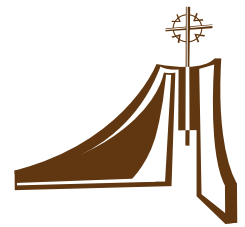


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



How do you expect the Lord to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, no doubt to remove him from

embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well*. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbours and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

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### ***Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!***

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#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

for peace in the world

†Gediminas Smolskis

(R.R.Smolskis)

in thanksgiving

(Ruta G.)

†Ceslovas Kavaliauskas (1st anniv.)

(wife)

for living and deceased friends

(GJ)

for Judvytis', Dackus' & Vydmantas' living and deceased family members (GJ)

**2024**

**October 18-19**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 9**

*Annual Dinner*

**December (date TBD)**

*Advent Retreat*

**December 1**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

**Parish office  
hours**

**June - October**

***Monday -  
Thursday***

**9 a.m. - 2 pm.**

***Friday***

**9 a.m. - 1 pm.**

**Cantors of the Masses:**

**9 AM** - Audra Rusinas

**11 AM** - Dana Pranaitis and Laima Underys

**organist** - Ilona Beres

**The week's Holy Masses**

**MONDAY** (September 9): 7 p.m. special intention(JMC); †Zofija Zaleckiene (V.Zaleckaite);

**TUESDAY** (September 10): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ramute and Leopoldas Gumuliauskas (daughter);

**WEDNESDAY** (September 11): 7 p.m. †Alida Groen in't Woud (family);

**THURSDAY** (September 12): 7 p.m. for Leskauskas' deceased family members (A.Morkunas); †Bronius Agurkis (B.B.Degutis); special intention (A.Kuncaitis);

**FRIDAY** (September 13): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ); requesting grace of health for Onute (daughter Vida);

**SATURDAY** (September 14): 9 a.m. †Edvardas Peciulis (R.J.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Daria Chodocinskas (granddaughter);

**SUNDAY** (September 15): 9 a.m. †Aldona Zander (10th anniv.) (R.Zander); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Nijole and Algimantas Banelis (A.G.Valavicius); †Elena, Pranas and Ragna Bersenas (A.G.Valavicius); in thanksgiving for Dominykas (St.Leo school); †Vincas and Ismena Normantas (E.Normantas).

**Capital Fund - \$ 372,845**

**A.Baziliauskas, J.R.Birgiolas,**

**D.Puteris, L.R.Steer - \$500**

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (08.25) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -**

31 envelopes - \$ 765

No envelopes - \$ 71.10

Direct deposit - \$ 1,390

**Sunday (09.01) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -**

34 envelopes - \$ 1,070

No envelopes - \$ 141.25

Direct deposit - \$ 2,445

Catholic Missions in Canada - \$ 235

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



**Welcome to all** parishioners returning after their summer vacations to classrooms, studies and work.

**We invite you** to join and

participate in our parish activities.

May you enjoy a meaningful and productive season...

May the Lord bestow his abundant

blessings upon one and all!

**RESURRECTION PARISH ANNUAL DINNER AND  
"CAPITAL FUND" FUNDRAISING EVENING -  
NOVEMBER 9th**

Program: Karolina and Kestutis Daugirdas  
and Women's ensemble "SVAJA".

A very special raffle.

Delicious dinner with wine.

Ticket price \$75. Tickets will be available in the parish hall,  
starting on Sunday, September 29th.

**We invite everyone to attend!**

**CHOIR ACTIVITIES:** In the parish, the women's choir "SVAJA", "Volunge" women's ensemble, "VOLUNGE" choir, the Resurrection Parish Children's Choir and a group of "leaders" of Holy Mass songs rehearse/contribute to the parish's activities. Those who wish to contribute are asked to contact Dalia Viskontas, [dalia.viskontas@gmail.com](mailto:dalia.viskontas@gmail.com) or Children choir leader Daina Babeckas, [dainababeckasi@gmail.com](mailto:dainababeckasi@gmail.com) or (416) 427-4947.

**We invite** all children between the ages of seven to seventeen to join the parish children's choir. Rehearsals begin Sunday September 8th, after 11am Mass in the choir room. Children's choir first singing at Holy Mass on September 22nd.

