

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - A



Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him. (Phil. 2:8)

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. These events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum - Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. These days are indeed profound and holy.



We read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: "...for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honoured as the King of glory!" †R.R.

### My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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|---------|---|---------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | †Eugenija Bacevicius  | (A.S.Kiss)          |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world                       |                     |
|         | †Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas   | (granddaughter)     |
|         | †Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis   | (daughter)          |
|         | †Gediminas Smolskis - 100 years since birth                                       | (R.R.Smolskis)      |
|         | †Teodoras Stanulis (8th anniv.)   | (family)            |
|         | †Danute and Kazimieras Manglicas  | (Cuplinskas family) |
|         | †Aivaras Zabas  | (family)            |
|         | †Marija Norkus (40th anniv.)  | (Ruslys family)     |
|         | †Marta and Petras Jurenas   | (family)            |
|         | for Dirmantas', Nevulis' & Groen in't Woud living & deceased family members (VDG) |                     |

2026

April 2-5

Holy week

April 5

Easter

April 17-18

Spring Rummage Sale

April 26

First Communion

May 31

Confirmation

June 6

Run for Hope

June 14

We welcome summer

Camp Kretinga

July 5-18 (EN.)

July 19 - August 1 (LT.)

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

November 7

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 13

Christmas Music Evening

December 25

Christmas



**Cantors of the Masses:**

**9 AM** - Gintas Pabedinskas

**11 AM** - choir "Svaja"

**organist** - Ilona Beres



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**April 2nd - HOLY THURSDAY**

**7 p.m. Holy Mass**

(Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper:  
the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders)

**April 3rd - GOOD FRIDAY**

**2:50 p.m. Musical reflections**

**3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord**

(This is a liturgy of Word and Service.)

We gather to reflect on the Passion and our salvation.)

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**April 4th - HOLY SATURDAY**

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**8:00 p.m. Blessing of the fire and preparation of**

**the Easter Candle Vigil Liturgy of the Word and**

**Holy Mass of the Resurrection**

(In this evening's liturgy, we welcome Christ as our Light,  
reflect on our salvation history, renew our Baptismal vows,  
and celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection)

**April 5th - EASTER SUNDAY**

**9 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (English)**

**11 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (Lithuanian)**

**The week's Holy Mass**

**MONDAY** (March 30): 7 p.m. †Vitas Levisauskas (D.Sysak);

**TUESDAY** (March 31): 7 p.m. for living and deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (April 1): 7 p.m. †Loreta Murauskas (daughter);

**HOLY THURSDAY** (April 2): 7 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper;

**GOOD FRIDAY** (April 3): 2:50 p.m. musical reflections; 3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord; Solemn Vigil at the Lord's Tomb;

**HOLY SATURDAY** (April 4): Solemn Vigil at the Lord's Tomb; 8:00 p.m. **EASTER VIGIL LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY MASS;**

**SUNDAY - EASTER** (April 5): 9 a.m. †Algirdas Smolskis (2nd anniv.) (L.S.Hillgrove); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Siciunas (5th anniv.) (wife); †Kestutis Sukys (R.J.Kuliesius); †Stasys Prakapas (family); †Maria Oliveira (family); †Jenny Vingelis (8th anniv.) (daughter); †Danute and Antanas (25th anniv.) Damasius (daughter); blessings of the Lord and request grace of health for Joanna (VDG); request grace of health for Almute Martuseviciene (daughter); thanksgiving - for living and deceased family members and friends (GJ).

**IN MEMORIAM**

We bid farewell to our beloved parishioner

†**Dr. BIRUTE JONYS**, 93

Blessings of the Lord for her family.

**May She Rest in the Peace of Christ.**



**TODAY after 11AM Mass You are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting**

A review of parish council activities and future plans will be presented, and the Financial Advisory Committee will report on the parish's Financial status. On this occasion, our KAPELA will entertain us.

The parish will treat you to lunch and delicious desserts prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew. The social committee will provide refreshing beverages.

**Let us all participate.**



*Spring is a time of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.*

We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community.

