CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B





Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required.

(In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith— "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. (lovolapress.com) †R.R.

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad!

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. for living and deceased friends (family)

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

†Albina and Juozas Kriauciunas (O.Balsys and family)

†Eugenijus Siciunas (wife)

†Jona Stanaiti (I.J.Stanaitis)

for Lukosevicius' and Povilaitis' deceased family members (Kubilis family)

†Stasys Prakapas (S.Piecaitis) †Silvija Freimanas and Rita Radziunas (R.Buksaitis)

special intention (Daiva) †Liudas Matukas (family) †Justina Duda (G.Ignaitis)

(N.Ruslys) †Mecys and Stase Businskas

†Aleksandras (10th anniv.) and Vytautas (9th anniv.) Bubelis (family)

†Algis Martusevicius (I.Pazeriene)

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SUNDAY, OF **NOVEMBER 7TH** 1 HOUR BACK



Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas 11 AM - Audra Rusinas, Adriana Verbyla, Elenute Lelis, Rasa Siauciulis, Monika Sutkauskas, Ele Stravinskas, Daina Sablinskas, Lina Samonis, Daina Cers organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (October 25): 7 p.m. †Fr. Jonas Gutauskas (A.Ratavicius); †Juozas Stankaitis (Z.Augaitis and family); TUESDAY (October 26): 7 p.m. living

and deceased benefactors; †Liudas Matukas (4th anniv.) (family); WEDNESDAY (October 27): 7 p.m.

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THURSDAY (October 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Stasys Prakapas (Astravas family); †Elvyra Selmys (I.Matus); **FRIDAY** (October 29): 7 p.m.

†Fr.Laurynas Kemesis (A.Ratavicius);

**SATURDAY (October 30): 9 a.m. †*Gražina and Irena (A.Ratavicius); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Zidoras Antanaitis and deceased family members (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (October 31): 9 a.m. †Vincas Radzevicius (L.Sukauskas); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Fr.Eugenijus Jurgutis, OFM (Stanevicius family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Kazimieras Budreckis (daughter Virginija and family); †Brone Beresnevicius (B.Tamosiunas); †Laimute and Ksaveras Ratavicius (A.Ratavicius); †Marija and Marijonas Petrikas (A.Jurcevicius); †Ale Pivorius (35th anniv.) (daughter); †Ona and Zigmas Girdauskas (family); for Judvytis', Vydmantas' and Dackus' deceased family members (GJ).

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of October 17th

46 envelopes - \$ 2,245 No envelopes - \$ 26.25 Direct deposit - \$ 1,205 eTransfer - \$ 140

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THANK you for your generosity

This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!

Let us follow all necessary precautions to keep the community safe and healthy.

Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines, including priests and music ministry members. 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.

Of course, all existing precautions will remain in effect to ensure the health and safety of all: *If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home; *Upon arrival at church, please check in with the volunteers; *Disinfect your hands and wear a face covering while you are in church; *Always maintain a safe distance of 2m. from others.

Understandably, not everyone feels comfortable or safe returning to church at this time. Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian will continue Sundays at 11, as will the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

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The Province of Ontario's regulation related to proof of vaccination that came into force on September 22, 2021, directly impacts parish hall rentals. Renters of parish facilities for events, meetings and sports are now required to check ID and proof of vaccination certificates of all participants upon entry to the facility.

The **new regulation does not apply to places of worship**, and we will continue to follow existing COVID 19 protocols for masses, i.e., masks must we worn throughout, social distancing, sanitizing hands upon entry.

Blessings and let's unite in prayer wherever we are.

Confirmation registration and activities will begin TODAY, October 24th, 10a.m. in the parish meeting room.

The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

THANK YOU to Paulius Sukauskas for preparing the children for the Sacrament.

Lithuanian food for take out will be prepared every Sunday. We ask that you order EARLY in the week.

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@hotmail.com. If you do not receive confirmation by email, please call 647-869-6164. In your email, please specify the items and quantities you wish to order, as well as the time you will be picking up your order.

PLEASE pick-up your orders outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

Our parish, from September 19th, CONTINUES our 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.

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 for those who loved us and 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 2020 - 2021

Monday, November 1st, 7pm.
Let us each take the time to come
together in prayer
and song, to light a candle for the
dearly departed.

Volunge women's ensemble will be sing.



The Cemetery Visitation this fall will take place at St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery on Sunday, October 31. Holy Mass for the deceased will be at the church 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Lithuanian Martyrs Church. Lunch during Cemetery Day on Sunday, October 31 will be sold outside the doors of the Museum Hall (Hall "D") from 10 am to 4 pm.

TODAY the church celebrates **World Mission Sunday**. We invite everyone, according to your resources, to support the Missions.

Next Sunday, October 31st, **SHARE LIFE Campaign**. Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by using the envelopes or by going to the internet <u>www.archtoronto.org</u> and using the **DONATE NOW**.

You will find envelopes in the church vestibule.

Thank you

Pope: Freedom is born in God's love, grows in charity

At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechesis on St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, emphasising that Christian freedom is expressed in serving others.



Recalling that, through Christ, "we have passed from slavery of fear and sin to the freedom of God's children," Pope Francis continued his catechesis on St Paul's Letter to the Galatians by offering a deeper understanding of what is at the heart of Christian liberty

Freedom, he said, is very different from license; it is not found in giving in to our own selfish desires, but instead leads us to serve others. "True freedom," the Pope said, "is fully expressed in love."

Freedom in service

This, however, leads us to "the paradox of the Gospel: we are freed by serving, we find ourselves fully to the extent that we give ourselves; we possess life if we lose it."

The explanation of this paradox, said Pope Francis, as given by St Paul, "is as simple as it is demanding: it can be explained only by love."

"It is Christ's love that has freed us, and again it is love that frees us from the worst slavery, that of self; therefore, freedom grows with love."

Free for others

For St Paul, the Pope said, love does not mean doing as you please. If we act simply to please ourselves, we find that we are empty inside. Freedom is full and genuine, and involves us real everyday life, only when it is used for the good of others.

Pope Francis noted that Saint Paul acknowledges that "all things are lawful," but adds that not all things are useful or edifying. Against the idea of a self-serving freedom, St Paul places the demands of love. "Freedom guided by love," explained Pope Francis, "is the only one that frees ourself and others."

Common good

In contrast to the modern notion that "my freedom ends where yours begins," St Paul sets Christian freedom, the freedom given by Jesus, that does not involve separating oneself from others, but instead being part of a community.

"The social dimension is fundamental for Christians," Pope Francis insisted, adding that "it enables them to look to the common good and not to private interest."

This understanding of liberty is especially important in our day, he said, when the pandemic has taught us how much we need one another.

Growth in charity

"It is not enough to know this," Pope Francis said. "We need to choose it concretely every day."

The Pope concluded his catechesis with an exhortation.

"Let us say and believe that others are not an obstacle to my freedom, but rather the possibility to fully realise it – because our freedom is born from God's love and grows in charity."

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