

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 39 (3513) September 24th, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



2023



In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give." (daily scripture.net) †R.R.

The Lord is close to all who call him.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Laima Fox	(D.Pranaitis)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in Ukraine and the world	
†Petronele and Danielius Peciulis	(Peciulis family)
†Sofija Dilkus	(B.Tamosiunas)
†Liudmila Sukauskas	(Prakapas family)
†Inocentas Jurcevicius	(wife)
†Valentina Grybas	(I.O.Turczyn)
†Bob White	(V.White)
request grace of health for parish priests	(GJ)
request grace of health for friend Jurgita	(Gitana)

October 14, 6pm - 9 pm

MOZAIKA

A Silent Art Auction

October 20-21

Fall Rummage Sale

November 18

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

November 19

Parish Family Day

11 am Thanksgiving

Mass

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 10

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Parish office
hours

June - October

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 pm.

Friday
9 a.m. - 1 pm.

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

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (September 25): 7 p.m. †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh); †Vanda Saulenas (4th anniv.) (Saulenas family);

TUESDAY (September 26): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Liudas Matukas (family);

WEDNESDAY (September 27): 7 p.m. special intention (NN);

THURSDAY (September 28): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Stunguris (R.J.Balaisis); †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

FRIDAY (September 29): 7 p.m. †Irena Paskauskas (4th anniv.) (family);

SATURDAY (September 30): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Liudmila Sukauskas (A.Vaskevicius);

SUNDAY (October 1): 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas' & Pranckevicius' deceased family members (S.Brough & D.Pranaitis) 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Vladas and Stasys Vydmantas (GJ); †Katarina and Juozas Alisauskas (D.J.Didzbalis); †Aldona and Jonas Petrauskas (family); †Liudmila Sukauskas (A.Jurcevicius); †Zuzana Stravinskas (R.Stravinskas); †Dr.Julius Puodziukas (19th anniv.) (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 346,560

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday and "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

September 17th - 52 envelopes - \$ 1,605

No envelopes - \$ 78.25

Direct deposit - \$ 1,400

THANK you for your generosity...

Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend is fast approaching. The celebration begins on Saturday, November 18th with a gala dinner and show, "Better than Hollywood". An evening full of surprises and wonderful memories awaits you!

Dinner with wine, cash bar and much more! Tickets are \$70 per person, on sale at the parish on Sundays or online at *insert link from poster*.
For info contact ritagrybas@gmail.com.

We hope to see you all on Sunday, November 19th as the celebration, "From your Hand..." continues with parish family and friends at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11AM, followed by music, youth entertainment, photo apps and a special commemorative video produced by Andy Kaknevičius.

WE INVITE YOU NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, TO STOP BY OUR CAFETERIA FOR LITHUANIAN FOOD. ALSO ENJOY COFFEE AND SWEETS AFTER 9 AM AND 11 AM MASS. WE INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND!

Singers and instrumentalists - young and old are invited to join:

Youth and children's choir - rehearsals will be Sundays after the 11 am Mass. All children and youth between the ages of 7 - 17 are welcome to join.

(leader: Daina Babeckas, dainababeckas@gmail.com)

Kankles ensemble - rehearsals will be in parish library on Sundays at 10 am.

Children and youth from the age of 10 are most welcome. (leaders: Alexandra Valaitis, Daina Sablinskas)

You are ALL welcome...

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MOZAIKA II

October 14, 2023 - 6 to 9 pm
A Silent Art Auction
a fundraiser in support of the Resurrection Parish

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FALL RUMMAGE SALE **OCTOBER 20 - 21 2023**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!

Men, women, teens, welcome!

Volunteers needed to set up tables

Monday, October 16th, 10am - 12 noon .

Teens who volunteer will receive "Community Service" credit .

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:

we will NOT be having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked goods BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any USED cosmetics.**

We ask you to bring your donations NO EARLIER than Tuesday OCTOBER 17th at 10AM!

Some items that DO NOT sell are:

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

We will no longer accept large furniture, nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.

