



# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 4th SUNDAY of EASTER - C



The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus. This controversy with the religious leaders

continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life." ([daily scripture.net](http://daily scripture.net)) †R.R.

## ALLELUIA

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- 9 a.m. †Teresa and Leo Pereira (son)
- 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for peace in Ukraine and the world  
Novena - for living and deceased Mothers  
†Gediminas Skukauskas (V.Skukauskas)  
†Teofile Kobelskis (children)  
†Jurgis Simaitis (Stanevicius family)  
†Giedre Gillespie (V.A.Levisauskas)  
†Maria "Esa" Pabedinskas - Fisher (D.Suziedelis)  
†Juze and Albinas Plioplis (T.Bartkuviene)  
†Brone and Jonas Greiciunas (A.Batten)  
†Mother, grandmothers, living and deceased friends, Mothers (GJ)  
requesting grace of health and Lord's blessings for Agota RataVICIUS (family)

### Sunday Masses

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## Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Youth

11 AM - choir "Apastalai"  
organist - Ilona Beres

### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (May 9): 7 p.m. Novena; †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

**TUESDAY** (May 10): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; Novena;

**WEDNESDAY** (May 11): 7 p.m. Novena; †Agnes Paulius Pauliukaitis (D.L.Simanavicius);

**THURSDAY** (May 12): 7 p.m. Novena; †Aleksas Pleinys (10th anniv.) (N.V.Zukauskas); in thanksgiving (LU);

**FRIDAY**: (May 13): 7 p.m. Novena; †Arunas Vilutis (N.Zukauskas);

**SATURDAY** (May 14): Novena; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" blessings of the Lord for children and grandchildren (grandmother);

**SUNDAY** (May 15): 9 a.m. †Giedre Gillespie (A.V.Levisauskas); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; Novena - for living and deceased Mothers; †Marija Matusevicius (24th anniv.) (family); requesting grace of health for Stella Gruchalla (sisters); for Gendrenas' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius); †Monika Povilaitis (B.Kazlauskas); †Genovaite Budreckas (daughter and family); †Jonas Dirmantas (D.Suziedelis); †Daiva Vorps (T.Bartkuviene); †Aldona Kuolas (19th anniv.) (son); †Elvyra and Juozas Vosylius (daughter Brigita).

### Capital Fund - \$ 330,129

Z.Selmys - \$ 200

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

### Collections of May 1st

40 envelopes - \$ 1,775

No envelopes - \$ 45.85

Direct deposit - \$ 2,290

eTransfer - \$ 300

Share Life - \$ 720

**THANK you for your generosity**

### Prayer of St. Bernard

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left unaided.**

**Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful.**

**O Mother of the Word Incarnate! despise not my petitions, but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me.**

**Amen.**

### PEACE for UKRAINE!

Donations to provide urgent aid to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters suffering as a result of the war may be made:

1) via the Franciscan Fathers

by cheques: **Franciscan Fathers,**

**Memo: Ukraine;**

2) be made Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto

website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or by cheques:

**Resurrection Parish – Ukraine.**

*We invite you to help  
our brothers and sisters of Ukraine.*



### SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES IN SARGORON (UKRAINE)

Klaipėda monastery brothers, Benediktas and Astijus together with postulant Algirdas, on April 25th, went to the Ukrainian city of Kovel and in the war zones in Sargoron and took goods for the refugees - food, medicine, clothes, hygiene items for adults and children. The value of this support was about 20,000 euros.

All these goods were donated by the parishioners of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Klaipėda, Lithuania. Those who want to receive more information and find out how they can help, are invited to visit the Carito website - [vilnius.caritas.lt](http://vilnius.caritas.lt) and follow the information on the pages [www.pakuta.lt](http://www.pakuta.lt), [www.viltiesmiestas.lt](http://www.viltiesmiestas.lt) and [www.bernardinuparapija.lt](http://www.bernardinuparapija.lt).

**Together we pray for peace in Ukraine.**

### SPRING GENERAL CEMETERY VISIT DAY

**St. John Lithuanian Cemetery - Sunday, May 29th.**

We remember all mothers with gratitude and affection, those who live with us physically, but also those who live with us spiritually.

