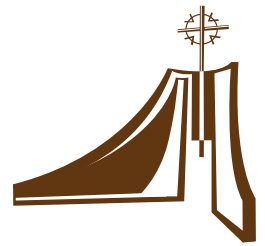


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 6 (3533) February 11th, 2024

## 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy.

In Jesus' time religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses

provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love and make me clean and whole in body, mind, and spirit. May I never doubt your love nor cease to tell others of your mercy and compassion." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

### UNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Grazina Sudeikis (E.Sudeikis)  
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for peace in the world  
†Albina and Antanas Laurinaitis (daughter)  
†Antanina and Antanas Dunauskas (O.Stoncius)  
†Veronika, Benediktas, Antanas and Vytautas Navickas (I.F.Zilinskas)  
†Anele and Vytautas Kondrotas & Emilija and Vladas Bacevicius (daughter)  
†Stefanija and Antanas Dvanarauskas (MV)  
†Zygmantas Ramanauskas and deceased family members (MV)  
for Matukas' and Lapurkas' living and deceased family members (GK)  
for Judvytis', Dackus' and Vydmantas' living and deceased family members (GJ)  
†Angelika, Dr.Juozas and Raimundas Sungaila and  
†Irena and Petras Lukosevicius (family)  
request grace of health for Ina Sungaila (GJ)

**2024**

**February 14**

*Ash Wednesday*

**March 3**

*St. Casimir's Fair*

**March 8-10**

*Lenten Retreat*

**March 28-31**

*Holy week*

**March 31**

*Easter*

**April 7, 2pm**

*Choirs "Balsas" and*

*"Volunge" concert*

**April 21**

*Annual Parish Meeting*

**April 26-27**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**May 5**

*First Communion*

**June (date TBD)**

*Run for Hope*

**June (date TBD)**

*Confirmation*

**June 7-9**

*Camp "Kretinga" -*

*Work Weekend*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 7-20 (En.)*

*July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)*

**Family Camp**

*August 17 - 24*

**October 18-19**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 9**

*Annual Dinner*

**December (date TBD)**

*Advent Retreat*

**December 1**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute, Julija, Laima and Zita

11 AM - choir "Svaja" & Volunge" women's ensemble

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (February 12): 7 p.m. †Algis Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

**TUESDAY** (February 13): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (February 14): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Antanas Ulba (Melynkas family); 7 p.m. †Edmundas Urniezius (wife); †Anna Larkin (Nuring home "Labdara" committee);

**THURSDAY** (February 15): 7 p.m. †Dana Puzeris (Jaglowitz family); †Grant Bonner ("Kretinga"); †Irena Juskevicius (daughter);

**FRIDAY** (February 16): 7 p.m. †Jonas Dirmantas (20th anniv.)(daughter Vida); request grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

**SATURDAY** (February 17): 9 a.m. †Emilija Dickson (R.J.Balaisis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Vytautas Strimaitis (M.Vella);

**SUNDAY** (February 18): 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (A.K.Ambrozaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Birute Kriauciunas-McKenny (I.Balsys); †Jonas Dirmantas (20th anniv.)(Suziedelis family); †Marija and Bronius Mausevicius (family); for Mausevicius' and Petrulis' deceased family members (family); †Vanda and Stasys Vaitkus (V.Puzeris); †Liudmila Sukauskas (E.V.Tarvydas); †Lina (10th anniv.) and Ignas (40th anniv.) Juzukonis (family); †Dalia Gruodis (Cuplinskas family).

**Capital Fund - 371,345**

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (02.04) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -**

49 envelopes - \$ 1,450

No envelopes - \$ 200

Direct deposit - \$ 2,395

In memory of Danute Puzeris, the family  
donated \$ 1,000 to the parish

Sports club "Ausra" donated \$ 1,000

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

**HAPPY LITHUANIA INDEPENDENCE DAY -  
FEBRUARY 16TH! A PROMINENT DATE  
COMMEMORATING FREEDOM REGAINED, A HARD  
ROAD TRAVELED, AND A HURDLE OVERCOME ONLY  
BY BEING SPIRITUALLY STRONG, DIGNIFIED AND  
UNITED. HOWEVER WE MAY EACH DIFFER FROM  
ONE ANOTHER, WE ARE UNITED BY A COMMON  
HISTORY, COMMON TRADITIONAL VALUES. MAY  
THE FOUNDATION OF OUR EVERY MEANINGFUL  
ENDEAVOUR BE LOVE AND RESPECT FOR OUR  
HOMELAND, LITHUANIA!**

**TODAY after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass  
we invite everyone to PANCAKE SUNDAY -**  
amazing cooks will offer delicious pancakes.  
Music will be provided by our KAPELA and  
the Parish Children's choir.

