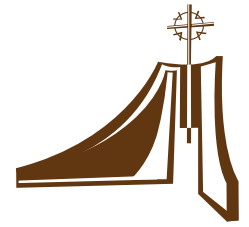


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had

been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope are found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of your kingdom and the fire of your love to all I meet and serve. Direct my life to the glory of your name and to the coming of your kingdom." (dailyscripture.net). †R.R.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Algirdas Smolskis (S.Brough, R.Zander)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
for peace in the world
Novena
†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (2nd anniv)
for Pleinys' and Vysniauskas' deceased family members (family)
†Birute (13th anniv.) and Jonas (21st anniv.) Danaitis (family)
†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas and Edita Putrimas (RU)
†Bronius Naudziunas (S.Brough)
†Jonas Greiciunas (10th anniv.) (family)
†Regina Antanaitis (daughter)
†Daiva Kriksciunas (daughter and grandchildren)
†Kristina Pylypiv (I.Matus)
†Jeronimas Zukauskas (family)

2024

November 29 -

December 1

Advent Retreat

(in Lithuanian)

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

TODAY - The Shepherd's Trust campaign.

Diocesan priests and our own Franciscan Fathers have faithfully served parish communities like the Resurrection Parish for many years. **The Shepherd's Trust** recognizes their faithfulness, their many years of service, and the strong ties we have to them by ensuring that funds collected in parishes served by these priests, be given to them as a contribution towards their retirement. Your contributions to this cause are gratefully appreciated. Envelopes you will find in the church vestibule.

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas and Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - children

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (November 18): 7 p.m. Novena; praying for Leon's health (Daiva);

TUESDAY (November 19): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

WEDNESDAY (November 20): 7 p.m. Novena; for Kalinauskas' deceased family members (Prakapas family);

THURSDAY (November 21): 7 p.m. Novena; †Leopoldas and Ramute Gumuliauskas (daughter); †Francina Mathew (M.Mathew); †Romas Kalinauskas (Prakapas family);

FRIDAY (November 22): 7 p.m. Novena; †Arunas Caplikas (V.Zaleckaite);

SATURDAY (November 23): 9 a.m. Novena; †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (J.R.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" asking for the Lord's blessing for Violeta (I.Matus);

SUNDAY (November 24): 9 a.m. for Cerniauskas', Brough & Pranckevicius' deceased family members (S.Brough, D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas (2nd anniv.); †Leokadija Nevulis (19th anniv.) (granddaughter Vida); †Antanina and Vida Adomonis (O.Stoncius); †Laima Macionis (V.White); †Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (R.Simanavicius); †Alfredas Stanevicius and Nijole Stanevicius-Hernandez (G.A.Valavicius); †Birute Stanulis (Regina, Ina, Bronele, Genute); †Algis Vaisnoras (R.Oleka); †Dr.Julius Puodziukas (20th anniv.) and Elzbieta Puodziukas (13th anniv.) (family); in thanksgiving (I.Matus).

"Capital Fund" - \$ 447,283

At the Silent Auction, A.Tamosaitis' painting - \$ 650

During the Parish Annual Dinner: A.Kaknevičius, D.J.Valaitis, A.L.Kaminskas, K.Kesminas, R.J.Birgiolas, M.Slapsys, G.Stankus, D.G.Rocca, D.Simanavicius, A.V.Remesat, A.Pacevicius, O.J.Stanevicius-Mills - \$ 3,733

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (11.10) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

41 envelopes - \$ 1,745

No envelopes - \$ 46.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,540

THANK you for your generosity...



A BIG THANK YOU to the *Parish's Social Committee* and *All helpers* for organizing a wonderfully arranged Annual Resurrection Parish Dinner.

THANK YOU to Genovaite Kobelskis, Ina Gutauskas and all the assistants for the delicious dinner; to the energetic and kind-hearted youth who served; to the evening hosts Rima and Alvydas Saplys; to the performers: Kristina and Kestutis Daugirdas, choir "Svaja", "Volunge" women's ensemble, music director Dalia Viskontas; and to Arunas Pabedinskas for sound supervision.

THANK YOU to our benefactors for providing raffle gifts—Zita Cers, Linas Grybas, Janina Gurklys, Zita Nausedas, Katerina Juskey, Rasa and Paulius Kuras, Vilma and Mindaugas Navickas, Gitana Judvytyte, Resurrection Credit Union, and Parama Credit Union.

A BIG THANK YOU to YOU our dear Resurrection Parish parishioners, guests, benefactors, and EVERYONE who participated, who donate, who love and care for the parish...

MAY THE LORD'S GUIDANCE AND BLESSINGS BE WITH YOU...

