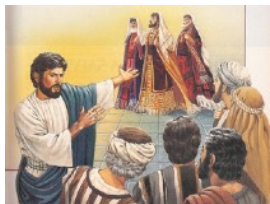


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 45 (3519) November 5th, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary time - A



Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honored and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

(loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you became a servant for my sake to set me free from the tyranny of selfish pride and self-concern. Teach me to be humble as you are humble and to love others generously with selfless service and kindness." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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| 9 a.m. | †Simonas Ramanauskas | (grandmother) |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners | |
| | for peace in the world | |
| | Novena | |
| | †Fr.Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm | (Stanevicius family) |
| | †Stasys and Tomas Prakapas | (V.Groen in't Woud) |
| | †Vytautas Urbonas | (R.M.Rusinas) |
| | †Monika Bumbulis and Mary White | (family) |
| | †Laima Macionis | (V.White) |
| | †Sofija Dilkus | (V.White) |
| | †Algimantas Syvokas | (R.R.Syvokas) |
| | †Edmundas Urniezius | (Regina's friends) |
| | for Gindrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius) | |
| | in thanksgiving to the Lady of Siluva | (RJK) |

2023

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

Office hours during the Holidays

December 22

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 25-26

CLOSED

December 29

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

January 1, 2024

CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Congregation

11 AM - Aleksia, Lina and Lile Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (November 6): 7 p.m. Ele-Albina Mardosas (Z.Kruzikas);

TUESDAY (November 7): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena;

WEDNESDAY (November 8): 7 p.m. Novena; †Saulius Macijauskas (Z.R.Kruzikas);

THURSDAY (November 9): 7 p.m. Novena; †Peter Inciura (R.Inciura); †Eduardas, Nina and Stanislovas Kasperavicius (E.Pranckevicius);

FRIDAY (November 10): 7 p.m. Novena; †Zigmas Zilinskis (I.Kavanagh);

SATURDAY (November 11): 9 a.m. Novena; request grace of health for Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (V.Baliunas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" request grace of health for Valentina Zimkevicius (Aldona and Dana);

SUNDAY (November 12): 9 a.m. †Joanų Zenkevičius (S.Brough); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Ramunas Underys and Ona Gustainis (5th anniv) (L.Underys); for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas deceased family members (family); †Juozas Oleka (32nd anniv) (O.Oleka); †Aldona and Jonas Petrauskas (family); †Vincas Kolycius (V.White); †Danute Masalaitis-Salmiras (daughters); †Antanas Sivokas (R.R.Syvokas); for Senda deceased family members (Senda family); †Jonas Kuliesius and Ona Jankauskas (R.J.Kuliesius).

Capital Fund - \$ 347,060

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (10.29) and "Vilnius Manor"
Collections -**

44 envelopes - \$ 1,370

No envelopes - \$ 75.85

Direct deposit - \$ 975

I.Zemaitis, donated \$1,000 for Parish's
70th anniversary

For Altar flowers NN donated \$ 1,000

In memory of Paulius Stanaitis and †Regina Stanaitis-Panavas, I.Stanaitis donated \$ 1,000 for the Oncology centre in Klaipeda

V.Stanevicius donated \$ 1,000 for the Oncology centre in Klaipeda

THANK you for your generosity...



Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend:

The celebration begins **on Saturday, November 18th** with a gala dinner and show, **"Better than Hollywood"** - **TICKETS ARE ALL SOLD OUT.**

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL on Sunday, November 19th as the celebration, **"From your Hand..."** continues with our 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.

Next Sunday, on November 19th

- The Shepherd's Trust campaign.



Diocesan priests and our own Franciscan Fathers have faithfully served parish communities like the Resurrection Parish for many years. **The Shepherd's Trust** recognizes their faithfulness, their many years of service, and the strong ties we have to them by ensuring that funds collected in parishes served by these priests, be given to them as a contribution towards their retirement.

Your contributions to this cause are gratefully appreciated.

Envelopes are attached to today's bulletin.

Consular Mission in Toronto on 11-12 November 2023

The consular mission will be held at **Prisikėlimo parapija (Church of the Resurrection)** 1 Resurrection Rd Toronto, ON., M9A 5G1. Consular services will be provided **from 09 am to 1 pm. and from 2 pm to 6 p.m.** **Only persons who have completed their registration and received confirmation of registration will be served during the consular mission.** Registration for admission must be completed until **November 3** at electronic registration system - <https://keliauk.urm.lt/consult-registration>

When registering, please select the visit type *Consular Mission*, then proceed to select *Registration for Reception during the Consular Mission in Toronto*. When registering, please mention in the comments section the services you wish to receive, the full names (as shown on the ID), date of birth and of the persons who will receive consular services. When registering for more than one service, please reserve two visit times. Single visit time would be enough if a single party is applying for issuance of two passports.