*We invite everyone to attend!*



2023 Lithuanian camp  
"Kretinga" kitchen team

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"KRETINGA"**  
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July 7th - 20th  
Lithuanian camp  
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**We can't wait to see YOU ALL!**

### Toronto KLB board INVITES

**Film premiere with Aurimas Valujavičius**

**"OARKS OVEF THE ATLANTIC" in celebration of Lithuania's  
Independence - Sunday, February 25 at TIFF Lightbox Cinema 2  
(350 King Street West, Toronto). Doors open at 2:30 pm.**

Lithuanian language film with English subtitles.

Admission - \$35. \*100% of ticket proceeds go directly to Aurimas.

Tickets can be purchased by e-transfer to [torontoklb@gmail.com](mailto:torontoklb@gmail.com);

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\*Please ask that your name be recorded in the transaction line

Event hosted by Toronto KLB board

Our parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The  
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.

## **Pope at Audience: At times of sadness, draw comfort from Jesus' Resurrection**

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on sadness and invites us to take comfort in Jesus' Resurrection, saying He can comfort our despair and sense of loss if we respond with faith in God's goodness.



When overwhelmed by sadness, take comfort in Jesus' Resurrection.

Pope Francis offered this reminder during his Wednesday General Audience held in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall. Continuing his catechesis series on virtues and vices, the Pope focused this week on the sin of excessive sadness (*acedia vel tristitia*, in Latin), recalling that there are two types of sadness.

### Two types of sadness

The first, he explained, is "a sorrow that is appropriate to Christian life, and that with God's grace can be changed into joy." This form of sorrow, he said, "must not be rejected and forms part of the path of conversion." It is the experience, he recalled, of the Prodigal Son, who, when "reaches the depths of his degeneracy," feels "great bitterness," which "prompts him to come to his senses and to decide to return home to his father."

This form of sorrow, he insisted, is "a grace," which possesses the ability "to lament over one's own sins, remember the state of grace from which we have fallen, and weep because we have lost the purity in which God dreamed of us." Whereas the second kind of sadness, he said, "must be fought resolutely and with every strength, because it comes from the evil one."

This "ailment of the soul," he said, "arises in the human heart when a desire or hope vanishes," and was the experience of the disciples of Emmaus in St. Luke's Gospel of Luke, as they lamented Jesus' loss.

St. Paul, Pope Francis recalled, offered the distinction between the two types when he wrote to the Corinthians: "Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death" (2 Cor 7:10).

### Regenerated in faith and hope

The dynamic of sadness, Pope Francis explained, is linked to the experience of loss, which, he recognized, is often accompanied by discouragement, weakness of the spirit, depression, and anguish.

"We all go through ordeals that generate sorrow in us, because life makes us conceive dreams that are then shattered," the Pope acknowledged, pointing out that after our internal turmoil, some people are unable to get beyond melancholy and sadness, whereas others are able to be regenerated in hope.

Pope Francis exhorted those who may be lulled into excessive sadness to be comforted through their faith and Jesus' closeness.

### Jesus' Resurrection comforts us

"Certain protracted griefs, where a person continues to expand the void of one who is no longer there, are not proper to life in the Spirit," the Pope said, noting it isn't healthy and is not proper to our Christian identity.

While he admitted there is something in everyone's past that needs to be healed and that sadness is natural, he warned it can turn into something devious and dangerous.

However, the Holy Father reassured, it "can be combatted easily, keeping in mind the thought of the Resurrection of Christ."

*"Sorrow can be combatted easily, keeping in mind the thought of the Resurrection of Christ."*

"However full life may be of contradictions, defeated desires, unrealized dreams, and lost friendships," Pope Francis acknowledged, "thanks to Jesus' Resurrection, we can believe that all will be saved."

### Faith casts out fear

"Jesus rose again not only for Himself," the Pope marveled, "but also for us, to redeem all the happiness that has remained unfulfilled in our lives."

"Faith casts out fear, and the Resurrection of Christ," he rejoiced, "removes sadness like the stone from the tomb."

*"Faith casts out fear, and the Resurrection of Christ removes sadness like the stone from the tomb."*

While observing that every Christian's day "is an exercise in resurrection," Pope Francis concluded by praying that the Spirit of the Risen Jesus help us defeat sorrow with holiness.

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2024 elections

**NOMINATION PERIOD:**

Opens: February 1, 2024

Closes: March 15, 2024 at 12:00 noon

SAVE THE DATE

**Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Learn more at:  
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## SAVE THE DATE

March 4, 2024

1573 Bloor Street West

Parama's Annual General Meeting



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