

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



In the first reading, we find that the Lord is all-knowing and aware of all things. He has given us the commandments to keep. He gives us the choice to keep them or not and if we truly trust in God and choose to keep his commandments we shall be saved.

God's Word is true and wonderful says the psalmist. Obedience to God's laws is the only way to achieve real happiness. Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians states that God's "secret wisdom...that has been hidden" is his offer of salvation to all people.

Originally unknown to humanity, this plan becomes crystal clear when Jesus rose from the dead. His resurrection proves that he has the power over sin and death. However, God's plan is still hidden to unbelievers because they refuse to accept it or choose to ignore it.

We cannot imagine all that God has in store for us, both in this life and for eternity. He will create a new heaven and new earth and we will live with him forever. Until then, the Holy Spirit comforts and guides us. Knowing the wonderful and eternal future that awaits us gives us hope and courage to endure the hardships of our daily lives. God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

In Matthew's Gospel reading today Jesus says "I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them". If Jesus did not come to abolish the law, does that mean all the Old Testament laws still apply to us today? Some of the people in the crowd were experts at telling others what to do, but they missed the central point of God's laws themselves. Jesus made it clear, however, that obeying God's law is more important than explaining it. It's much easier to study God's laws and tell others to obey them than to put them into practice. How are you doing at obeying God yourself?

The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teachings are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

†R. R.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Dana Puzeris (2nd anniv.)	(family)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in the world	
for those who died for the freedom of Lithuania	
†Birute Kriauciunas-McKenny (15th anniv.)	(I.Balsys)
††Virginijus Siciunas (10th anniv.)	(J.Siciunas)
†Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis	(R.J.Balaisis)
†Danute Garbaliauskas	(J.Cuplinskas)
†Romualdas Juknevičius (4th anniv.)	(family)
†Birute and Teodoras Stanulis	(Prakapas family)
for Cepaitis', Racevicius' & Kondrotas' living & deceased family members	(family)



2026

February 18

Ash Wednesday

February 27 - March 1

Lenten Retreat

Fr.Mantas Mileris, SJ

March 8

St. Casimir Fair

March 28

Lenten Retreat for Women

sister Igne

March 29

Parish Annual Meeting

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 - Occasional choir

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (February 16): 7 p.m. †Jonas Dirmantas (daughter Vida); request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

TUESDAY (February 17): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (February 18): 7 p.m. †Anele Kuncaitis (Azubalis family);

THURSDAY (February 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Kazimieras Janeliunas (Janeliunas family); †Jonas Maziliauskas (31st anniv.) (I.Kavanagh);

FRIDAY (February 20): 7 p.m. †Antanina (G.Adie); †Juozas Kuculis (D.J.Didzbalis);

SATURDAY (February 21): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Zose, Liuda, Pole, Dana and Onute (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (February 22): 9 a.m. †Vanda (18th anniv.) and Stasys (25th anniv.) Vaitkus (V.Puzeris); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ipolitas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Albina and Algirdas Kvedaras (Jurgutis family); †Konstancija and Pranciskus Jurgutis (Jurgutis family); †Emilija and Alfertas Nideras (D.Danaitis); †Sigute Stuopis (1st anniv.)(family); †Egidijus Dimitrenka, Ramunas Vadeikis, Vytautas Ambrasas and Jonas, Alfonsas and Eleonora Tviragas (B.Dimitrenka).

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (02.08) & "Vilnius Manor"
Collections

46 envelopes - \$ 1,542

No envelopes - \$ 70

Direct deposit - \$ 1,570

THANK you for your generosity...

Happy State Restoration Day - February 16th to all!
February 16th, State Restoration Day, is considered the most significant of all state holidays. While March 11th - Independence Restoration Day, is by no means less important, it is the culmination, or fruit, of an earlier seed, planted by the founders of the modern state of Lithuania in 1918. February 16th - a prominent date commemorating freedom regained, a hard road traveled, and a hurdle overcome only by being spiritually strong, dignified and united. However we may each differ from one another, we are united by a common history, common traditional values. May the foundation of our every meaningful endeavour be love and respect for our Homeland, LITHUANIA!

