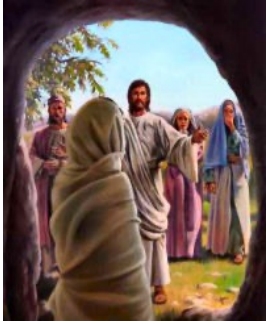


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT - A



Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. Today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life. †R.R.

*With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Marija Norkus	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in Ukraine and the world	
	†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas	(D.A.Suziedelis)
	†Tomas Prakapas (40th anniv.)	(family)
	for Giendrienis' and Laurinavicius' deceased family members (L.D.Laurinavicius)	
	†Monsignor Edmundas Putrimas	(Groen in't Woud family)
	†Danute Stulgys (10th anniv.)	(V.White)
	†Marija (24th anniv.) and Bronius Karasiejus	(R.J.Karasiejus)
	†Liudas Matukas	(family)
	in thanksgiving and Lord's blessings for Fr.Aurelijus	(O.J.Torres)

2023

**April 2-8**

Holy week

**April 9**

Easter

**April 21-22**

Spring Rummage Sale

**April 30**

Parish 70th anniversary

lunch

**May 7**

First Communion

**May 28**

Cemetery day

**June 3**

Run for Hope

**June 4**

Confirmation

**June 25**

St.Johns' day

**Camp Kretinga**

July 2-15 (En.)

July 16 - 29 (Lith.)

**October 20-21**

Fall Rummage Sale

**October 14**

MOZAICA

A Silent Art Auction

**November 18**

70th Anniversary Parish

Dinner

**December (date TBD)**

Advent Retreat

**December 10**

Christmas Concert

**December 25**

Christmas

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Danute Pranaitis

11 AM - Julija Danaitis and Zita Nausedas

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

March 27 - April 2

**MONDAY** (March 27): 7 p.m. †Gediminas Smolskis (R.R.Smolskis);

**TUESDAY** (March 28): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

**WEDNESDAY** (March 29): 7 p.m. †Vytautas and Eugenija Balciunas (G.Gaizutis);

**THURSDAY** (March 30): 7 p.m. †James Dierks (G.Gaizutis);

**FRIDAY** (March 31): 7 p.m. †Maryte, Aldona and Emilija Astravas (Astravas family);

**SATURDAY** (April 1): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (April 2): 9 a.m. †Simonas Ramanauskas (grandmother); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for living and deceased friends (GJ); †Stasys Prakapas (family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (J.Siciunas); †Emilija and Alfertas Nideras (D.Danaitis); †Jennie Vingelis (granddaughters); †Elena Krakauskas (20th anniv.) (daughter and family).

**Capital Fund - \$ 339,170**

R.A.Sileika - \$ 80

**THANK YOU...**

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections in "Vilnius Manor" and March 19th**

50 envelopes - \$ 1,545

No envelopes - \$ 342.25

Direct deposit - \$ 1,105

J.Siciunas donated \$500 for  
"Soup kitchen in Lithuania"

In memory of Tomas Prakapas 40th anniversary,  
the family donated \$1,000 to the parish

In memory of Marija Gudelis L.A.Kaminskas  
donated \$1,000 to the parish

\$ 220 was donated in memory of Marija Gudelis

**THANK you for your generosity**



**THANK YOU to Br. Fr. Aurelius Kasparavicius, OFM for 11 years of service in our Church of the Resurrection. Brother Aurelius returns to Lithuania on March 30th, to the parish of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Virgin Mary in Kretinga. Lord's love and blessings..**



Save the date: Friday, April 7th for a Lenten youth retreat at the Church of the Resurrection from 3-9 pm.

Simple home-cooked vegetarian meal; vigil by the tomb of Jesus; Stations of the Cross; discussions; art; prayer; Church yard spring clean; and more. 15\$ per person.

Six hours of community service granted by an OCT. Adults interested in volunteering are asked to email using the same email. Please register with an email to [ateitininkai.virtualus@gmail.com](mailto:ateitininkai.virtualus@gmail.com).



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 2nd - PALM SUNDAY**

9 a.m. Holy Mass (English)

11 a.m. Holy Mass

(the Blessing of palms will take place in the vestibule followed by the procession into the sanctuary)

**April 6th - HOLY THURSDAY**

7 p.m. Holy Mass

(Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders)

**April 7th - GOOD FRIDAY**

2:50 p.m. Musical reflections

3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord

(This is a liturgy of Word and Service.