During consular missions, the fee for consular services is increased by 50%. (consular fee amounts are published [here](#)). **Only debit/credit cards and Interac e-transfers will be accepted during the mission.**

Information about the functions performed by the officers of the consular mission and the documents required for submission, can be found on the website of Embassy's website. Don't hesitate to inquiry about the consular services provided by phone +1 613-567-5458

Before registering for the consular mission, please assess whether the necessary services of the Lithuanian institutions could be provided remotely.

An invitation to all from the residents of "Labdara"!

Please come to our "Labdara's" Annual Bake & Craft Sale - Sunday, November 12th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, "Labdara's" Community Room

If you would be willing to contribute in ANY way, please contact Nerijus Augutis 416-232-2112 x 412, labdaravolunteering@gmail.com every little bit helps!

We look forward to seeing you!

Children's room in the church

Dear parents, we are very happy that more and more of you and your children are joining the Sunday liturgy.

We are receiving more and more complaints. Please note that the room is not sound proofed and the children's voices carry into the church.

The noise disturbs the faithful who sit close to the room.

Thank you for your understanding..

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
YOUR DONATIONS.**

**EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE
OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...**

**Information for donating envelopes -
BIG CHANGES -**

the envelopes will no longer have a number -

therefore, please ensure that **all** the **information** requested on the donor's envelope is **completed**: your first and last name and full current address.

We also urge parishioners to promptly **notify** the church office of a **change of address** in order to ensure the timely delivery of tax receipts at year-end.

**PLEASE DON'T wait until the last week
of December to transfer, bring or send
donations to the Parish.**

You can donate to the parish
and for parish causes through:
envelopes

eTransfers (email: resparish@prisikelimas.ca ;

Q: What is the name of the parish?

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

Also, you can donate through **banks** -
RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: When writing cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish**, in the **MEMO** write the charitable purpose: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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Pope on All Saints: We are called to holiness, a gift and journey together

On the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis speaks about the call to holiness and how it is both a gift from God and a journey to be made together with our brothers and sisters and all the Saints

who are companions along the way.

Pope Francis greeted pilgrims and visitors in Saint Peter's Square on Wednesday, November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints. Before leading the recitation of the midday Angelus prayer, the Pope said that on this All Saints Day we remember our call to holiness. He explained how it is a gift of God that we embrace and a journey we embark upon together, with the Saints accompanying us always along the way.

The gift of holiness

The Pope explained how the gift of holiness has come with our baptism and we need to nurture it so that it can grow and transform our lives. The Saints started out like us, the Pope pointed out, receiving the same gift we have received, and they are our friends who are very close to us, accompanying us on our journey.

We have certainly encountered some saints in our daily lives, the Pope remarked, a just person who lives out the Christian vocation with commitment and simplicity, people he likes to call "the saints next door." And holiness is a gift offered to all for "a happy life."

"When we receive a gift, what is our first reaction? It is precisely that we are happy, because it means that someone loves us; and the gift of holiness makes us happy because God loves us."

Welcoming holiness

As with any gift, when we choose to accept it and show our gratitude, the Pope explained, when we welcome God's gift of holiness, we take on a responsibility to maintain and build on the holiness we have received.

A journey in good company

"Holiness is also a journey, a journey to be made together, helping each other, united with those excellent companions who are the Saints."

The Pope emphasized how the Saints are "our elder brothers and sisters, on whom we can always count," as they can help us when we make mistakes and get on the right path again, like "sincere friends, whom we can trust because they desire our wellbeing."

Their lives and witness in faith provide us with inspiration, the Pope said, and "in their prayers, we receive help" and united with them we embrace one another in "a bond of brotherly love."

Lives of the Saints

In conclusion, the Pope encouraged everyone to know more about the lives of the Saints and learn from them how to face their own challenges in life. He also suggested personal reflection by remembering that in receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit we are called to holiness and always sustained and helped along the way. And the Saints are close to us, we can turn to them in prayer, in communion with them in our gratitude to God for all He has given us and the eternal happiness He calls us to.

"May Mary, Queen of all Saints, help us feel the joy of the gift received and increase in us the desire for the eternal destination."

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