

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr.50 (3472) December 11th, 2022

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - A



Why did Jesus praise John the Baptist as the greatest person born of a woman and then in the same breath say that those who enter God's kingdom will be greater than John (Matthew 11:11)? John is the last and greatest of the prophets of the old covenant. He fulfilled the essential task of all the prophets - to be fingers pointing to Jesus Christ, God's Anointed Son and Messiah. John prepared the way for the Messiah and he pointed others to Jesus the Messiah at the River Jordan when he exclaimed, *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world* (John 1:29)

Jesus confirmed for John that the miracles and healing which he performed were in direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies announced by Isaiah some 700 years previously. Isaiah had prophesied that when the Messiah would come to save his people, he would "open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, the lame would leap, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5). Jesus' miracles are a demonstration of the power of God's kingdom at work in the midst of his people. When God acts to save his people, he turns their sorrow and weeping into joy and singing, and their fear and weakness into strength and hope.

John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Savior of the world. The Lord Jesus offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the *good news* (the *Gospel*) of God's kingdom. Do you know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to every one who puts their trust in him and the power of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith and hope in his promises for you.

"Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

Lord, come and save us.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Bronius and Bronius Stoncius (O.Stoncius)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in Ukraine and the world
†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (KLLM)
†Vaclovas Anskis (Stanevicius family)
for Sukauskas', Miniota and DeFine deceased family members (family)
request grace of health for parish priests (Ruta G)
†Nijole Mazukaitis (1st anniv.) (daughter Vilma)
†Mindaugas Gabrys (family)
†Marija and Marijonas Petrikas (daughter)
†Dainius (1st anniv.) & Valerija Grinevicius, Eugenija & Petras Petrusis (Diana G.)
blessings of the Lord for Neringa Taraskeviciene and Urte (NT)
†Marius Lelenas (Victoria)



2022

December 11

37th Annual

Christmas Concert

December 24

9:30 p.m. -

Christmas music

10 p.m. -

Christmas Eve Mass

December 25

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

2023 January 1st

NEW YEAR

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

**Office hours during
the Holidays**

December 23

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 26-27

CLOSED

December 30

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

January 2, 2023

CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses:
9 AM - *Gintas Pabedinskas*
11 AM -
organist - Ilona Beres

HOLY MASSES December 12th - 18th

MONDAY (December 12): 7 p.m. †Zuzana Stravinskas (A.G.Valavicius);

TUESDAY (December 13): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Marija Janeliunas (family);

WEDNESDAY (December 14): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Jadvyga Karl (R.R.Smolskis); 7 p.m. special intention (NN);

THURSDAY (December 15): 7 p.m. †Zuzana Stravinskas (V.White); †Michael Micalizzi and James Murphy (B.Robinson);

FRIDAY: (December 16): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (JMC);

SATURDAY (December 17): 9 a.m. †Fr. Kazimieras Kaknevičius (V.White); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (Vaskevicius family);

SUNDAY (December 18): 9 a.m. †Albina (26th anniv.) and Petras (12th anniv.) Styra (šeima); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Fr. Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm and Fr.Pijus Sarpnickas, ofm (Stanevicius family); special intention (NN); †J.J.Sarunas (Ruta G.); †Elyte and Romualdas Mankelevicius (daughter); †Levute and Vladas Pevcevičius (A.Jurcevičius); †Viktoras Jankauskas (R.J.Kuliesius); †Milda (1st anniv.) and Rimas Trumpickas (L.Dauginis); †Kazimieras Pajaujis (Senda family); request grace of health and Lord's blessings for sister Stella (sister Irena) .

Capital Fund - \$ 330,520

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of December 4th

42 envelopes - \$ 2,020

No envelopes - \$ 86.25

Direct deposit - \$ 2,100

THANK you for your generosity



Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday evenings during Advent. We look forward to your attending the encounter with Jesus
Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. (in Lithuanian)

TODAY at 4:00 p.m. in the Church
37th Annual Christmas Concert
"Didžioji naktis"

All our choirs are participating.
After concert coffee and sweets.
We look forward to seeing you all!

P.S. the concert will not be live-streaming

Christmas Craft Sale -

December 11th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm **Resurrection Parish.**
We invite everyone to our Annual Christmas craft sale on
Sunday, December 11 in the Resurrection Parish Hall
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. presenting various arts and crafts for everyone on your Christmas list!



Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai

are available in the Parish Office,
Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 4 pm.,
also on Sundays after Mass.

It is a Lithuanian tradition that when we are seated at the Kucios table, we share this symbol of the living bread - Jesus Christ as He comes into the world.



Christmas is fast approaching.

As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania.

Beginning today, and throughout Advent,

donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania

will be accepted in the church vestibule.

In the true Christmas spirit, why not consider making a donation instead of buying gifts?

With the spirit of the Christmas season upon us, let us look into our hearts with kindness and gratitude and help our friends living at "Labdara" nursing home feel the virtues of Advent.

We are inviting all parishioners to make one or more heartfelt greeting cards at home or in the parish cafeteria on the following today and December 18th after 9am and 11am Mass. Your greeting cards will bring them hope, love, joy and peace as well as a feeling of close connection to our community. In addition, we will be collecting donations of new jigsaw puzzles (24, 50, 100...up to 300 pieces) for our friends at Labdara. Puzzles provide many exceptional benefits including exercise for the mind and help with socialization.

Greeting card and puzzle donations may be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors or in the parish cafeteria after Sunday masses up until Sunday December 18th, as this will allow enough time for your gifts to be handed out by the staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaitė-Groen in't Woud; vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. Celebrating Advent involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy. Ateitininkai are organizing a prayer drive between November 27th and December 24th at the Church of the Resurrection. Ateitininkai invite you to write an intention. You are welcome to add that intention to the basket which has a purple ribbon. This basket is found at the back of the Church. Alternatively, you are invited to email your intention to ateitininkai.virtualus@gmail.com.

You are invited to join the Ateitininkai to pray for those intentions:

Date? Sunday, December 18

Time? 10 am

Place? Outside the Sacristy

Event? Fr. Aurelijus will bless personal rosaries followed by prayer for those intentions.

We are grateful for the love and support of the KLF, Parama, RCU, and the Church of the Resurrection.

The Parish Committee "Labdara", wishes to thank all those, who so generously donated underwear and socks for the homeless of Toronto.

God's blessings!

Pope Francis brings the prayers of the world to Our Lady



Pope Francis prayed before the Column of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, during which time he prayed for all the people on earth, old and young, and for peace, especially in Ukraine.

Pope Francis on Thursday travelled to Rome's *Piazza di Spagna* for his customary act of veneration to Our Lady, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception liturgically celebrated on 8 December by the Church. It is customary for the Holy Father to travel to the Column of the Immaculate Conception on the feast day, though the last two years the visit has been private and very early in the morning in order to adhere to restrictions put in place for the Covid-19 pandemic.

Traditionally, the Pope places a bouquet of white roses at the base of the column and prays for her intercession to help all people in their suffering and struggles.

Prayers for peace, prayers for Ukraine

This year, the Pope focused his prayers, in a special way, on peace in the world, and especially for peace in "martyred" Ukraine. In praying to Our Lady, the Pope recalled that after two years, he returns to her and, he said, "I bring you the thanks and supplications of all your children, near and far". The Pope brought the thanksgivings of the young, old, and families, and prayed for peace in Ukraine, even stopping his prayer as he shed a tear at the thought of the troubled land. He also brought forward the prayers of young people for the future, and of young couples, who seek inspiration in the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Joseph.

The Pope concluded his prayer, "looking to you who are without sin," with the hope that we might "continue to believe and hope that love might conquer hatred, that truth might conquer lies, that pardon might conquer offenses, that peace might conquer war!"

A prayer before *Salus Populi Romani*

Earlier, on his way to the Column of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father prayed silently before the icon *Salus Populi Romani* in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome. The icon of the Blessed Mother recalls how the people of Rome were saved from a deadly plague.

The image is said to have been brought back from the Holy Land by St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. During the pontificate of Pope St. Gregory the Great, a plague spread throughout Rome, and the Pope carried the image in procession to pray for an end to the plague. When the plague finally ended, the Pope solemnly placed crowns of gold and gems on the heads of Mary and the Child Jesus in the miraculous image.

The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the "singular grace and privilege" by which "the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception... in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin."

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was believed by the Church from the very beginning, but was only formally defined in 1854 by Blessed Pope Pius IX. In 1857, a commemorative column was raised in Piazza Mignanelli, close to the Spanish Steps and the Piazza di Spagna in Rome. The tradition of the Pope visiting the square on the feast dates back to 1953.

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