

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - B



In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish

community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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2021 CALENDAR

**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE
PRAYER
ON WEEKDAYS
(MONDAY-
FRIDAY)
FROM 5 PM
TO 7 PM**

**SUNDAYS
FROM 1 PM
TO 3 PM
(CHANGE
FROM
PREVIOUS
SUNDAYS)**

**THE HOLY
MASS
CAN BE
SEEN ON
YOUTUBE**

Lord, you have the words of ever lasting life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

†Ona and Stasys Dackus

for Businskas' deceased family members

†Ksaveras Ratavicius

†Joana Smolskis

†Bronius Matusevicius (35th anniv.)

†Maryte Siuliene

†Julija Zaranka

requesting grace of health for Laima

requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia

(granddaughter)

(S.M.Businskas)

(family)

(R.L.S.Kuliavas)

(family)

(A.Laurinaitis family)

(L.Underys)

(GJ)

(IP)

**NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 14TH,
CLOCKS GO
1 HOUR FORWARD**



THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (March 8): 7 p.m. for Zilinskas' and Maziliauskas' deceased family members (I.K.vanagh);

TUESDAY (March 9): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Vladas Vytas (A.Ratavicius);

WEDNESDAY (March 10): 7 p.m. †Adele Karauskas (ALaurinaitis family);

THURSDAY (March 11): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaicieuskas (wife); †Kestutis Mazauskas (Prakapas family);

FRIDAY (March 12): 7 p.m. †Bronislaw Kosiba (J.G.Neimanas);

SATURDAY (March 13): 9 a.m. †Eugenijus Kucinas (family) 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (March 14): 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas (granddaughter); †Rimantas Anskis (Stanevicius family); †Domarkas Slizauskas (A.Biondi); for Pranskevicius' deceased family members (S.M.Businskas); †Jeronimas Pleinys (R.Pleinys); special intention (NN); for living and deceased friends (JMC); †Antanas Bumbulis (11th anniv) (family); †Joana Duda (2nd anniv.) (V.White); †Juozas and Adam Benetis (family).

Capital Fund - \$ 317,444

THANK YOU...

THANK YOU for donations handed in by envelopes with cash or by check.

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and for parish causes through:

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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.

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

"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections, beginning week of
February 28th - March 4th**

11 envelopes - \$ 1,275

Direct deposit - \$ 1,440

eTransfer - \$ 500

THANK you for your generosity

HAPPY MARCH 11th - INDEPENDENCE RESTORATION DAY!



Dear parishioners: We look forward to March 8th when the Ontario government will report and give further instructions on opening churches and returning to a more normal life.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: resparish@prisikelimas.ca or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/.

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -

Website: www.prisikelimas.ca

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

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Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

Let's stay safe and healthy...

On March 14th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. 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. Prices: 1 cabbage roll - \$5; 1 potato dumpling (cepelinas) - \$5; 1 portion potato casserole (kugelis) - \$12

Pick-up will be outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

Our parish CONTINUES and INVITES ALL to join a FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto. NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

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



Prisikélimo Parapija invites everyone to write heartfelt Easter greetings to our friends at "Labdara" Nursing Home.

Your greetings will bring them happiness, encouragement and a feeling of close connection to our community.

You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, Dear Friend, etc.

Completed greeting cards can be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday March 28th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Vida - vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



Labas stovykla!

Please note that the Camp Kretinga Board has been frequently meeting virtually to discuss our options. We are determined not to allow another summer to go by without meeting with you in some way.

We are looking into perhaps meeting at Camp Kretinga;

- ❑ For Sunday Mass followed by refreshments and some activities,
- ❑ virtual get togethers and programs according to age group and cabins,
- ❑ limited day or over night activities on the Camp grounds.

As we get closer to the summer season, we will need to receive clarification and guidelines from the Simcoe Health Board and the Archdiocese of Toronto and final approval for the opening or partial opening of Camp.

We miss you all!
The Kretinga Board and
Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM, Pastor

Pope's prayer intention for March:

The sacrament of reconciliation

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

The Pope Video for March has been published, with the prayer intention that Pope Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

It's a message full of hope, in which he invites us to rediscover the power of personal renewal that the Sacrament of Confession has in our life. "Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God," Pope Francis asks. This month's video opens with the Pope himself going to confession, "in order to be healed, to heal my soul."

"Jesus waits for us, listens to us and forgives us"

"In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes," says the Holy Father in The Pope Video, highlighting once more the power God's love has over our being and action. Receiving this Sacrament isn't a matter of standing before a judge, but of going to a loving encounter with a Father who receives us and always forgives us.

"The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need," the Pope adds. And this love comes before all else, before our mistakes, the rules, judgments and failings.

Merciful priests

Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, pointed to Pope Francis' final words in the video: "Let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers."

And he added: "It's not the first time that the Pope prays for this grace. As a good shepherd, he knows the people's suffering, their sins, and their need to encounter 'ministers of mercy.' This is the time of mercy. In his apostolic letter Misericordia et misera, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, he invited priests to be like Jesus, full of compassion and patient. It's a path of conversion for each priest, to be 'witnesses of fatherly tenderness,' 'far-sighted in discerning,' and 'generous in dispensing God's forgiveness.' He asks that their heart be close to the heart of Jesus, and it's a grace."

In the Angelus on this past 14 February, the Holy Father asked that we thank and applaud merciful confessors. God never tires of forgiving. Let us pray, then, "that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God."

Pope's prayer intention for March:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.

To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.

The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

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