

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 32 (3559) August 11th, 2024

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven.

Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you are the *living bread* which sustains me in this life. May I always hunger for the *bread which comes from heaven* and find in it the nourishment and strength I need to love and serve you wholeheartedly. May I always live in the joy, peace, and unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, both now and in the age to come." (daily scripture.net) †R.R.

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m.	†Brone and Apolaras Beresnevicius	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	for peace in the world	
	†Sofija Oleka	(O.Oleka)
	for Baranauskas’ deceased family members	(R.J.Kuliesius)
	†Bob White (5th anniv.)	(V.White)
	†Rita Radziunas	(Ruta G)
	†Jurgis Senda and deceased family members	(Senda family)
	for Rimkevicius’ deceased family members	(R.Urnieziene)

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September 2 - closed

Congregational singing

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses August 12 - 18

MONDAY (August 12): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (GJ);

TUESDAY (August 13): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; special intention (JMC); in thanksgiving (GJ);

WEDNESDAY (August 14): 7 p.m. †Leopoldas and Ramute Gumuliauskas (daughter);

THURSDAY (August 15): 7 p.m. †Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas (GJ); †Aldona Gudavicius (R.Gulyas); special intention (Violeta and Erinija);

FRIDAY (August 16): 7 p.m. †Petras Inciura (R.Inciura); †Vilius (20th anniv.) Ruslys (N.Ruslys); requesting grace of health for Elena, Terese and Valentina (friend);

SATURDAY (August 17): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Valentina Zimkeviciene (I.Matus);

SUNDAY (August 18): 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (D'Almeira); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Juozapas Vydmantas (GJ); †Eleonora Stanevicius-Holmes (Stanevicius family); for Besasparis' and Kazlauskas' deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas); †Valdas Koncius (daughter and family); †Stepas (Steve) Ignatavicius (family); for Cuplinskas', Matulionis' & Stonkus' living & deceased family members (family).

The week's Holy Masses August 19 - 25

MONDAY (August 19): 7 p.m. †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

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

WEDNESDAY (August 21): 7 p.m. †Jeronimas and Pijus Pleinys (I.Kavanagh);

THURSDAY (August 22): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis);

FRIDAY (August 23): 7 p.m. †Leopoldas and Ramute Gumuliauskas (daughter);

SATURDAY (August 24): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Juozas Stasiulevicius (aunt Jurate and family);

SUNDAY (August 25): 9 a.m. †Algis Vaisnoras (VDG); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Sofija Oleka (O.Oleka); †Albinas Radziunas (D.L.Radziunas); †Fr. Arvydas Zygas (Rūta G.); for Vaitiekunas', Smolskis', Siauciulis' & Kuliavas' living & deceased family members (family); blessings of the Lord for Matas and Luiza family (mother).

Capital Fund - \$ 372,345

A.Baziliauskas, L.R.Steer - \$ 100

THANK YOU...

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

Sunday (07.14) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

35 envelopes - \$ 1,050

No envelopes - \$ 108.30

Direct deposit - \$ 915

Sunday (07.21) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

36 envelopes - \$ 910

No envelopes - \$ 101.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,115

In memory of Valentina Zimkevicius, R.A.Sileika
donated \$ 500 for the parish renovation fund

THANK you for your generosity...



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated August 15th.

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is the oldest of all the Marian feasts honouring the Mother of God. In Lithuania it is also called "Zoline". Since early Christianity the Church would bless the fields herbs, flowers, plants. It is believed that blessing the house would protect the flowers from the lightning, fire, and evil spirits.

In the fifth century, Catholics believed that Mary's body did not remain in the tomb, but was spiritualized and taken to heaven. St. John of Damascus (died 780) mentions in his writings a popular story that the apostles gathered in Jerusalem to say goodbye to the Saviour's dead mother. After the funeral, they stood guard at the tomb of the Mother of God. The apostle Peter inspired by God declared that Mary was resurrected, and suggested they open her tomb. Mary's body was no longer there, and the tomb was full of beautiful flowers and herbs. "And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" - the apostle John, a disciple of Jesus, recorded this vision of the "Radiant Woman" - the Church's symbol of fighting against the biblical dragon.

The rites of the Ancient Balts dedicated "Zoline" to Mother Earth and entrusted their their offerings of mature crops. On this occasion, relatives and neighbours assembled (an old proverb says: "those who don't socialize during "Zoline", will have nothing all their lives) - to socialize, is to share joys and sorrows. This festival is unique in that a person having gathered their harvests into their granaries, showed concern for their neighbour and shared with them out of their bounty.

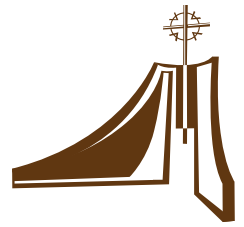
Each year the Feast of "Zolines" is organized in Lithuanian Churches and many people gather from near and far.

This is a day of thanksgiving, early potatoes are eaten with mushrooms, berries (preserved), and greens are picked for salads or garnishes. During "Zoline", as at "Kucios" the entire family gathers at the table to eat of 12 dishes prepared from the newly harvested grains, fruits and vegetables. A candle is lit on the table; it is carried around the table and passed from hand to hand around the table. The leftovers are given to the poor - this was to honour the ancestors.

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Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, you nourish and sustain us with your very own presence and life-giving word. You are the bread of life - the heavenly food that sustains us now and that produces everlasting life within us. May I always hunger for you and be satisfied in you alone." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

The Lord gave them bread, bread from heaven.

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