(Pope Francis)



**MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS,  
Happy Mother's Day to you all!  
May the Lord's peace, boundless love and  
plentiful holiday blossoms be with you  
all on this day of celebration...**

I remember my mother's prayers and they  
have always followed me.

They have clung to me all my life.

(Abraham Lincoln)

### M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,

"O" means only that she's growing old,

"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,

"H" is for her heart of purest gold;

"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,

"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, they spell

"MOTHER,"

A word that means the world to me.



### Nursing Home "LABDARA"

All parishioners are invited to attend Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Labdara" Lithuanian Nursing Home.

Let's pray together and ask God for health and blessings for "Labdara's" residents, relatives, staff, and our entire community.

Labdara Foundation Board of Directors

**Starting Sunday, May 8th, coffee and tea will be available in the parish cafeteria.**

**Lithuanian food for take out will be on May - 15th, and 29th. PRE-ORDERS ONLY..**

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene [grazina.valintiene@gmail.com](mailto:grazina.valintiene@gmail.com). If you do not receive confirmation by email, please call 647-869-6164. In your email, please specify the items and quantities you wish to order, as well as the time you will be picking up your order.

**During the summer: June - July - August - the kitchen WILL BE CLOSED.**

### Pope at Audience: Elderly Christians must uphold honour of faith for youth



Pope Francis continues his catechesis on the elderly at the Wednesday General Audience, and reminds those advanced in years that their witness of faith can fill the young with determination and courage.

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis focused his attention on the Biblical figure of Eleazar, as recounted in 2 Maccabees 6:18-31.

The 90-year-old man—extremely old at a time (c.170 BC) when life expectancy averaged around 40—was ordered by King Antiochus IV Epiphanes to eat pork, which was forbidden by Jewish Law.

The king's subjects offered to let Eleazar eat another meat and pretend it was pork, thus saving his life through what they called an unimportant gesture.

Eleazar, however, refused to even consider breaking God's law and give scandal to the young people looking on. He was therefore killed for disobeying the king.

*Trading faith for a 'fistful of days'*

Pope Francis held up the honorable witness of Eleazar as an old man, and spoke about the relationship between "the faithfulness of old age and the honor of faith."

"The honor of faith occasionally finds itself under pressure—sometimes violent—from the dominant culture, which seeks to weaken it by treating it as an archeological endeavor, old superstition, or out-of-date practice," he said.

The Pope noted that Eleazar offered a powerful witness of faith in his explanation of why he refused to eat meat sacrificed to idols.

*"Dishonoring the faith in old age, just to gain a handful of days, is incomparable with the heritage which we must leave to the young, to entire generations yet to come."*

*Living the faith consistently*

The Pope pointed out that the elderly Eleazar upheld the importance of consistency in the faith, even in old age.

The practice of the faith is too important for life to be set aside when it becomes inconvenient, he added.

"If an old person who, due to their vulnerability, were to accept to treat the practice of the faith as irrelevant would lead young people to believe that faith has no real relationship with life," he said.

*Seduction of gnosticism*

Pope Francis went on to consider an ancient heresy—gnosticism—that still offers a seductive invitation to young people today.

Gnosticism, he said, considers faith only a spirituality, or force of mind, to hold on to, but which has no real connection with daily life.

*"This mindset is extremely seductive, because it interprets—in its own way—an indisputable truth: that faith cannot be reduced to a set of dietary rules or social practices."*

He added that gnosticism turns the Christian faith into an ephemeral belief and empties it of true witness.

Yet, said Pope Francis, our Christian faith must always pass through the Incarnation of the Son of God.

*Restoring honor to the faith*

The Pope said modern societies belittle the practice of the faith through cultural irony, considering faith something for the old to practice.

The elderly, he concluded, have the important mission to "restore honor to the faith" because faith is a sign of strength and not of weakness.

*"Faith deserves respect and honor. It has changed our lives, purified our minds, and taught us to adore God and love our neighbor. Faith is a blessing for everyone!"*



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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.

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