We gather to reflect on the Passion and our salvation)

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**April 8th - HOLY SATURDAY**

**Solemn vigil at Jesus' tomb**

**8:00 p.m. Blessing of the fire and preparation of the Easter Candle**

**Vigil Liturgy of the Word and Holy Mass of the Resurrection**

(In this evening's liturgy, we welcome Christ as our Light, reflect on our salvation history, renew our Baptismal vows, and celebrate Christ's glorious Resurrection)

**April 9th - EASTER SUNDAY**

9 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (English)

11 a.m. Easter Sunday Holy Mass (Lithuanian)



**Spring is a time of rebirth.** We invite everyone to write heartfelt Easter greeting cards for the seniors living at "Labdara" nursing home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, happiness, and a feeling of close connection to our community. *We welcome everyone to the parish cafe TODAY and April 2. After 9am & 11am Mass, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.*

For those wishing to make their greeting cards at home, we ask that they be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors, by April 2. This will allow enough time for your cards to be handed out to the seniors by the staff. If you have any questions, please contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in't Woud [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)

*We thank you for your continued generosity.*

**A BIG THANK YOU** to *Genovaite Kobelskis, our chef*  
and to all the kitchen helpers for the delicious lunch  
prepared for the farewell to Br. Aurelijus.  
Thank you to the members of the Parish's Social  
Committee for ALL their help.  
**THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING TOGETHER..**

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**Once again we are happy to announce  
that we will be having a  
SPRING RUMMAGE SALE  
APRIL 21 - 22 2023**

Our **Labdara Committee** cannot invite everyone  
individually but **needs everyone** to assist in making  
this event a success! Men, women, teens, welcome!

Men are needed to set up tables Tuesday, April 18th  
at 9 am., and also to assist during the set up and sale.

Teens who volunteer will receive  
"Community Service" credit .

Everyone is needed to sort and organize  
the donated items!

#### **CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES:**

For health and safety reasons, **we will NOT be  
having a 'CAFE' and will NOT be selling baked  
goods** BUT will gladly accept cakes/cookies for our  
volunteers.

We also ask that you **do not bring any  
USED cosmetics.**

Since we have limited space, **we ask you to bring  
your donations NO EARLIER than  
Monday April 17in the AM!**

**Some items that DO NOT sell are:**

- old radios, computers, encyclopedias,
- old TVs (LED are ok)

We ask that you discard these items elsewhere.

**We will no longer accept large furniture,  
nor will we pick-up or deliver any items.**

**We ask for your cooperation  
and thank you in advance!**

\*For other info please contact:  
Dalia Nausedas 416 418 9920  
Dalia Rocca 905 820 3088

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**TODAY is SHARE LIFE Campaign.** Envelopes you will  
find in the church vestibule.

Please consider supporting the Archdiocesan charities by  
using the envelopes or by going to the internet  
[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) and using the **DONATE NOW.**

Thank you...

**Sunday, April 2nd, WE INVITE  
you to visit the parish cafe and  
enjoy Lithuanian food.**

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Save the Date: Toronto Folk Dance  
Ensemble "Gintaras" invites you to  
their festival, **Gintarinės Joninės** on  
June 24<sup>th</sup> at Anapolis Halls. Guests  
from Lithuania, Sweden, Argentina,  
USA and the Ukrainian Dance School  
will perform. More information can be found at:  
[torontogintaras.com](http://torontogintaras.com)

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#### **RCU announcements -**

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\*RCU Credit Union welcomes members to attend  
the 60th Annual and Special Meeting. It will be  
held at 3:30pm on Sunday April 23. Registration  
starts at 3pm. The meeting will be held in-person  
only, with no ability to participate remotely.  
RCU Credit Union will be hosting a meal at the  
end of the meeting. Each person joining us for the  
meal will need their own unique reservation  
number to participate. Please call 416-532-3400  
or email [rcuagm@rpcul.com](mailto:rcuagm@rpcul.com) by 4pm on  
Wednesday April 12 to reserve your spot.

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**The XVII Lithuanian World Youth  
Congress** is taking place this summer from  
**June 14-22** in Boston, Camp "Neringa", and  
Montreal. The Congress organizing committee  
invites all who are interested in learning more about  
the Congress to a presentation in the parish cafe  
on **Sunday, March 26th after 11am Mass.** All  
donations collected during the presentation will go  
towards organizing the Congress program. Coffee  
and donuts will be provided.

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The Toronto Lithuanian Community board  
invites everyone its annual **Celebration of Lithuanian  
Independence (Feb.16 and Mar.11)**, on **Sunday, March  
26 at 4 p.m. at Anapolis Christian Community Centre**  
(2185 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga). Renowned Canadian  
Lithuanian author Antanas Šileika to speak. "Gintaras"  
Toronto Lithuanian Youth Ensemble children's, youth and  
student groups to dance. Poetry to be recited by Toronto  
"Maironis" Lithuanian School students as well as  
musical performances by piano, violin and voice  
students of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

The Toronto Lithuanian Community board



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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.

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