

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C



The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and

teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive. (loyolapress.com)

"O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for your name's sake." (daily scripture.net)

†R.R.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Alida Groen in't Woud	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in the world	
	†Ona and Stasys Dackus	(granddaughter)
	†Edmundas Urniezius	(RU)
	†Nijolyte Rickis	(GK)
	†Fr. Antanas Prakapas	(Prakapas family)
	†Juozas Kalinauskas	(T.E.Grybas)
	†Kazimieras Martusevicius and Aloyzas Pazera	(family)
	†Virmantas Planciunas	(family)
	†Egidijus Dimitrenka, Ramunas Vadeikis, Jonas, Alfonsas and Eleonora Tviragas	(B.Dimitrenko)



2025

March 2

St. Casimir Fair

March 5

Ash Wednesday

April 4 - 6

Lenten Retreat

April 13

Lithuanian food day

April 17-20

Holy week

April 20

Easter

April 26

*"Volunges sparnais..."
concert*

April 27

Parish Annual Meeting

May 2-3

Spring Rummage Sale

May 4

First Communion

June 7

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

June 22

St. John's day

Camp Kretinga

July 6-19 (En.)

July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)

October 24-25

Fall Rummage Sale

November 8

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 14

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas



NEXT

SUNDAY,

MARCH 9TH,

CLOCKS GO 1 HOUR

FORWARD

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - Ramona Kaminskas,

Adriana Verbyla

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (March 3): 7 p.m. †Kaitlyn Cepas (Stravinskas family);

TUESDAY (March 4): for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (March 5): 7 p.m. †Ona Dackus (granddaughter);

THURSDAY (March 6): 7 p.m. †Bronius and Stanislava Juskevicius; Pranas Juskevicius; Stella Kliorikaitis and Liuda Stungevicius (T.Urbantas);

FRIDAY (March 7): 7 p.m. †Birute and Teodoras Stanulis (I.Kavanagh);

SATURDAY (March 8): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 9): 9 a.m. †Jadviga and Antanas Paskevicius; Claire and Monica Creedon (Creedon family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Jeronimas Pleinys (family); †Frank Polyak (D.T.Hawkins); †Bronius Matusevicius (39th anniv.)(family); †Albina Laurinaitis (4th anniv.) (daughter); †Juozas Kalinauskas (A.Karka); †Vincas Baliunas (A.R.Karka); †Antanas Bumbulis (15th anniv.) (family).

"Capital Fund" - \$ 518,528

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (02.23) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

36 envelopes - \$ 1,265

No envelopes - \$ 127.50

Direct deposit - \$ 1,515

THANK you for your generosity...

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CASIMIRS.

**WE WISH YOU HEALTH, FAITH
AND BLESSINGS OF THE LORD**

Prayer

St. Casimir, in your great devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, queen of heaven, who many times showed a special care for our homeland, may the merits of our Saviour and the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary obtain for us the grace from the Lord. May faith and mutual love kindle our hearts, may our young people understand the beauty of a chaste and virtuous life. We pray that the Lord's fatherly providence leads our nation on the path of righteousness to peace and well-being. Amen.



We invite you TODAY, on March 2nd from 9am to 1 pm, everyone to the annual St. Casimir's Market.

The fair will feature delicious Lithuanian food, desserts, crafts, games and activities for children,

Lithuanian music, raffles and more...

Come support the Toronto Lithuanian Scouts!

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Budėk, ir Gero Vėjo!



2025 CAMP "KRETINGA"

July 6th - 19th English camp

July 20th - August 2nd Lithuanian camp

<https://form.jotform.com/.../2025-camp-kretinga-registration>

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!



Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The 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.



The XI North American Lithuanian Song Festival "One Family - One Nation",

will take place in Cleveland from June 27-29 of this year. The festival organizers and the Lithuanian community of Cleveland are excited to welcome up to 65 choirs from the USA, Canada, and Europe, along with 1,400 singers and over 100 dancers and theatre artists. This will be a historic event! Tickets are now available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the official Song Festival website: dainusvente2025.com

"Spoons after lunch"

The Toronto Youth self activity Theatre "Spoons after lunch" kindly invites you to the premiere - the performance of "Life by Women".

It will take place on **March 8th, at 5 p.m.** in the small hall of **Anapolis**. The theatre will present 3 short comedies. There will be a lot of laughter, live music, songs and, of course, fun dancing.

