

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the

beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

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†R.R.

*Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

†Elenute Kriksciunas

for Samulevicius' deceased family members

†Manuel Barata Rodrigues

†Alfredas Stanevicius (15th anniv.)

†Tekle Pauliukonis-Kalvinskis

†Sheila Stephen

†Bronius Karasiejus

("Kretinga")

(Samonis family)

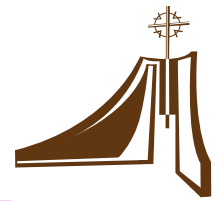
(Akelaitis family)

(A.G.Valavicius)

(O.Peciulyte)

(D.D.Danaitis-Stacey)

(R.J.Karasiejus)



2021

CALENDAR

THE CHURCH  
IS OPEN FOR

PRIVATE  
PRAYER

ON

WEEKDAYS  
(MONDAY-  
FRIDAY)

FROM 5 PM  
TO 7 PM

SUNDAYS  
FROM 1 PM  
TO 3 PM  
(CHANGE FROM  
PREVIOUS  
SUNDAYS )

THE HOLY  
MASS  
CAN BE  
SEEN ON  
YOUTUBE

## THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (January 25): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (T.L.Brezukas); †Henrikas and Irena Matusaitis (R.J.Bailaisis);

**TUESDAY** (January 26): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; requesting blessings of the Lord for friend Angele (GJ);

**WEDNESDAY** (January 27): 7 p.m. †Petras Nevulis (O.Dirmantas); †Joana Bubulis (A.E.Bubulis);

**THURSDAY** (January 28): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris); †Douglas Stacey (D.D.Danaitis-Stacey);

**FRIDAY** (January 29): 7 p.m. †Elenute Kriksciunas (Jaglowitz family); †Liudas Matukas (G.Matukas);

**SATURDAY** (January 30): 9 a.m. †Donata Jarmusiene (V.Zaleckaite); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (January 31): 9 a.m. †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas (Paulius and family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Kristina Simkus-Sukauskas and her deceased parents (GJ); †Ipolitas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); †Mary Anne Kuslikis ("Kretinga"); †Juozas, Viktoras and Alfonsas Merkevicius (D.Danaitis); †Stasys Kuliavas (51st anniv.) and Stasys Vaitiekunas (48th anniv.) (R.L.S.Kuliavas); †Nina Peciulyte (V.Rasiulis).

**Capital Fund - \$ 316,944**

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*"For it is in giving that we receive".  
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections, beginning week of  
January 17th - 21st**

8 envelopes - \$ 625

Direct deposit - \$ 1,285

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eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$ 80

**THANK you for your generosity**

**Dear parishioners,** In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: [resparish@prisikelimas.ca](mailto:resparish@prisikelimas.ca) or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA\\_c-g/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/).

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication -

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**Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for YOU  
ALL in this difficult time. Let us have hope...**



*As we are aware, COVID 19 has had a huge impact on all of us, and especially the elderly living at Labdara. As visitors are not allowed at this time, they are in need of warmth and closeness.*

*Therefore, Prisikelimo Parapija is organizing a Valentine's Day card event for Labdara residents. We are looking for volunteers to write warm, heart-felt greetings to the residents.*

*Cards can be dropped off inside of the church's office front doors where you will find a decorated collection box.*

*We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday February 7th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.*

*These acts of kindness may be small, but they are mighty. In a resident's life, these greetings are assured to bring them happiness, tears of joy, and encouragement so that they feel they are not forgotten.*

*If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to contact Vida Dirmantaite-Groen in 't Woud - [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)*

*We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.*

Mass will be celebrated for Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis on Jan. 27, 12 pm., 2021 in Lithuania at St. Archangel Michael's Basilica in Marijampole.



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc9pDwC45is4Deu4XZo\\_Kkg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc9pDwC45is4Deu4XZo_Kkg)

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**On January 31st, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out.** Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to **G r a z i n a V a l i n t i e n e**

[grazinav2@hotmail.com](mailto:grazinav2@hotmail.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. Prices: 1 cabbage roll - \$5; 1 potato dumpling (cepelinas) - \$5; 1 portion potato casserole (kugelis) - \$12

**Pick-up will be outside the kitchen door** in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM. **PRE-ORDERS ONLY.**

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Our parish started a **FOOD DRIVE** in aid of the needy in Toronto. **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: Christian unity achieved only through God's grace



In his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis reminds Christians that unity is achieved only with the grace of God, and not through our own force of will.

As Christians around the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' invitation to overcome discord and sow reconciliation.

Speaking in the catechesis portion of his weekly General Audience, the Pope reminded everyone that Jesus did not command His disciples to be united, but rather prayed that they might be.

This, said the Pope, “means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Unity is above all a gift, a grace to be requested through prayer.”

### Internal conflict

As the Apostle Paul observed, each of us experiences a painful conflict within ourselves, in which we desire the good but find ourselves inclined toward evil.

Our internal conflict, said Pope Francis, is a reminder that the true solution comes “by asking God for peace, reconciliation, and unity.”

He said Jesus prayed for His own, “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). “Our prayer for unity,” he added, “is thus a humble but trusting participation in the Lord’s prayer.”

### External hardship

Pope Francis then asked us all to reflect on how often we pray for Christian unity.

“During this time of serious hardship, this prayer is even more necessary so that unity might prevail over conflicts.”

Christians, he said, need to pursue the path of visible unity, because the world will only believe in Christ if we bear witness “to the love that unites us”.

### Fighting for unity

“To pray means to fight for unity,” said the Pope. This means fighting against the discord and division which the devil seeks to sow by magnifying the defects and mistakes of others in our eyes.

God, however, offers another path. “He takes us as we are, different, sinners, and nudges us towards unity.”

So, Pope Francis invited everyone to sow unity in our homes and workplaces with the tools God has given us: “prayer and love.”

### In Christ's love

Finally, Pope Francis reflected on the theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.”

“The root of communion and love is Christ who makes us overcome our prejudices to see in others a brother or sister to be loved always,” he said.

By seeking unity, we find that Christians of other confessions are gifts from God.

“Let us begin to pray for them and, when possible, with them,” concluded Pope Francis. “We will thus learn to love and appreciate them.”

(SAK / Vatican News)

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