayer and song, to light a candle for the dearly departed.*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL LCAT MEMBERS

Dear Members, as a result of the new restrictions imposed by the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario on October 13th, for the management of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we, the LCAT Board, are unable to hold the scheduled Annual and Special Meeting of Members that was to take place on October 28, 2020 and project representation.

All relevant information re the new meeting, when determined, will be available online at <https://lietuviunamai.ca/> and [www.tevzib.com](http://www.tevzib.com), as well as in both Lithuanian Martyrs' and Resurrection Parish bulletins, community Facebook pages, bulletin boards at both Lithuanian Credit Unions.

The Board requests that all members send us your email address [diana@lithuanianhouse.ca](mailto:diana@lithuanianhouse.ca), so we can keep you updated. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

*Board of Directors, Lithuanian Community Association of Toronto*

#### IN MEMORIAM

**ROMUALDAS TUMPA, 93**

*was buried on October 21st*

He is survived by his wife Lina, daughters Linnette and Loreta; grandchildren Josefin and Kain Robert, relatives in Lithuania and friends.

**BRONE VILKUS, 88**

*was buried on October 22nd*

She is survived by her relatives in Lithuania and Canada

*Sincere condolences to the family and please remember them in your prayers.*

### Pope at audience:

#### psalms lead to adore God and love His children

In his General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis concludes his reflection on the Psalms in the series of catechesis on prayer. He says the psalms allow us to "contemplate reality with God's very eyes".

Pope Francis began Wednesday's General taking into account the rising numbers of Covid-19 infections worldwide, including in Italy. Even though he would like to come close to those attending the audience, he cannot do so because of the danger of contagion for all. "I am sorry to do this but it is for your safety," he said. Hence instead of shaking hands, he suggested to those present that they greet each other at a distance, but assured they were close to his heart.

The Pope then said his attention had been caught during the reading of the Bible passage at the start of the catechesis by a mother in the crowd who was cuddling her crying child. He said, "this is what God does with us, like that mamma." These beautiful images of a mother's tenderness, the Pope said, are the image of the Church, the symbol of God's tenderness for us. Hence, he said, "Never silence a crying baby in Church, never, because it is the voice that attracts God's tenderness."

Pope Francis then began the second and final catechesis on the Psalms in his series on prayer. The Psalms, he says, "help us not to fall into the temptation of the 'wicked', that is, of living, and perhaps also of praying, as if God does not exist, and as if the poor do not exist".

Seeing reality with God's eyes - Instead, the Pope explains, the prayer of the Psalms are a fundamental reality of life, because the reference to the absolute, the transcendent, which the spiritual masters call the "holy fear of God", makes us completely human. Prayer, he says, prevents us from venturing into life in a "predatory and voracious manner."

However, the Pope warns against "false prayer" which calls for the admiration of others or to show off the latest fashion, which Jesus Himself admonishes against. Rather, the true spirit of prayer in the heart "allows us to contemplate reality with God's very eyes".

The Pope also warns against tiring and rote prayer like a parrot. Rather, prayer should be the centre of life, from the heart. "If there is prayer, even a brother, a sister, even an enemy, becomes important," he says, adding, "those who adore God, love His children. Those who respect God, respect human beings." Prayer, the Holy Father continued, should not be regarded as a "sedative that alleviates life's anxieties", which is not a Christian form of prayer. "Rather, prayer makes each of us responsible," as we see in the "Our Father" that Jesus taught His disciples.

Prayer holds temple and world together - The psalter, the Pope notes, often "bring out the scars of existence." Yet these prayers, even the most intimate and personal ones, were first used in the Temple, and then in the synagogues. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that the Psalms "take shape both in the liturgy of the Temple and in the human heart" (n. 2588). Thus, personal prayer is nourished "first by the prayer of the people of Israel, then by the prayer of the Church."

"Even the Psalms in the first person singular," are a "collective patrimony," the Pope says, "to the point of being prayed by everyone and for everyone." The prayer of the Christian has the "breath" and spiritual "tension" of holding the "temple and the world together." "Prayer," Pope Francis explains, "can begin in the penumbra of a church's nave, but can come to an end on the city streets." "And vice versa, it can blossom during the day's activities and reach its fulfilment in the liturgy." Thus, he says, the church doors let everyone's groans in.

Hence, the Pope stresses, the world is always present in the prayer of the psalms. They assure the divine promise of salvation for the weakest, warn against the danger of worldly riches or open the horizon to God's view of history.

Love of God and neighbour - "In short," the Pope says, "where there is God, the human person must be there as well." This is not because "we love, but because He first loved us". Pope Francis quotes 1 John who says "if anyone claims he loves God and hates his brother, he is a liar, for if one does not love his brother whom he or she has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen."

The Pope further explains that God does not support the "atheism" of those who repudiate the divine image that is "imprinted in every human being." Believing in God while distancing others and hating them, the Pope said, is practical atheism. "It is a sacrilege, an abomination, the worst offense that can be directed toward the temple and the altar."

Pope Francis concludes his catechesis saying the Psalms prevent us from falling into the temptation of "living, and perhaps also of praying, as if God does not exist, and as if the poor do not exist".



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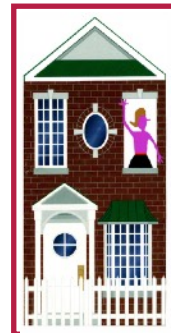
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