

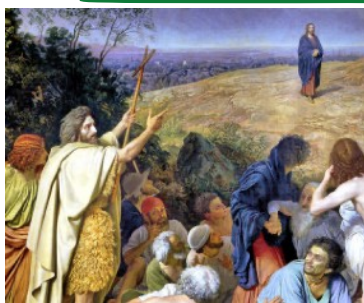
CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 3 (3636) January 18th, 2026

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



2026



that Jesus is the Son of God.

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony, he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things." (daily scripture.net) †R.R.

Here I am, o Lord, to do your will.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Liudas Krisciunas	(J.Cuplinskas)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
†Danute Kersis (20th anniv.)	(daughter Linda)
†Ona Anskis	(Stanevicius family)
†Algis Vaisnoras	(family)
†Ona and Zigmas Girdauskas	(family)
†Ona and Stasys Nomeika and deceased family members	(daughter Zita)
†Sally Pennock (3rd anniv.) and Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas (4th anniv.)	(family)
†Bronislavas Laimutis Rimasauskas	(sons and families)
for Karasiejus' deceased family members	(R.J.Karasiejus)
for Kuliesius' living and deceased family members	(R.J.Kuliesius)

February 1

Lithuanian food day

February 8

Pancakes day

February 18

Ash Wednesday

February 27 - March 1

Lenten Retreat

Fr.Mantas Mileris, S.J

March 8

St. Casimir Fair

March 28

Lenten Retreat for Women

sister Igne

March 29

Parish Annual Meeting

April 2-5

Holy week

April 5

Easter

April 17-18

Spring Rummage Sale

April 26

First Communion

May - June

Confirmation

(date TBD)

June 6

Run for Hope

June 14

We welcome summer

Camp Kretinga

July 5-18 (EN.)

July 19 - August 1 (LT.)

October 23-24

Fall Rummage Sale

November 7

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 13

Christmas Music Evening

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Occasional choir

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Mass

MONDAY (January 19): 7 p.m.

†Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

TUESDAY (January 20): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

WEDNESDAY (January 21): 7 p.m.

†Bronius Buja - Bijunas (family); special intention (NN);

THURSDAY (January 22): 7 p.m.

request grace of health for Ramute Janeliunas-Tambis (E.Janeliunas);

FRIDAY (January 23): 7 p.m. †Arunas Duliunas ("Kretinga");

SATURDAY (January 24): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" for all the deceased (E.Shishkus);

SUNDAY (January 25): 9 a.m. †Kristina Simkus - Sukauskas (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners;

†Kristina Simkus - Sukauskas (GJ);

†Liudas Racickas (wife); †Adam, Juozas and Elzbieta Benetis (L.Benetis);

†Liudas and Salomeja Oleka (R.Oleka);

†Juozas Kalinauskas (1st anniv.) (B.B.Degutis); †Sheila and Douglas Stacey (D.Danaitis); †Vilius and Jadvyga Ruslys (N.Ruslys); asking for health and

God's protection for Joanna (VDG).

For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (01.11) & "Vilnius Manor"

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A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace.

In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.

Bring unity to troubled nations.

Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.

Protect the dignity of every human life.

Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders.

Free them from selfish ambition.

Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel,

Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst nations.

Pray for unity amongst all people.

Pray for the most vulnerable.

Pray for those suffering.

Pray for the fearful.

Pray for those most in need.

Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear our prayers.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen.

Save the Date!

On Saturday, March 28th, from 9-12 a.m., Sister Ignè Marijošiūtė from Putnam, Connecticut will facilitate a faith development program/retreat for women.

The event will be hosted in Lithuanian and English.

Let's dedicate this Lenten morning to spiritual renewal.

More details will be announced later.

Resurrection parish council -

If you are interested in joining the parish council to help organize parish activities, please contact a member of this year's recruitment committee - Jurgis Kuliesius - kuleza@sympatico.ca.

We are especially looking forward to hearing from youth (18-35) and young families, in the hopes of revitalizing activities for these groups.

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.

Cardinal R. Makrickas Presided over the Sealing of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major

On the evening of January 13, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major was sealed shut, thus completing the final liturgical and juridical act of the Jubilee Year of Hope in the basilica.

The Holy Door of the basilica was closed by its Archpriest, Cardinal Rolandas Makrickas, on Christmas evening, December 25, 2025, and he has now presided over the rite of its sealing.



Everything was carried out according to a tradition established over centuries, observing all prescribed regulations. A bronze box was embedded into the wall sealing the Holy Door. Inside it is a rolled, tied, and sealed document recording the closing of the Holy Door; the key of the Holy Door placed in the box together with the names of Pope Francis and Cardinal Rolandas Makrickas inscribed in Latin; pontificate medals from the most recent closing of the Holy Door in 2016 up to this year; and a commemorative medal of the basilica's Jubilee of Hope.

The bronze box was placed inside a stainless-steel container, whose lid was welded shut; the container was tied with a red ribbon and sealed. Above the box, Cardinal R. Makrickas placed a clay brick bearing an inscription in Latin:

FRANCISCO PONT. MAX. PORTAM SANCTAM LIBERIANAE BAS. ROLANDUS CARD. MAKRICKAS ARCHIPRESBYTER COADIUTOR APERUIT IPSEQUE ARCHIPRESBYTER LEONE XIV PONT. MAX. EANDEAM CLAUST ANNO DOMINI MMXXV – which means: “Under the Supreme Pontiff Francis, the Holy Door of the Papal Liberian Basilica was opened by the Coadjutor Archpriest Cardinal Rolandas Makrickas, and he himself, as Archpriest, closed the same under the Supreme Pontiff Leo XIV, in the Year of the Lord 2025.”

All the rites were filmed and photographed.

“This wall is a living witness of faith—it preserves the passage of millions of pilgrims and leads the Church along its path toward new great expectations in the year 2033, when we will celebrate two thousand years of Redemption,” states the basilica’s announcement on its Facebook page.

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CCEE President: Christian Unity Is a Powerful Instrument of Peace

The President of the Council of European Bishops’ Conferences (CCEE), Archbishop of Vilnius Gintaras Grušas, urges that during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity prayers also be offered for peace.

On January 12, Archbishop G. Grušas addressed a letter to the presidents of all Catholic bishops’ conferences in Europe, inviting them during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18–25) to give special attention to prayer for peace as well.

According to the Archbishop, the unity of the baptized is a powerful instrument of peace.

In his letter to the leaders of the European bishops’ conferences, Archbishop G. Grušas emphasizes that, as taught by the Second Vatican Council, prayer remains “the soul of the whole ecumenical movement” (*Unitatis redintegratio*, 8), and this is especially evident during the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is precisely at this time that the Churches are invited to bear common witness that Christian unity is not merely an internal matter of the Churches, but has a direct impact on peace in the world.

In his letter, the Archbishop also notes the 25th anniversary of the European Ecumenical Charter, signed in Strasbourg in 2001, which is being marked this year. This anniversary coincides with a complex international situation, as armed conflicts continue in many regions of the world and geopolitical tensions intensify. Therefore, the Churches are invited to renew a common and resolute call to pray not only for Christian unity, but above all for peace in those countries where wars are currently taking place.

The letter also mentions the revised Ecumenical Charter signed last year in Rome. A quarter century after the signing of the first document, it continues to remain an essential point of reference, encouraging cooperation, dialogue, and common witness among Christian Churches. The Churches of Europe are invited to study this document more deeply and to make its principles a norm of daily life and interaction.

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