**"The Son of Man came not to be served  
but to serve..." (Mt 20.28)**

**Announcement for Altar Server Recruitment**

**We invite and encourage all our girls and boys**, who have received their First Communion, to volunteer and join the ranks of our current excellent group of Altar Servers.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to serve God at Holy Mass and also to serve our Parish *Community of Faith*. For more information, please contact Deacon Kazimieras at 416-550-6413.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and your *engagement* in our Parish.



**We welcome all** those who have returned and invite you to enjoy coffee and sweets on Sundays after 9 am and 11 am Mass. We invite everyone to attend!



### Work in the church:

Are you wondering what's behind the scaffolding? Thanks to a generous benefactor, work has begun on the installation of a new window that will bring more light into our church, and introduce a new artistic element. The project will be completed this fall and we hope you will find the finished work inspiring.

More information to follow.

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### "Pickle ball Club" Announcement -

"Pickle ball club" meets on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Resurrection parish hall.

We invite all to join the games.

More info [johnbirgiolas@icloud.com](mailto:johnbirgiolas@icloud.com)



### The Parish's Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce a new initiative.

This fall there will be a unique opportunity to contribute to our "Capital Fund" campaign. We are proposing commemorative tree planting at the parish. Trees are a symbol of spiritual nourishment, resurrection, and everlasting life. Gifting trees in someone's memory is a **beautiful way to immortalize their spirit**. We have space for eight trees in a designated area on parish property and plan to plant them next spring. Each tree will have a commemorative metal plaque.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 per tree and we encourage families, groups of friends and organizations to come together to **sponsor a tree**. This is a wonderful opportunity to honour those who have made meaningful contributions to the life of the parish as well as valued family and friends that you wish to be remembered.

Further details will be shared in the fall.

### Pope at Mass in Indonesia: Dare to dream of fraternity!



On the third day of his Apostolic Journey to Indonesia, Pope Francis celebrates Mass in Jakarta, and reminds the faithful of the need to listen to and live the Word proclaimed by Jesus.

"Listening to the Word and living the Word" are "two fundamental attitudes that enable us to become Jesus' disciples," Pope Francis said on Thursday, at the Holy Mass, the final public event of his Apostolic Visit to Indonesia.

Reflecting on the Gospel reading for the feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta, the Holy Father noted that "the human heart is always searching for a truth that can feed its desire for happiness." That truth, he said, cannot be found in merely human words, but only in the Word of God, "the only true compass for our journey, which alone is capable of leading us back to the true meaning of life amid so much woundedness and confusion."

Allow yourself to be challenged by the Word

Pope Francis reminded the faithful that our first task as disciples is to listen to the Word of God, as Peter did when Jesus began to preach from his fishing boat. "Our life of faith begins," the Pope said, "when we humbly welcome Jesus into the boat of our lives, make room for Him, listen to His Word, and allow ourselves to be questioned, challenged, and changed by it."

At the same time, the Pope continued, we are called not only to listen to Jesus' Word, but to live it. Peter trusted the Lord when He called him to "put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch," and we, too, are called to trust in Jesus by "courageously casting the nets of the Gospel into the sea of the world."

Recognizing that we can always find excuses to refuse the call, Pope Francis invited the faithful to embrace the humility and faith of Peter, who obeyed the Lord's call even after a night of failure and disappointment. He recalled the words of St Teresa, who used to say, "When we have nothing to give, let us give that nothing. And even if you reap nothing, never tire of sowing."

Dreaming and building a civilization of peace

"Brothers and sisters," Pope Francis concluded, "I would also like to say to you, to this nation, to this wonderful and varied archipelago, do not grow weary of setting sail and casting your nets, do not grow weary of dreaming and building again a civilization of peace!"

*"Always dare to dream of fraternity!"*

"Always dare to dream of fraternity!" he continued, encouraging them "to sow seeds of love, confidently tread the path of dialogue, continue to show your goodness and kindness with your characteristic smile."

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You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: envelopes; eTransfers (email: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto: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](http://www.prisikelimas.ca/give).

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the MEMO: Donation to Parish or Mass.

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