

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unending love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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"Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. May I never tire of listening to your word, seeking you in prayer, and longing for your return in glory." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Ona Kirvaitis	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in the world	
	†Stasys and Ona Dackus	(granddaughter)
	†Aldona Zemaitiene and Basinskas' deceased family members	(GK)
	†Vladas Kobelskis	(GK)
	†Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis	(family)
	†Genovaite Zabieliauskas	(S.Brough, D.Pranaitis, R.Zander)
	†Jonas Jakniunas (7th anniv.)	(G.Adie and family)
	†Anicetas and Irena Zalagenas	(I.Matus)
	†Mary Anne Kuslikis (4th anniv.)	(family)
	blessings of the Lord	(RU)
	in thanksgiving	(GJ)

2024

December 24

9:45 p.m. -
Christmas music
10 p.m. -
Christmas Eve Mass

December 25

Christmas Day
9 a.m. Mass (in EN)
11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

2025 January 1st

NEW YEAR

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)
11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

**Office hours during
the Holidays**

December 24

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 25-26

CLOSED

December 31

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

January 1, 2025

CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Ramona Kaminskas, Rasa Siauciunas,

11 AM - Lile, Lina and Aleksia Vadauskas

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (December 2): 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius and deceased family members (family); for Prakapas' deceased family members (family);

TUESDAY (December 3): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

WEDNESDAY (December 4): 7 p.m. †Brone Rimkuvienė (daughter);

THURSDAY (December 5): 7 p.m. †Leopoldas and Ramute Gumuliauskas (daughter); †Juozas Maciulis (45th anniv.) (family); †Elena and Viktoras Dailyde (V.A.Dailyde); for souls in purgatory (Prakapas family); request grace of health for Leonidas (Daiva); special intention (Daiva);

FRIDAY (December 6): 7 p.m. †Alfonsas Juozapavicius (family); †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh);

SATURDAY (December 7): 9 a.m. †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (December 8): 9 a.m. for Cernauskas', Levisauskas' and Rimkevicius' deceased family members (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Leokadija and Julius Nevulis (Vida D-G); †Mindaugas Gabrys (family); †Sofija and Juozas Olekas (O.Olekas); †Kristina Pylypiv (V.White); †Elena Bersenas' and Morkunas' deceased family members (Zita and Sigita); †Irena Labanauskas (1st anniv.)(family); †Jadvyga Barkauskas (L.Jurenas); request grace of health for Genute Zukauskienė (Stanevicius family); request grace of health for Eligijus Suziedelis (D.A.Suziedelis).

"Capital Fund" - \$449,158

A.Baziliauskas, A.Ciaucionas, A.R.Sileika,
D.Puteris, B.Pichler, I.Zemaitis, L.R.Steer - \$ 1,225

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (11.24) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

46 envelopes - \$ 3,620

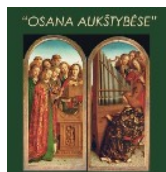
No envelopes - \$ 107.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,300

Renovation fund -

L.Adomonis \$2,000 and V.Adomonis \$ 500

THANK you for your generosity...



Join us, on **TODAY**, December 1st at 4 pm,
Resurrection Parish, for our **39th Annual Christmas Concert** featuring an extraordinary performance by the renowned Lithuanian concert organist, Virginijus Barkauskas.

Admission by donation.

TODAY - Christmas Craft Sale

10:00 am - 6:00 pm at **Resurrection Parish**.

We invite everyone to our Annual Christmas craft sale presenting various goodies, arts and crafts for everyone on your Christmas list!

Grazina Balsys (1920–1990)

Ceramics sale in support of the "Capital fund"

TODAY, December 1st, at the Resurrection Parish, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, the ceramic works of Lithuanian-Canadian artist Gražina Balsys will be available for purchase.

*With the spirit of the **Christmas season** upon us, let us look into our hearts with kindness and gratitude and help our friends living at "Labdara" nursing home feel the virtues of Advent.*

We invite all parishioners to make one or more heartfelt Christmas greeting cards. Your cards will bring them hope, love, joy and a sense of peace and closeness.

We welcome everyone to the parish cafeteria December 8th and 15th. After 9 am & 11 am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make a few greeting cards. All materials will be provided.

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

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFERINGS GIVEN FOR THE NOVEMBER NOVENA..

TODAY, with the First Advent Sunday, 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.



As we prepare for the upcoming Christmas season, let us remember our brothers and sisters in need in Lithuania.

On Advent Sundays, donations are being collected to support soup kitchens for the hungry in Lithuania.

A wonderful idea is to contribute to this cause alongside giving Christmas gifts to your loved ones.

Part of this year's collection will go towards the preparation of a dinner for the "Out of the Cold" program at All Saints Kingsway church – consider donating new gloves or new socks.

Donations and gifts will be accepted in the church vestibule on Advent Sundays: December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity!

From TODAY Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai

will be available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 4 pm., also on Sundays after Mass.



It is a Lithuanian tradition that when we are seated at the Kucios table, we share this symbol of the living bread – Jesus Christ as He comes into the world.

Parish Children's Joyful Sunday

Kids (and kids at heart) – **please join** in preparing for the **11AM Mass on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15th** by creating a paper angel decoration for the Christmas tree.



On this Sunday we will express the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. Make your paper angel at home, write your name on it, as well as a Christmas wish for your loved ones and the world.

Bring your angel to Mass on December 15th, so that you may hang it on the tree during the offertory.

Follow these links for some examples of paper angel crafts: <https://youtu.be/f2aeuBMmr2I?si=yq6LVjYln5ON7SO0>

<https://youtube.com/shorts/t6YcSFw9TM8?si=wWOrMBqjDFfIQuiQ>

<https://youtube.com/shorts/GPHw7eNv668?si=pqmafWFHY1cu8tyr>

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS. EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...

Information for donating envelopes -

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

The envelopes for 2025 are prepared and available for pickup in the church vestibule. Thank you.

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.

When writing Cheques payable to **Franciscan Fathers**, in the **MEMO** write the charitable purpose: Capital Fund, Renovation fund, Monastery, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda. You may also donate by bequest.

Dear supporters,

Speaking on behalf of Labdara's Recreation Department I would like to express sincere Thanks to all the helpers during Labdara's LNH annual Bake&Craft Sale, including those who baked for this occasion.

Special Thanks to Resurrection Parish Pastor Jonas Sileika and administrator Gitana Judvytyte, who let us use the "Kavine" premisses and helped with preparations. Also, special Thanks to Rauda Rautins, who donated 2 Basketball game tickets in Toronto, which we raffled later.

Special Thanks to Tamara and all Dietary department workers for tasteful sandwiches and coffee.



At last, big Thank You to Regina Stauskas for her multi-year help with baking lots of cakes for the event and selling them.

All the donations collected will be used to support and promote resident daily programs and to acquire supplies necessary.

See you next year!

Nerijus and Team Recreation at Labdara LNH

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