Vaclovas

Povilonis will play and sing in Lithuanian. The ensemble "Two family's band" will play, and sing in English.

A hot dinner with wine will be served in the evening during the show.

Letter for the Day of Prayer for Lithuanians in the World

Vilnius, 12.02.2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, It has become a beautiful tradition to commemorate the first Sunday in March with a special Day of Prayer for Lithuanians in the World. Various reasons take people away from their homeland. At present, there are 54 Lithuanian communities registered in 54 countries around the world, as well as those that are not listed yet. Each of these communities is precious and important and we invite each of them all to contribute to the spiritual growth of Lithuania, to its prosperity and to a secure life. Remembering the patron saint of Lithuania, we pray to St. Casimir to intercede for all Lithuanians, both those who live in our homeland and those who are spread across continents. We are confident that our destiny is not tossed by the winds of chance, but that we can always rely on the protection of Divine Providence.

Pope Francis declared 2025 a Jubilee Year. It is usually celebrated every quarter of a century, although sometimes special anniversaries are added, such as the Jubilee of Mercy ten years ago. The Jubilee Year is characterized by pilgrimage, reconciliation and works of kindness. This is also true for each one of us and for Lithuanian communities around the world.

The pilgrimage symbolizes the journey of each person's life and reminds us that the most important journey is towards the sacred. On this journey, we face all kinds of obstacles, but our hope sustains us. Christian hope is not based on optimism, of which there is sometimes very little; what happens in the world is not a game of chance and that God is at work in it in a real and mysterious way. In announcing the Jubilee, Pope Francis invites us to see hope in the signs of the present; not to give in to the temptation to believe that we are overwhelmed by evil and violence, but to see the good despite everything, for there surely is so much good in the world.

This year, the national Lithuanian pilgrimage to Rome will take place in the first days of March. On Sunday, March 2, the official Day of Prayer for Lithuanians in the World, pilgrims will pray at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. This apostle preached the Gospel, the Good News, to various nations. Many centuries later, the Gospel finally reached Lithuania. Thank you to all priests and catechists working in foreign countries who bring the message of Jesus, his salvation and God's love to families, children and members of their communities.

In this Jubilee Year, pilgrims are invited to travel not only to Rome but to visit Jubilee churches have been designated in every land. In Lithuania, there are as many as twenty such churches. It is a good opportunity for Lithuanians living abroad to return to Lithuania this year to visit Lithuania, to pray and to strengthen their ties with their homeland or the land of their parents. The tradition of the Jubilee Year, which dates to early Christian times, is one of repentance and forgiveness, a time of forgiveness of debts and reconciliation. Sometimes we put our own opinions and interests ahead of others as we exaggerate our grievances and magnify injustices. With such burdens it is difficult to go far. We need forgiveness, which is a gift that eases the way and builds communion, supports unity. Only in this way can we let go of the painful past and begin a new phase of life in peace and happiness. This is what everyone longs for, whether abroad or in the homeland.

The Jubilee Year invites us to undertake acts of kindness. The Pope encourages us "to open our eyes to see the miseries of this world, the many brothers and sisters whose dignity is trampled upon, let us become aware of their wounds. Let us hear their cry for help and respond to it. Let us reach out and support them so that they may feel the warmth of our closeness, our friendship and fraternity." When Lithuanians arrived in foreign lands, they always first established mutual aid societies, recognizing the importance of helping one another, especially in times of trouble. Let us continue this good tradition of caring for one another by helping each other in times of need, cheering one another with our thoughtfulness.

The Jubilee Year is a good opportunity to change our lives. May it be a year of faith and spiritual rebirth. Let it be a time to reconnect with God, with other people and with God's creation. We will achieve this by strengthening our trust in God and listening to His voice, as we pray to the Holy Spirit, who guides us in all times, be they the many ups and downs of life, during our biggest trials and also in our successes.

+ Archbishop Gintaras Grušas, *President of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference*

+ Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas, SJ, *Delegate of the Lithuanian Bishops' Conference for pastoral ministry of Lithuanians abroad*

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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.

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Parama's Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00pm | Kovo 4d., 2025m. 7v.v.
Lithuanian House | Lietuvių Namai: 1573 Bloor St. W
Registration will begin at 6:30pm



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RCU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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62nd RCU Annual General Meeting will take place in person.
Details to follow.

Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

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