CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 26 (3606) June 29th, 2025

SAINT PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - C





Today we celebrate the feast of two of the great pillars of the church, Peter and Paul. They came from very different backgrounds. Peter was a fisherman from rural Galilee. Paul was a learned Pharisee from the university city of Tarsus. Peter's first language was Aramaic; Paul's first language was Greek. Peter knew Jesus from the time of Jesus' baptism and was with Jesus until the time of Jesus' passion and death; Paul only ever met the risen Lord, in the vicinity of Damascus.

For all their differences, they had at least one thing in common. Both of these men found themselves at odds with the Lord. Peter denied Jesus publicly three times. Paul violently

persecuted the followers of Jesus, and thereby persecuted Jesus himself. Yet, their resistance to the Lord did not prevent the Lord from working powerfully through them. Peter was chosen to be the leader of the twelve, the rock on which Jesus would build his church. Paul was chosen to be the great apostle to the pagans. We know from the letter to the Galatians that Peter and Paul had a serious disagreement at one point about the direction the church should be taking. They were very different people and the Lord worked through each of them in very different ways. They were certainly united in death. Very early tradition recalls that both were executed in Rome by the emperor Nero who blamed the Christians for the fire of Rome. Today's feast reminds us that the way the Lord works through us is unique to each one of us. The feast also reassures us that our many resistances to the Lord need not be a hindrance to the Lord working through us. Peter who denied the Lord and Paul who persecuted the Lord went on to become great servants of the Lord.

Our failings do not define who we are. Paul would go on to say, 'the Lord's grace toward me has not been in vain'. The Lord's grace towards us in our weakness and frailty need never be in vain if we continue to open ourselves to the workings of that grace, as Peter and Paul did.

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THE ANGEL OF THE LORD WILL RESCUE THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

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(family)

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Cantors of the Masses: organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses; June 30 - July 6
MONDAY (June 30): 7 p.m. †Vincas Buozis
(Buozis family);

TUESDAY (July 1): for living and deceased benefactors; †Bronius Buja-Bijunas (family);

WEDNESDAY (July 2): 7 p.m.;

THURSDAY (July 3): 7 p.m. †Juozas Zimnickas (Prakapas family);

FRIDAY (July 4): 7 p.m.;

SATURDAY (July 5): 9 a.m. †Gene and Liudas Vysniauskas (I.Kavanagh); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (July 6): 9 a.m. †Dr. Ragna Bersenas (VDG); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Vladas Radavicius (Stanevicius family); †Bronius Matusevicius (family); †Leonas Baziliauskas (family); †Romas Vastokas (Cuplinskas family); †Juozas and Sofija Beliunas (daughters).

The week's Holy Masses; July 7 - 13

MONDAY (July 7): 7 p.m. †Veronika Zaleckiene (V.Zaleckaite);

TUESDAY (July 8): for living and deceased benefactors;

WEDNESDAY (July 9): 7 p.m. †Joyce Adie (daughter);

THURSDAY (July 10): 7 p.m. †Zita and Jonas Didzbalis (family);

FRIDAY (July 11): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

SATURDAY (July 12): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (July 13): 9 a.m. †Brone Greiciunas (5th anniv.) (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona Kuliesius (R.J.Kuliesius); special intention (I.Matus); for Grambus' deceased family members (M.Hagedorn); †Ona Grigaravicius (granddaughters); †Cecilija Sendiene (R.J.Kuliesius).

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (06.22) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

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THANK you for your generosity...

THANK YOU TO THE Parish Social Committee, especially to Dana Danaitis and Irena Poskus, for the WONDERFULLY ORGANIZED IONINES CELEBRATION...

MANY THANKS to Genute Kobelskis and her team for the "Joninės Shashlik" and other treats; to everyone who contributed to organizing and preparing the celebration. A very special THANK YOU to those who came early Sunday morning to help set up — decorated the grounds, carried and arranged tables, chairs, and tents; for decorations, drinks, flowers, art supplies and children's activities; those who spent the day grilling and serving food, selling tickets, managing the bar, making flower crowns, pouring cold drinks, preparing the little singers; THANK YOU to the KAPELA who entertained with music and songs; to the parish Children's Choir for their cheerful tunes; to those who captured the event in photos; and to those who helped clean up afterward.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE...
WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER!



DEAR FELLOW LITHUANIANS, LET US GREET ONE ANOTHER AND ALL OF LITHUANIA -OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY, JULY 6TH!

We welcome ALL our youth to Camp
"KRETINGA" for their four week stay at the
Camp, July 6th - August 2nd.

We wish you all - campers, counsellors and guests, a safe and rest filled summer rejoicing with the blessings from the Lord.



Saturday, November 29, 2025 A Silent Art Auction

in support of the Resurrection Parish Capital Fund

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Nr. 27 (3607) July 6th, 2025 14th Sunday in Ordinary time - C





Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. (loyolapress.com)

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