ON FEBRUARY 16TH PARISH OFFICE IS

CLOSED

Invitation from the Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble "Gintaras"

On February 22nd, after the 11 a.m. Mass, a concert and lunch for the children and youth of the Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble "Gintaras" will take place in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy a short performance by the youngest dancers, buy some favourite cepelinai, and support the "Gintaras" ensemble, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year and to support the "Gintaras" ensemble participating this year in the North American Dance Festival.



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.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

*God, Our Father, loving and merciful,
bring together and keep all families in perfect
unity of love and mutual support.*

*Instill in each member the spirit of understanding
and affection for each other.*

*Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and
for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.*

*May the mutual love and affection of parents
set a good example.*

*Instill in children self-respect that they may respect
others and grow in mature independence.*

*May the mutual affection and respect of families
be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.*

Amen

family Day!



**MY FAMILY - A PRECIOUS
GIFT FROM GOD**

**Congratulations to you
all on Family Day!**

*May you and your family,
those close to you, be united*

in mutual understanding, forgiveness and respect.

May the virtues of Faith,

Love and Hope guide each and every one.

May the Lord's peace and blessings be with you.



2025 CAMP "KRETINGA"

July 5th - 18th

English camp

July 19th - August 1st

Lithuanian camp

We can't wait to see YOU ALL!

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BALTIC DANCE FOR UKRAINE

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On March 1st at 3pm in Anapolis Hall (21-35
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Adults \$40; Youth {12-18} \$20; free for Children!

Purchase tickets online: www.lettsshop.org

Pope at Audience: the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning and truth



During his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV highlights the close relationship between the Word of God and the Church and how meditating on Sacred Scripture helps the faithful to enter into a conversation with God.

The Word of God speaks to the life of every faithful, as it puts us in dialogue with the Lord, and it fuels the Church in its mission, Pope Leo XIV said during the Wednesday General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall on February 11, 2026.

"The Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life," Pope Leo said. "We live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times," he acknowledged, "we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny."

The Pope continued his catechesis series on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council, focusing again on the 1965 Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation. In this week's catechesis, he reflected on the "profound and vital link" between the Word of God and the Church. He explained that the Second Vatican Council reminds all that the Church "has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord" and it "never ceases to reflect on the value" of the Word of God.

The relationship between Sacred Scripture, Christ, and the Church -

The Pope highlighted that the "deep reason" for the value and power of Sacred Scripture is its intimate connection with Jesus and by "living in the Church" one can experience this link. "Christ is the living Word of the Father, the Word of God made man," he said.

All the Scriptures "proclaim his Person and his saving presence, for each one of us and for all humanity." Sacred Scripture's "rightful home" is therefore the Church, as "under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Bible arose from the people of God, and is destined for the people of God." "In the Christian community" the Sacred Scripture "has, so to speak, its habitat," the Pope insisted, emphasizing that "indeed, in the life and the faith of the Church it finds the space where it can reveal its meaning and manifest its power." In this regard, he underlined how "the Church ardently desires that the Word of God may reach every one of her members and nurture their journey of faith." At the same time, it "also propels the Church beyond herself; it opens her continually to the mission towards everyone."

Meditating on Scripture puts us in a relationship with God -

Pope Leo underlined that in the ecclesial community Scripture "finds the sphere in which to carry out its particular task and achieve its purpose," which is "to make Christ known" and to enter into a dialogue with the Lord. Quoting St. Jerome who said that "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ," Pope Leo explained that "the ultimate purpose of reading and meditating" on the Word of God is "to get to know Christ and, through Him, to enter into a relationship with God, a relationship that can be understood as a conversation, a dialogue."

Pope Leo noted how the Constitution Dei Verbum presents the Revelation "as a dialogue, in which God speaks to humans as though to friends," adding that this is what happens when one reads the Bible "with an inner attitude of prayer."

The Sacred Scriptures should guide bishops, priests, deacons and catechists -

The Pope reiterated how Sacred Scripture, "entrusted to the Church and preserved and explained by her, performs an active role," as it "sustains and invigorates the Christian community," for example through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments.

In this respect he highlighted how love for and familiarity with Sacred Scripture is especially important for "those who carry out the ministry of the Word," such as bishops, priests, deacons and catechists.

"The work of exegetes and those who practise biblical sciences is invaluable, and Scriptures have a central place in theology, which finds its foundation and soul in the Word of God," he said.

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