

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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30th Sunday in Ordinary time - A



This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

***I love you, Lord, I love you, Lord, my strength.***

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

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|---------|--|---------------------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | †Teresa and Leo Pereira  | (son and family)                |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners<br>for peace in Israel, Ukraine and the world |                                 |
|         | †Kazimieras Budreckis  | (daughter Virginija and family) |
|         | †Marta Radziunas (1st anniv.)  | (D.L.Radziunas)                 |
|         | †Fr.Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm  | (V.Zaleckaite)                  |
|         | †Valentina Dalinda   | (V.White)                       |
|         | †Antanina Burdulis   | (V.White)                       |
|         | †Edmundas Urniezius  | (family)                        |
|         | †Irena Punkris   | (R.Simanavicius)                |
|         | †Regimantas Ramanauskas (1 month)  | (family)                        |
|         | request grace of health for Tomas Kuras  | (family)                        |
|         | request grace of health for Stella   | (family)                        |
|         | special intention - request grace of health  | (Senda family)                  |

2023

**November 5**

Cemetery day

**November 18**

70th Anniversary

Parish Dinner

**November 19**

Parish Family Day

11 am Thanksgiving  
Mass

**December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat

**December 10**

Christmas Concert

**December 25**

Christmas

**SUNDAY, OF  
NOVEMBER 5TH  
1 HOUR BACK**



**Cantors of the Masses:**  
9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas and Ted Chornomaz  
11 AM - children  
organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (October 30): 7 p.m. †Ale Pivorius (37th anniv) (daughter);  
**TUESDAY** (October 31): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Vytautas Judvytis (daughter);  
**WEDNESDAY** (November 1): 7 p.m. Novena; for Judvytis', Dackus' and Vydmantas' deceased family members (GJ); †Danute and Antanas Damasius (I.Beres);  
**THURSDAY** (November 2): 7 p.m. Novena; †Fr.Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm (V.Groen in't Woud); †Edmundas Urniezius (family);  
**FRIDAY** (November 3): 7 p.m. Novena; †Jadvyga Ruginyte (V.Bezsazna);  
**SATURDAY** (November 4): 9 a.m. Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";  
**SUNDAY** (November 5): 9 a.m. †Simonas Ramanauskas (grandmother); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Fr.Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm (Stanevicius family); †Stasys and Tomas Prakapas (V.Groen in't Woud); †Vytautas Urbonas (R.M.Rusinas); †Monika Bumbulis and Mary White (family); †Laima Macionis (V.White); †Sofija Dilkus (V.White); †Algimantas Syvokas (R.R.Syvokas); †Edmundas Urniezius (Regina's friends); for Gindrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius); in thanksgiving to the Lady of Siluva (RJK).

**Capital Fund - \$ 347,060**  
**THANK YOU...**

*"For it is in giving that we receive".*

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday (10.22) and "Vilnius Manor"**  
**Collections -**

51 envelopes - \$ 1,551

No envelopes - \$ 72.00

Direct deposit - \$ 1,125

**THANK you for your generosity...**



### Our parish's 70th anniversary weekend:

The celebration begins **on Saturday, November 18th** with a gala dinner and show, **"Better than Hollywood" - TICKETS ARE ALL SOLD OUT.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL on Sunday, November 19th** as the celebration, **"From your Hand..."** continues with our parish family and friends at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11AM, followed by music, youth entertainment, photo apps and a special commemorative video produced by Andy Kaknevičius.

### HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

*- November 1st - 5th*

*From November 1st until November 5th, we will be collecting and donating extra Halloween treats to third world countries via Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children organization.*

*These sugary treats provide valuable nourishment to those severely malnourished. The sugar stimulates their appetites, as starving children are often unable to eat.*

*Treats can be left in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vida - [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)*

*Thank you for your heartfelt support.*

### Consular Mission in Toronto on 11-12 November 2023

**The consular mission will be held at Prisikélimo parapija (Church of the Resurrection) 1 Resurrection Rd Toronto, ON., M9A 5G1. Consular services will be provided from 09 am to 1 pm. and from 2 pm to 6 p.m. Only persons who have completed their registration and received confirmation of registration will be served during the consular mission.** Registration for admission must be completed until **November 3** at electronic registration system - <https://keliauk.urm.lt/consult-registration>

When registering, please select the visit type *Consular Mission*, then proceed to select *Registration for Reception during the Consular Mission in Toronto*. When registering, please mention in the comments section the services you wish to receive, the full names (as shown on the ID), date of birth and of the persons who will receive consular services. When registering for more than one service, please reserve two visit times. Single visit time would be enough if a single party is applying for issuance of two passports.

**During consular missions, the fee for consular services is increased by 50%. (consular fee amounts are published [here](#)). Only debit/credit cards and Interac e-transfers will be accepted during the mission.**

Information about the functions performed by the officers of the consular mission and the documents required for submission, can be found on the website of Embassy's website. Don't hesitate to inquiry about the consular services provided by phone +1 613-567-5458

**Before registering for the consular mission, please assess whether the necessary services of the Lithuanian institutions could be provided remotely.**

### An invitation to all from the residents of "Labdara"!

**Please come to our "Labdara's" Annual Bake & Craft Sale - Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, "Labdara's" Community Room**

If you would be willing to contribute in ANY way, please contact Nerijus Augutis 416-232-2112 x 412, [labdaravolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:labdaravolunteering@gmail.com) every little bit helps!