We ask for your cooperation and thank you in advance!

*For other info please contact:

Raminta Nakrosius 416-669-0271; Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088.

Thanksgiving is a time of year when we celebrate gratitude. We think about all the things that are important to us like our family, our friends and our home; everything that makes us feel blessed.

We invite parishioners of all ages to make heartfelt Thanksgiving greeting cards for our friends at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greeting cards will bring hope, love, joy and peace as well as a feeling of close connection to our community.

We welcome everyone to the parish cafe today and October 1st. After 9am and 11am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida; vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your outstanding generosity.

First Communion registration and activities will begin on October 15th, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room. The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration. **THANK YOU to Rasa Balaisis for preparing the children for First Communion.**

Confirmation registration and activities will begin on October 22nd, 10 a.m. in the parish meeting room. The registration questionnaire will be handed out at the time of registration.

THANK YOU to Paulius Sukauskas and Mantas Mileris for preparing the youth for the Sacrament.

"KIŠKIŲ KLUBAS" - "Kiškių klubas" welcomes parents/grandparents with Preschool Toddlers/Babies for friendship, Lithuanian songs, games and activities in the Resurrection Hall every Thursday morning 9:30 am - 11:00am, starting October 5th, 2023. Registration contact: lili.steer@sympatico.ca or cell: 416-801-3689.

Pope at Audience: St. Daniel Comboni was full of zeal for Africa

During his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continues his catechesis series dedicated to apostolic zeal, and applauds St. Daniel Comboni's great zeal and love for Africa, saying he was fuelled by the joy of the Gospel. St. Daniel Comboni was an "apostle of Africa," whose zeal came from the joy of the Gospel and witnessed the Good Shepherd's love. Pope Francis offered this reminder as he reflected on the Italian-born saint during his Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square, as he continued his catechesis series on figures in the Church who embodied apostolic zeal.

St. Comboni, an Italian Bishop who served in the missions in Africa, was beatified in Saint Peter's Basilica in 1996 and canonized in 2003. Bearing witness to Good Shepherd's love - In his catechesis, the Pope praised St. Comboni's zeal for Africa which has left an important legacy, noting, "Saint Daniel testifies to the love of the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the one who is lost and gives his life for the flock." The Pope described the St. Daniel Comboni's zeal as energetic and prophetic, opposed to indifference and exclusion, highlighting that in his letters, the missionary saint "earnestly called out his beloved Church who had forgotten Africa for too long."

Horror of slavery - In this context, the Pope recalled that St. Comboni witnessed the "horror" of slavery, and recognized it as an evil. Slavery, the Pope condemned, "objectifies" the human being, "whose value is reduced to being useful to someone or something." St. Comboni, the Pope added, "understood that social slavery is rooted in an even deeper slavery, that of the heart, that of sin, from which the Lord frees us." "As Christians, therefore, we are called to fight every form of slavery," the Pope said, while lamenting that, "unfortunately, however, slavery, like colonialism, is not something from the past." The Africa Comboni loved so much - The Pope decried the conflicts across "the Africa that Comboni loved so much," and denounced all "political exploitation" and "economic colonialism." The Pope deplored that the world often "closes its eyes, ears and mouth" to this tragedy. "I therefore renew my appeal: "Stop choking Africa: it is not a mine to be stripped or a terrain to be plundered," he said.

The Pope went on to recall the challenges that St. Comboni, and other missionaries to Africa faced, and their great faith and perseverance. "Though others abandoned Africa, Comboni did not do so," Pope Francis said.

Save Africa with Africa - The Pope recalled that after a period of discernment, Saint Daniel felt the Lord was inspiring him along a new path of evangelization, which he summed up in these words: "Save Africa with Africa."

The Pope asked those present to think of those who are "crucified today, with injustice," and invited us to pray for them. He also urged faithful to remember the poor. "Do not forget the poor," he said, "because they will open the door of Heaven for us."

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A: Resurrection; (indicating to whom the donation is addressed) or on the parish site www.prisikelimas.ca/give.

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