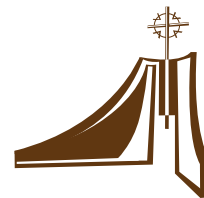


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- A



In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without

an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?
†R.R.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Salomeja Andriulis	(M.Marcis)
11 a.m.	For living and deceased parishioners	
	†Irena Ignaitis	(family)
	†Juozas Balsys	(O.Balsys and family)
	†Ramute and Adomas Grigonis	(A.Grigonis)
	†Katarina and Juozas Alisauskas	(D.J.Didzbalis)
	special intention	(NN)
	†Magdalena and Antanas Dauksa	(family)
	†Filomena Maciulis	(family)
	†Vanda Saulenas (1st anniv.)	(R.Saulenas)
	†Ona Malakauskas	(D.A.Nauseda)
	†Jonas Poska	(friend)
	request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Dainora (GJ)	

2020 CALENDAR

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

CANCELLED

November 14

Annual Parish Dinner

CANCELLED

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

(in Lithuanian)

December 6

Scouts' Kucios

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

**Because of
COVID-19,
Resurrection
Parish Office
hours
will be
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

Cantors of the Masses:

9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough

11 a.m. - Dominykas Guzauskas & Algis Vaisnoras
organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (October 5): 7 p.m. †Birute (15th anniv.) and Pranas (9th anniv.) Ceponkus (J.G.Neimanas);

TUESDAY (October 6): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Jonas Dirmantas (O.Dirmantas);

WEDNESDAY (October 7): 7 p.m. †Algis Simanavicius (family);

THURSDAY (October 8): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife);

FRIDAY (October 9): 7 p.m. for Ledauskas' deceased family members (†A.Ledas); †Albinas and Juozas Buozis (Buozis family);

SATURDAY (October 10): 9 a.m. for Karasiejus and Gataveckas deceased family members (R.J.Karasiejus); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †friends – Zose Styra, Apalonija Tumpa, Liuda Stulginskas (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (October 11): 9 a.m. †Albinas Slivinskas (N.Slivinskas and family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; in thanksgiving (GJ); †Ona Beresnevičius (B.Tamosiunas); †Albina Lackus and Justinas Zakus (Daiva and Mindaugas); special intention (Ruta G.); †Petronele, Kunigunda, Dzeja, Valerija (relatives); †Brone Peciulis (4 week) (M.Grambus); in thanksgiving - for Parish priests (NN).

Capital Fund - \$ 307,049

THANK YOU...

*"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" September 26th -27th

36 envelope - \$ 932

No envelopes - \$ 66.95

Direct deposit - \$ 1,450

Attendance 120

*In memory of Irena Paskauskas,
family donated to the parish - \$ 500*

*In memory of Irena Paskauskas,
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donated to the parish - \$ 250*

THANK you for your generosity



THIS IS THE PARISH HOME
FOR ALL OF US

– SO WELCOME HOME!

During the period of gradual re-opening, we continue to act with the greatest of care and caution in order to protect the health, safety and life of every community member.

Public health guidelines and respect for our fellow parishioners require us to:

- Masks or face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces in Toronto, including our Church; **WEAR MASKS FOR THE DURATION OF MASS** (unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so); removing them only to consume host after receiving Communion
- Sanitize our hands upon entering the building
- Provide contact information to the volunteers at the entrance, for contact tracing purposes, should there be an occurrence of Covid 19
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres while inside the building; pews have been marked with green tape to denote safe seating
- Follow directional markings in the church to maintain proper distancing
- Refrain from congregational singing, as there is evidence that singing can result wide spread of droplets, thus increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever or cough. Understandably, for some members of our community, a return to Mass at this time is not advisable due to poor general health or immune system issues. Please note that Cardinal Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those unable to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. The archdiocese will continue to livestream Sunday Masses, and you may wish to join in prayer with the parish community via our YouTube channel, as we will continue to provide recordings during this gradual re-opening period.

Weekdays – parishioners are invited to participate in daily weekday Masses at **7PM (maximum capacity – 25)**

Sundays – parishioners are invited to participate in Sunday Masses

We will accept registrations before entering the church.

Please - be patient.

9AM in English (maximum capacity – 90)

Doors will be open at 8:30 AM and close between 10 AM - 10:30 AM.

The church has to be sanitized between Masses

For **11AM** Lithuanian Mass (maximum capacity – 90)

the Church will be opened at 10:30AM

P.S. *we are beginning to distribute paper copies of the parish bulletin. In order to limit the potential for spreading the virus, and in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, the bulletin will be handed out as you exit the church.

***As we return to a "new normal", we expect more parishioners may return to Sunday Mass. Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.**

May the Lord bless us all and grant us his Mercy!



Lord,
*make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt, faith.
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light.
 Where there is sadness, joy.*
 O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled, as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And it is in dying that we are born
 to Eternal Life.
 Amen.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,
have a blessed day on this, the day of St. Francis!

As the pandemic continues and COVID 19 is still in our midst, we continue to adhere to public health directives, and to promote measures to protect the health and safety of the community.

The Parish Council has taken a decision to continue to restrict activities at the parish, including rental of halls and use of kitchen until further notice. We will continue to follow the situation and will revisit the decision on November 1st.

We thank you for your support and understanding in anticipation of safer times.

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome

*MIRA MARTINA RUSLYS,
 MICHAEL ANTHONY LALANDE,
 ADAM PROKOPOVICIUS,
 SAMANTHA PROKOPOVICIUS,
 MASSIMO MYKOLAS TAVOLACCI,
 MELISA FAUSTA DIRVONSKIS,
 WILHELMINA ENSKAITIS -*



into our community of faith.

We rejoice with their parents, asking God's abundant blessings to their families.

Pope at Audience:

'Make love go viral in the light of faith'



Concluding his series of catechizes on the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis reflects on the path of hope and love, as the world continues to suffer.

Pope Francis began his General Audience on Wednesday noting that in recent weeks “we have reflected together” on how to heal the world from the suffering highlighted by the pandemic.

As disciples of Jesus, “allowing ourselves to be guided by faith, hope and charity”, he said, we have proposed to follow in His steps, opting for the poor, rethinking the use of material goods and taking care of our common home.

May the path continue

The Pope continued by expressing his hope that we “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” who saves and heals the world and takes care of all “without distinction on the basis of race, language or nation”. In order to do this, and follow in his footsteps, he explained, we must “contemplate and appreciate the beauty of every human being and of every creature”, all conceived in the heart of God.

In this way can we recognize Christ present in our poor and suffering brothers and sisters, to encounter them and to listen to their cry and the cry of the earth that echoes, continued the Pope.

“Normality”

In recognizing Christ we will be able to regenerate society and not return to so-called “normality”, said the Pope, explaining that the normality we once knew was “sick with injustice”. The virus has highlighted so many injustices, all of which are the result of humankind, he continued, instead, we are called to the normality of the Kingdom of God, “where there is bread for all and more to spare, social organization is based on contributing, sharing and distributing, not on possessing, excluding and accumulating”. “To come out of the pandemic, we must find the cure not only for the coronavirus, but also for the great human and socio-economic viruses”, said the Pope.

Viralise love, globalize hope

Finally, Pope Francis noted that “a fair and equitable society is a healthier society” and that together we can work towards the Kingdom that Christ inaugurated for us: “a Kingdom of light in the midst of darkness, of justice in the midst of so many outrages, of joy in the midst of so much pain, of healing and salvation in the midst of sickness and death”. Let's make love "go viral" and lets “globalize” hope in the light of *faith*”.

By Vatican News

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