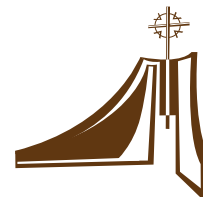


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6th EASTER SUNDAY - B



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

(loyolapress.com) †R.R.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

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| 9 a.m. | †Jennie Vingelis | (granddaughters Adele and Simone) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | Novena - for living and deceased Mothers | |
| | †Mother Ona and Grandmothers | (GJ) |
| | †Leokadija Nevulis and Alina Groen in't Woud | (family) |
| | †Agota Klimas and Liuda Daunys | (JMC) |
| | †Ona and Zigmas Girdauskas | (family) |
| | †Gediminas Skukauskas (| V.Skukauskas) |
| | †Juozas, Vidas and Gene (1st anniv.) Jasionis | (M.Grambas) |
| | †Brone Greiciunas | (family) |
| | †Eugenijus Siciunas | (wife) |
| | †Antanina Rudminas (1month) | (R.D.Rudminas) |
| | †Genovaite Budreckas | (daughter Virginija and family) |
| | †Irena Smolskis, Joana Smolskis, †Elena Karsky | |
| | and request grace of health for Vace Uspalis | (R.R.Smolskis) |
| | in thanksgiving - celebrating Mecys and Stase Businkas' 75th wedding anniversary | |
| | | (D.Pranaitis and S.Brough) |

The church is open for private prayer on weekdays (Monday-Friday) from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Sunday Masses online -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiayoKXdUfnA_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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THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (May 10): 7 p.m. Novena; †Albina Laurinaitis (Prakapas family);
TUESDAY (May 11): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; Novena;
WEDNESDAY (May 12): 7 p.m. Novena; for living and deceased friends (JMC);
THURSDAY (May 13): 7 p.m. Novena; †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); in thanksgiving (family);
FRIDAY (May 14): 7 p.m. Novena; †Albina Laurinaitis (B.Nakrosius); in thanksgiving (JMC);
SATURDAY (May 15): 9 a.m. Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Jane and Vytas Vingelis (A.Vaskevicius);
SUNDAY (May 16): 9 a.m. blessings of the Lord for Lara, Maja, Jonathan, Evelina, Viktorija, Gints (Valdas); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †R.Chaponis (family); †Arunas Akelaitis (Akelaitis family); †Juozas Pleckaitis (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Marija Matusevicius (23rd anniv.) (family); in thanksgiving for Stella Gruchalla (family); for those who take care of me (I.Zemaitis); †Juozas and Elvyra Vosylius (Brigita); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); for Peciulis' and Jasinauskas' deceased family members (family); †Irena Petraitiene (daughter Grazina); †Algimantas Syvokas (R.R.Syvokas).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,944

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"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of May 2nd

9 envelopes - \$ 1,210

Direct deposit - \$ 2,085

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on parish site - \$ 600

THANK you for your generosity

Dear parishioners,

In an effort to control rising numbers of COVID 19 cases, the provincial government added stricter measures to the current "stay at home" order, which is in force until May 20. In keeping with these new restrictions, Cardinal Thomas Collins declared that public Masses will again be suspended. During this period, the Franciscan Fathers will continue to celebrate Masses privately for the intentions of parishioners. Our church will be open for private prayer on weekdays from 5:30 PM till 7:30PM. It will be open on Sundays from 1 PM till 3 PM. Those who wish, may receive Communion at that time, however the number of people in the church at any given time cannot exceed 10.

Livestreams of Sunday Masses available to parishioners through the parish's YouTube channel. Thanks to their generosity, we will continue to livestream both Masses every Sunday at 9 AM and 11 AM.

***Until we can safely meet to worship together,
let's remain united in prayer.***



A sincere thank you to Dalia Viskontas for inviting me to compose a new Mass for congregational singing. I immediately agreed because I am a believer in the power and value of congregational singing. It unites all who have come to worship, erases boundaries between generations, encourages unity among people, and raises our thoughts and hearts to God. It is for these reasons that the title chosen by Father Jonas Šileika „ARTUMA“ (Closeness) for this new Mass is so appropriate. „Closeness“ to God, „Closeness“ to one another. When we sing, we become participants rather than onlookers. And it is that which makes our experience of the Mass more meaningful.

The two verses chosen for the Gospel Acclamation of this Mass are:

„Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

Make our hearts burn while you speak to us.“ and

„Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.“

These are my sincere wishes for the singing community of Resurrection Parish.

Sing from the heart and be close to God and one another!