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**..Thank you...  
Thank you...  
Thank you...  
to Ruta Rygelis,  
Snaige Sileika,  
Raminta and  
Algimantas  
Nakrosius,**



**Daina Puteris and Dainora Juozapavicius for a fun filled cultural evening, "MozaikaII"; to all who donated works of art and, of course, to all who acquired it; to Genovaite Kobelskis and all the assistants who prepared the food; the youth helpers and all of you who attended...**

**At the event, we collected \$17.892.88 which will be transferred to the "Capital fund".**

<...> Remembrance of the deceased prompts us to devote ourselves, to offer ourselves, to trust God and to adapt to His will. Although remembrance recalls the wound of our loss, it does not awaken the bitterness within us, but renews our trustworthiness in God.

With All Souls' Day, the Church, in a special manner, remembers all of the deceased. It prays for all who finished their earthly life's journey and are invited to live the life that the Creator made. From the oldest times, the Church urged all to pray for the deceased. So, it invites us to look at death not as the last word in a person's destiny, but as a passage to everlasting life.

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that "after death, the new life, received through baptism, is not susceptible to either disintegration, or death's might. To those, who live in Christ, death is the passage from their earthly journeys to their heavenly nation, where the Father warmly meets all His children from all relations, tribes, nations and languages."

Help us, o Lord, to understand the importance of these times and hurriedly make good - this we all desire. God waits for His sons and daughters, returning to the Compassionate Father's home.

Rev. Edmundas PAULIONIS, Pastor of Švenčionėliai (Lithuania) St. Edward's Parish



**We will remember and pray for our departed loved ones who died during 2022 - 2023 on November 1st, 7pm. Let us each take the time to come together in prayer and song, to light a candle for the dearly departed.**

**"Volunge" women's ensemble will be singing.**

## **Pope: I like to think of the Church as God's faithful people**



In an intervention delivered at the beginning of Wednesday afternoon's General Congregation of the General Assembly, Pope Francis highlights the description of the Church as God's faithful people, infallible in believing. I like to think of the Church as God's faithful people, saint and sinner, a people convoked and called with the force of the beatitudes and of Matthew 25. Jesus, for His Church, did not take up any of the political schemes of his time: not the Pharisees, nor Sadducees, nor Essenes, nor Zealots. No "closed corporation"; He simply takes up the tradition of Israel: "You shall be My people and I will be your God".

I like to think of the Church as this simple and humble people who walk in the presence of the Lord (the faithful people of God). This is the religious meaning of our faithful people. And I say faithful people so as not to fall into the many ideological approaches and schemes with which the reality of the people of God is "reduced". Simply faithful people, or also, "God's holy faithful people" on the way, saint and sinner. And this is the Church.

One of the characteristics of this faithful people is its infallibility; yes, it is infallible *in credendo* ("In credendo falli nequit", says LG 12) Infallible in believing. And I explain it like this: "When you want to know what Holy Mother Church believes, go to the Magisterium, because it is in charge of teaching it to you; but when you want to know how the Church believes, go to the faithful people". An image comes to mind: the faithful people gathered at the entrance of the Cathedral of Ephesus. The story (or legend) goes that the people stood on both sides of the road to the Cathedral as the Bishops in procession made their entrance, and in chorus they repeated: "Mother of God", asking the Hierarchy to declare that dogma to be true which they already possessed as the people of God. I don't know if it is history or legend, but the image is valid.

The faithful people, the holy faithful people of God, have a soul, and because we can speak of the soul of a people we can speak of a hermeneutic, of a way of seeing reality, of a conscience. Our faithful people are conscious of their dignity, they baptize their children, they bury their dead.

We members of the Hierarchy come from that people and we have received the faith of that people, generally from our mothers and grandmothers, "your mother and grandmother" Paul tells Timothy, a faith handed down in a feminine dialect, like the mother of the Maccabees who spoke "in dialect" to her children. And here I like to underline that, among God's holy and faithful people, the faith is transmitted in dialect, and usually in the feminine dialect. This is not only because the Church is Mother and it is precisely women who best reflect her; (the Church is woman) but also because it is women who know how to wait, who know how to discover the resources of the Church, of the faithful people, who risk beyond the limit, perhaps with fear but courageous, and in the light and shade of a day that is beginning, they approach a tomb with the intuition (not yet hope) that there may be some life.

The woman of God's holy and faithful people is a reflection of the Church. The Church is feminine, she is a wife, she is a mother. When ministers go too far in their service and mistreat the people of God, they disfigure the face of the Church with macho and dictatorial attitudes (it is enough to recall the intervention of Sr. Liliana Franco). It is painful to find in some parish offices the "price list" of sacramental services in the manner of a supermarket. Either the Church is the faithful people of God on the way, saint and sinner, or it ends up being a company of various services. And when pastoral workers take this second path, the Church becomes the supermarket of salvation and the priests mere employees of a multinational corporation. This is the great defeat to which clericalism leads us. And this is very sad and scandalous.

Clericalism is a whip, it is a scourge, it is a form of worldliness that defiles and damages the face of the Lord's bride; it enslaves God's holy and faithful people. And God's people, God's holy faithful people, go forward with patience and humility, enduring the scorn, mistreatment, and marginalization of institutionalized clericalism. And how naturally we speak of the princes of the Church, or of episcopal promotions as career advancement! The horrors of the world, the worldliness that mistreats God's holy and faithful people.

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