The "Capital Fund" Campaign Committee announced a new project in spring 2024/25 for **planting Memorial Trees in the parish yard.**

The project decided to plant 8 "Dawyck Purple Beech" trees.

With the GREAT joy, we are pleased to announce that during the Parish Annual Dinner, 5 trees were purchased: by P.R.Kuras and I.M.Sungaila on behalf of the Kuras, Sungaila, and Lukosevicius families; A.S.Dubickas on behalf of the Biskys and Dubickas families; the Juzukonis, Vadauskas, and Jaglowitz families; Irena Vaisnoras in memory of †Algimantas Jonas Vaisnoras; and Parama Credit Union.

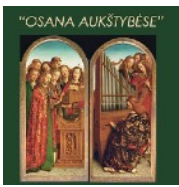
THANK YOU...

LITHUANIAN FOOD - Next Sunday, November 24th, on the Feast of Christ the King, we again invite you to enjoy fellowship and Lithuanian specialties after Mass. Our wonderful kitchen crew will be preparing all of your favourites.

Please note, if you wish to take food home, you **must pre-order** <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/lietuviska-virtuve-prisikel-410562-fc343f>. This helps the kitchen team estimate quantities to ensure no one is disappointed.

"Auksinis klubas" is meeting on Tuesday, **November 26th, at 1 p.m.** at the museum to visit A. Tamosaitis' exhibition. We will also listen to a brief presentation by R. Jonaitis about A.Tamosaitis. We look forward to seeing you...

The 2024 The European Union Film Festival will take place from November 14 to 28 in person, and from December 1 to 17 online. This year's Lithuanian film "Rowing Across the Atlantic" will be shown on Monday, November 25 at 6 pm at the Alliance Francaise, 24 Spadina Rd. For a complete list of films and more information, please visit euffto.com.



**Join us, on Sunday, 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.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday evenings during Advent. The most important „doing“ during adoration is just „being.“ Because unlike other prayer forms, during „Adoration“ one is in the presence of God. One is face to face with Jesus, who is real and remains present in that little white host. During „Adoration“ one needs to trust, and accept with faith such an encounter with God, the Almighty, who created the entire universe by his Word and sustains it, - the Omnipotent, to whom mountains and hills bow low, in that moment of encounter He is before me in the form of bread!

We look forward to your attending the encounter with Jesus Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. (in Lithuanian)



November 29 - December 1

Advent Retreat (in Lithuanian)

Fr. Mykolas Sotnicenka

**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.**

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Pope at Audience:

Mary takes us by the hand to Jesus

During his weekly General Audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis reflects on devotion to the Blessed Mother, and reminds faithful that she takes us by the hand to her Son, and enables us to see Him.



"The Blessed Mother shows us Jesus. She always opens the doors for us! The Madonna is the mother who takes us by the hand towards Jesus."

Pope Francis gave this comforting reminder to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday morning.

As he continued his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, the Pope discussed Marian devotion, after having discussed, in prior Audiences, the Holy Spirit's role in sacraments and Christian prayer.

In his remarks, the Holy Father called on the faithful to turn to Mary, entrust themselves to her, and imitate her 'yes' to the Lord.

First disciple

Mary, as the first disciple and figure of the Church, the Holy Father suggested, "is herself a 'letter' written with the Spirit of the living God."

Precisely for this reason, he suggested, she can be "known and read" by everyone. "For when she said yes to God," he marveled, "it was as if Mary said to God: 'Here I am, I am a writing tablet: let the Writer write whatever He wishes, let the Lord of all do with me what He wills.'"

"Today," the Pope noted, "we might say that Mary offers herself to God as a blank page upon which He can write whatever He wants."

Mary's "yes," Pope Francis recalled quoting a well-known exegete, "represents 'the pinnacle of every religious attitude before God, for she expresses, in the highest manner, passive availability united with active readiness, the deepest emptiness accompanied by the greatest fullness.'"

'Here I am'

Therefore, this is how, he said, the Mother of God is an instrument of the Holy Spirit in His work of sanctification.

"Amid the endless flood of words spoken and written about God, the Church, and holiness," the Pope reflected, the Blessed Mother suggests only two words that everyone can pronounce on any occasion: "Here I am" and "fiat."

Through the Blessed Virgin's example and intercession," he continued, "she encourages us to also say our own 'yes' to Him whenever we face a call to obedience or a challenge to overcome."

"*Mary encourages us to also say our own 'yes' to Him whenever we face a call to obedience or a challenge to overcome*"

Pope Francis concluded by saying let us learn from the Blessed Mother's example of being receptive to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

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