Rita Cyvas-Klioriys

The Lithuanian Canadian Foundation's annual members' meeting will be held virtually on **Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 6:30pm via Zoom**. Members wishing to participate must preregister by sending an e-mail to info@klfondas.org or calling 416-239-9889.



My Mother

Mother of all,
 Loved with all her being,
 Loved by all, the living,
 Your soul is with me,
 Yet I feel alone, I was blessed,
 when you were here,
 But I need your guidance now,
 I feel lost without you,
 I feel like my heart is gone,
 Please, help me in my time of need,
 You have been missed,
 But I feel as though I have
 forgotten you,
 I don't want that.
 I know Mother's Day,
 Was the most important time of year,
 For you and me, I miss you,
 And the fun times we had,
 The memories, Are not only great
 but hurt as well,
 Reminding me every day how much
 I miss you,
 Mother of all mother's,
 Wife of all time,
 friend and great woman,
 I will never forget you, Happy Mother's
 Day,
 May your soul rest in peace,
 Please keep remaining in my heart,
 And watching over me,
 thanks for everything,
 I love you and miss you with
 all my heart.

*With all the love I have,
 Louis A. White-Ross-Deliz Son,
 of Mary Frances Ross*

**MOTHERS AND
 GRANDMOTHERS,
 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO YOU ALL!
 MAY THE LORD'S PEACE,
 BOUNDLESS LOVE AND PLENTIFUL
 HOLIDAY BLOSSOMS BE WITH YOU
 ALL ON THIS DAY OF
 CELEBRATION...**

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.

Pope's May prayer intention: 'For the world of finance'

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of May 2021, and calls for regulators to limit speculation in financial markets and protect ordinary people.



"The true economy, the one that creates work, is in crisis. How many people are now unemployed! — But the financial markets have never been as inflated as they are now. How far away is the world of high finance from the lives of ordinary people! If finance is unregulated, it becomes pure speculation driven by various monetary policies.

This situation is unsustainable. And it is dangerous. So that the poor do not suffer painful consequences from this system, financial speculation must be carefully regulated.

Speculation. I want to underline that term. May finance be a form of service, and an instrument to serve the people, and to care for our common home!

We still have time to begin a process of global change to practice a different kind of economy, one that is more just, more inclusive and sustainable—and leaves no one behind.

We can do this! And let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers."

Pope at Audience:

Contemplative prayer 'a guide along path of love'

At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis focuses his catechesis on contemplative prayer, and says contemplation helps guide us in following Jesus along the path of love.



Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflected on contemplative prayer.

He said every human person has a "contemplative dimension" which is like salt that gives flavor to our day. We can contemplate birds chirping, the sun rising, or art and music. "To contemplate is not primarily a way of doing, but a way of being," said the Pope.

Contemplation, faith, love - Yet, added Pope Francis, the contemplative aspect of our nature requires us to enter into faith and love before it can become prayer. "Being contemplatives does not depend on the eyes, but on the heart," he noted. "And here prayer enters into play as an act of faith and love, as the 'breath' of our relationship with God."

The Pope said prayer purifies our heart and sharpens our gaze, "allowing it to grasp reality from another point of view." Citing the Holy Curé of Ars, he said "contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus." "Everything comes from this: from a heart that feels that it is looked on with love. Then reality is contemplated with different eyes."

Gazing upon Christ - Referring again to St. John Vianney, Pope Francis said loving contemplation of Christ requires few words and can be put simply: "I look at Him and He looks at me!" "A gaze is enough," said the Pope. "It is enough to be convinced that our life is surrounded by an immense and faithful love that nothing can ever separate us from." Jesus, he added, was the master of this gaze, always finding time and space to be in loving communion with God the Father.

Ancient temptation - Pope Francis then warned against falling into the ancient temptation of thinking contemplation is opposed to action. He said some spiritual masters of the past advocated this dualistic understanding of prayer. "In reality, in Jesus Christ and the Gospel, there is no opposition between contemplation and action," said the Pope.

He said the only great call in the Gospel is to follow Jesus along the path of love. "This is the pinnacle and centre of everything. In this sense, charity and contemplation are synonymous; they say the same thing."

Performing miracles - Pope Francis concluded his catechesis recalling a teaching from St. John of the Cross, one of the Church's greatest mystics and masters of contemplative prayer.

"A small act of pure love is more useful to the Church than all the other works combined," said the Pope. "What is born of prayer and not from the presumption of our ego, what is purified by humility, even if it is a hidden and silent act of love, is the greatest miracle that a Christian can perform."

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