**We welcome everyone to the parish cafe TODAY after 9am and 11am Masses. You will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

For further questions, please contact Tessa Dirmantaite Groen in't Woud [tessag@primus.ca](mailto:tessag@primus.ca)

*We thank you for your continued generosity.*

**For it is in giving that we receive**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (03.22) & "Vilnius Manor"**

**Collections**

48 envelopes - \$ 2,080

No envelopes - \$ 82.10

Direct deposit - \$ 1,110

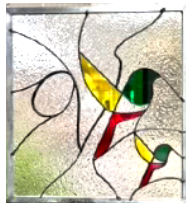
Sharelife - \$ 195

In memory of Tomas Prakapas, B.Prakapas  
donated \$ 500 to the Renovation fund

In memory of Vitas Levisauskas, his wife  
A.Levisauskas, donated \$ 500 to the parish

In memory of Vitas Levisauskas, daughter  
A.Levisauskas donated \$ 500 to the parish

**THANK you for your generosity...**



We **SINCERELY THANK** the **“VOLUNGĖ”** choir for 50 years of faithful and meaningful singing in the church, as well as for the memorable concerts that have brought joy and inspiration to more than one generation of listeners. Your voices not only enriched the liturgy, but also fostered community, strengthened faith, and spread beauty within our parish.

We also extend our **HEARTFELT THANKS** for the wonderful gift to the parish – it will always remind us of the song of “Volungė” echoing in our hearts.

**May the Lord’s blessings be with you...**

**TWO REASONS TO CELEBRATE ON APRIL 19TH**  
**PLEASE COME TO 11 AM MASS TO GIVE THANKS ON**  
**THE OCCASION OF FR.JONAS 20TH ORDINATION**  
**ANNIVERSARY AND FR.AUGUSTINE'S BIRTHDAY.**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS.**  
**STARTING TODAY, CARDS COMMEMORATING BOTH OF**  
**THESE OCCASIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIGNING IN**  
**THE PARISH HALL.**

### “Auksinis club”

“Auksinis club” will be meeting this coming Tuesday, March 31st, 1pm in the cafeteria. Discussion of financial matters for "golden agers" (*will be held in Lithuanian*).

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE **APRIL 17-18**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making this event a success!  
 Men, women, teens, welcome!

**We kindly ask you** to come on **Monday, April 13th at 10AM** to set up the tables, and on **Tuesday, April 14th 10AM** to gather for the distribution of items.

#### **ATTENTION:**

**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, April 14th at 10AM!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

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

Teens who volunteer will receive “Community Service” credit.

**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;  
 Ramune Stravinskas 416-523-1095.



### 2026 CAMP “KRETINGA”

July 5th - 18th **English camp**

July 19th - August 1st **Lithuanian camp**

Registration link [https://form.jotform.com/](https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2026-camp-kretinga-registration)

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**We can't wait to see YOU ALL!**

**All of our youth are really looking forward to the summer camp... Unfortunately, WE HAVE VERY IMPORTANT NEWS FOR EVERYONE AND A SPECIAL REQUEST.**

Last week, a near accident almost occurred—the large boys’ barrack nearly collapsed. Immediate repairs are now necessary to make the building safe again. Unfortunately, the large girls’ barrack is in almost the same poor condition and also requires urgent attention. This situation caught us completely by surprise. Both of these buildings are the main spaces where children stay during the camp. Without them, we will not be able to ensure the safe and smooth operation of the camp. The exact cost of the renovation is not yet clear, but we know that significant funds will be required.

**We sincerely ask for your help.**

Every donation, no matter how big or small, is extremely important and will contribute to the renovation of these buildings and the safety of the children.

**We thank you in advance for your kindness, support, and generosity.**

**Donations will be collected on Sundays after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the church vestibule, or you may leave them at the office.**

**Please make your cheque payable to the Franciscan Fathers; Memo: Camp “Kretinga.”**

Our parish “Labdara” committee **CONTINUES The FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto and **INVITES, till April 12th, ALL to participate. We will continue to collect food in the fall. NON-PERISHABLE Food** may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

**Thank you** in advance for your kind donations.



Labdara Lithuanian Nursing Home is looking for a part-time Arts&Crafts volunteer to work with our seniors.

Whoever is interested, please contact Nerijus Augutis at Labdara: 416-232-2112 ext412  
[volunteering@labdara.ca](mailto:volunteering@labdara.ca)

**St. John’s Lithuanian Cemetery is announcing a fundraising campaign** to purchase a new lawnmower suitable for the cemetery.

Please make cheques payable to St. John’s Lithuanian Cemetery noting in the memo line that this gift is for the Lawnmower Campaign. Please send your donation to: 2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga ON., L5C 1T3 or leave it at the cemetery office.

The Parish is not responsible for the content of the ads

THANK YOU for donations.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto: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](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

PLEASE NOTE: Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

Writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers** in the MEMO: Capital Fund, Renovation fund, by bequest, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.



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