

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 49 (3419) December 5th, 2021

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to proclaim it joyfully with love and boldness to all I meet." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

To Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas' & Pranckevicius' deceased family members
(S.Brough & D.Pranaitis)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners
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| †Eugenijus Siciunas | (wife) |
| †Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis | (V.White) |
| †Stasys Prakapas | (family) |
| †Juozas Maciulis | (family) |
| †Nijole and Vytas Tamulaitis | (R.Buksaitis) |
| †Vladas Kobelskis and Aldona Zemaitis | (G.Kobelskis) |
| †Liuda Jurenas (13th anniv) | (O.Jurenas and family) |
| †Algis Grajauskas | (L.Underys) |
| †Stase Dagis | (family) |
| †Petras Senda and Alicija Bernickaite | (Senda family) |

December 24

8:45 p.m. -

Christmas music

9 p.m. -

Christmas Eve Mass

December 25

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

2022 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 25-28

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December 31

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Sunday Masses
online -

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Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Audra Rusinas, Adriana Verbyla,
Elenute Lelis, Rasa Siauciulis,
Monika Satkauskas, Ele Stravinskas,
Daina Sablinskas, Lina Samonis, Daina Cers
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (December 6): 7 p.m.

PIRMADIENIS (gruodžio 6): 7 v.v. †Alfonas Juozapavicius (family); †Petras Augaitis (Z.Augaitis and family);

TUESDAY (December 7): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Jonas and Brone Maziliauskas (I.Kavanagh); †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family);

WEDNESDAY (December 8): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Samuelis (grandmother); 7 p.m. †Leokadija Nevulis (granddaughter Vida);

THURSDAY (December 9): 7 p.m. †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (H.Simanavičius); for Jankauskas' deceased family members (G.Slabosevicius); †Elena Bersenas, Antanina Leparskis and Irena Morkunas (Z.Cers); †Stasys Prakapas (O.Dirmantas); †Kestutis Steponaitis (10th anniv.) (son); for Stasiulevicius' deceased family members (G.J.Stasiulevicius);

FRIDAY (December 10): 7 p.m. †Laima Bigauskas (B.V.Bireta); †Juozas Nevulis (O.Dirmantas);

SATURDAY (December 11): 9 a.m. †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (P.Melnykas); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Fr.Stanley Maria Matutis (V.Violeta);

SUNDAY (December 5): 9 a.m. †Aldona Zander (S.Brough & D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Vaclovas Anskis (Stanevicius family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Albina Laurinaitis (family); †Brone Galinis (A.Jurcevičius); †Aldona Smailys and Aleksandra and Vytautas Bubelis (D.Pikcingiene); †Donatas Karosas (family); †Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis (D.Gaputis); †Elyte and Romualdas Mankelevicius (daughter); †Ramunas Underys (L.R.S.Kuliavas); †Albina (25th anniv.) and Petras (11th anniv.) Styra (family); †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (A.Jurcevičius).

Capital Fund - 323,504

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of November 21st

41 envelopes - \$ 1,955

No envelopes - \$ 55

Direct deposit - \$ 1,490

eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$60

For Vida Stanevicius' 80th birthday,
her family and friends donated \$700 for the
Oncology Center in Klaipeda

G.R.Petrauskas donated to the parish \$ 1,000

In memory of Mary Anne Kuslikis, friends
donated \$255 to the Parish

THANK you for your generosity



This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!

Dear Parishioners,

Contrary to our greatest hopes, COVID 19 remains part of our reality. As we approach Advent and the Christmas season, we are glad to see increasing attendance at Sunday Masses, and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued patience and perseverance in maintaining the health and safety protocols that remain in place. Please:

*wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while you are in the church building; *sanitize your hands upon entering; *register with the volunteers so that in the unfortunate event of a COVID case we will be able to contact you promptly; *practice physical distancing while waiting to register, taking seats, and in line for communion; *follow guidance from the ushers for seating; sit only in marked seats; *stay at home if you are experiencing cold symptoms.

As difficult as it may be to resist, we also ask that you not congregate in the narthex after Mass. It's wonderful that we can worship as a community, and we hope that soon we will be able to meet for fellowship and coffee in the hall. To ensure that happens as soon as possible, let's say our hellos outdoors for the time being.

Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian is continuing Sundays at 11, as well the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Blessings and let's unite in prayer wherever we are.



Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai

will be available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 2 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.

Christmas is fast approaching. As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Beginning today, and throughout Advent, **donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania** will be accepted in the church vestibule. In the true Christmas spirit, why not consider making a donation instead of buying gifts?



Advent - hope, love, joy and peace by spreading good deeds amongst our community.

The Church of the Resurrection invites all parishioners and their friends of all ages, to write heartfelt Christmas greetings to our friends at "Labdara" Nursing Home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, joy, peace and a feeling of close connection to our community. You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Dear Friend, Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, etc. Completed greeting cards may 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 December 19th, 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 Dirmantas Groen in 't Woud; vidag@primus.ca

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



ATTENTION

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.
EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF
THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...**

A request regarding donor's envelopes – Please ensure that **all** the **information** requested on the donor's envelope is **completed**: your first and last name, current address, envelope number (if you are not using a personalized envelope, but a generic one).

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.

Your 2022 Church Collection Envelopes -
are available at the back of the church.

Donations to the parish should be written to
Resurrection Parish and in the MEMO, write the
charitable purpose: **Donation to Parish or Mass.**

Donations to the Franciscan Fathers should be written
to **Franciscan Fathers** and in the MEMO, write the
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Monastery, Capital fund, Sielovada, Soup kitchen,
Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda,
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Lithuanian food for take out.

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order.

**PLEASE pick-up your orders outside the kitchen
door** in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM
and 1PM. **PRE-ORDERS ONLY.**

Our parish, from September 19th, CONTINUES our
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.

From 'falling in love' to mature love: Pope Francis' message for engaged couples



Continuing his catechesis on St Joseph, Pope Francis offered engaged couples a reflection on moving beyond the 'enchantment' that comes with falling in love, toward a mature love that can stand the test of time.

Pope Francis offered his catechesis at Wednesday's General Audience as a message for all engaged couples, as he reflected on St Joseph as a "just man" and "Mary's betrothed spouse."

St Joseph, a just man

Turning to the Gospel of St Matthew, the Pope noted that in ancient Israel, the official betrothal, or engagement, was an integral part of the marriage customs. The woman, although continuing to live in her parents' home, was considered the "wife" of the betrothed spouse.

So "when Mary was found with child," she was exposed to the accusation of adultery; Joseph was "just" precisely because, while following the letter of the law, he chose – out of love for Mary – not to expose her to the rigour of the law, but to send her away quietly.

The voice of God in discernment

At that moment, however, an angel appeared to Joseph; as Pope Francis explained, "God's voice intervenes in Joseph's discernment." The Pope emphasized the importance for each of us, too, to cultivate a just life, and at the same time to recognise the need for God's help "to consider the circumstances of life" from a broader perspective.

Being engaged, Mary and Joseph "probably cultivated dreams and expectations for their future," the Pope said. When God intervened "unexpectedly" in their lives, He also opened their hearts.

Where true love begins

Pope Francis recognised that life is often not what we imagine it to be, that it can be difficult to move from "falling in love" to "the logic of mature love." The former is often marked by a kind of "enchantment," that fades with time. But it is precisely when that first excitement of love ends, that "true love begins."

Love, he said, does not mean that the other person, or our life, should correspond to our imagination, but that we choose "in complete freedom to take responsibility for one's life as it comes," as Joseph did when he chose, at God's command, to take Mary as his wife.

From falling in love to mature love

Pope Francis continued, "Christian engaged couples are called to bear witness to a love like this that has the courage to move from the logic of falling in love to that of mature love." A couple's love, he said, "advances in life and matures every day."

And he repeated to engaged couples the advice he had given before: Never let the day end without making peace with your spouse.

A prayer to St Joseph

Finally, Pope Francis concluded his catechesis once again with a prayer to St Joseph:

Saint Joseph, you who loved Mary with freedom, and chose to renounce your fantasies to give way to reality, help each of us to allow ourselves to be surprised by God and to accept life not as something unforeseen from which to defend ourselves, but as a mystery that hides the secret of true joy.

Obtain joy and radicality for all engaged Christians, while always being aware that only mercy and forgiveness make love possible. Amen.

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