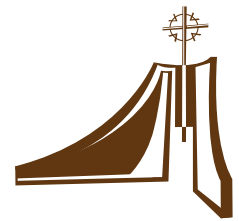


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 10 (3643) March 8th, 2026

## 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT- A



In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †RR

***O that today you would listen to his voice!***

***Harden not your hearts.***

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

- 9 a.m. †Anele, Juozas and Suzan Urkis (Urkis family)  
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners  
for peace in the world  
†Bronius Matusevicius (30th anniv.) and deceased family members (family)  
†Aivaras Zabas (R.J.Balaisis)  
†Jeronimas Pleinys (family)  
†Kazimieras and Ceslovas Rimkevicius (RU)  
†Jonas Remesat ("Kretinga")  
†Julius Degutis (B.B.Degutis)

2026

**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 31**

*Confirmation*

**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 - Zibute Janeliunas, Ted Chornomaz,

Kassandra Kaminskas,

Ramona Kaminskas, Rasa Siauciunas

11 AM - Julija Danaitis, Ramona Kaminskas,

Rasa Siauciunas, Adriana Verbyla

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Mass

**MONDAY** (March 9): 7 p.m.;

**TUESDAY** (March 10): 7 p.m. for living and deceased benefactors;

**WEDNESDAY** (March 11): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (R.J.Balaisis); for Lithuanian Independence;

**THURSDAY** (March 12): 7 p.m. †Ona Vydmantas (granddaughter);

**FRIDAY** (March 13): 7 p.m. †Kazimieras Juskevicius (T.Urbantas);

**SATURDAY** (March 14): 9 a.m. special intention (NN); †Adam Benetis (L.Benetis); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (March 15): 9 a.m. †Eugenija Bacevicius (K.S.Kiss); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Marius Rusinas (1st anniv.) (family); †Marija Gudelis (daughter and family); †Nijole, Algimantas and Algirdas Banelis (Cuplinskas family); †Marija and Kazimieras Kalinauskas (Prakapas family); †Sandra Kreivis and Teodoras Balceris (Stravinskas family); †Anela Kuncaitis (Januska family); †Diana Vingris (1st anniv.) (niece A.Pliaugaite).

### For it is in giving that we receive

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

### Sunday (03.01) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections

47 envelopes - \$ 2,157

No envelopes - \$ 91.80

Direct deposit - \$ 2,295

Children's envelopes: Tomas - \$ 5

Lent retreat - \$ 375

**THANK you for your generosity...**



**Every Thursday during Lent**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. will take place before the evening Holy Mass.

Please come and spend an hour with the Lord.

### Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent at 6:15 p.m. before the evening Holy Mass. Let us in prayer accompany Jesus on his sorrowful journey.

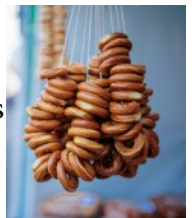


### TODAY all are invited

to the Toronto Lithuanian Scouts' annual **St. Casimir's Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** downstairs, in the parish hall.

At the fair, you will find many interesting goods - handicrafts, delicious food, delicacies, sweets. Zeppelins and kugel will also be sold in the parish cafeteria.

*Come enjoy the fun and joyful atmosphere of the fair!*



*Spring is a time of rebirth and a beautiful opportunity to continue with the Lenten spirit of giving; doing good deeds for others.*

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 March 22nd and 29th. After 9am and 11am Masses, you will have an opportunity to make some greeting cards. All materials will be provided.**

For further questions, please contact Tessa Dirmantaite Groen in't Woud [tessag@primus.ca](mailto:tessag@primus.ca)

*We thank you for your continued generosity.*



We congratulate **EMILIJA CEPAS** on her **100th birthday!**  
 We wish her good health, peace in her heart, and the love and warmth of her loved ones.  
 May each day be blessed by the Lord, bright, meaningful, and filled with joy.

**Wishing many more beautiful and blessed years!**



**We invite you** to come to the **Resurrection Parish Hall on March 22nd at 4 p.m.** to enjoy a musical

afternoon **SPRING HARMONY**

Works by: Handel, Mozart, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, Vivaldi, Piazzola.

The program artists are: **Aleksia Vadauskas** mezzo soprano, **Lile Vadauskas** soprano, **Liepa Spakauskas** mezzo soprano, **Cadenza Trio**, **Ruta Melkis** violin, **Carlos Andara** cello, **Danius Verbyla** piano, **Leokadija Paulauskaite - Kanovich** piano, **Ilona Damasiute - Beres** piano.

Admission is free; donations are sincerely appreciated.

More information [ilona.beres@gmail.com](mailto:ilona.beres@gmail.com)  
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**Two Shepherds — One Mission**

Lithuanian Museum Archives of Canada invites you come to Resurrection Parish to visit an exhibition dedicated to Bishop Paulius Baltakis, ofm and Msgr. Edmondas Putrimas, who devoted nearly four decades to serving the Lithuanian diaspora.

Through their commitment to pastoral care, cultural preservation, and work with youth, they strengthened the faith, identity, and unity of Lithuanians around the world. From the difficult years behind the Iron Curtain to addressing today's social challenges, their influence shaped generations and ensured that faith and community remained at the heart of Lithuanian identity—wherever in the world these communities settled.



**2025 CAMP "KRETINGA"**

July 5th - 18th *English camp*

July 19th - August 1st *Lithuanian camp*

Registration link [https://form.jotform.com/camp\\_kretinga/2026-camp-kretinga-registration](https://form.jotform.com/camp_kretinga/2026-camp-kretinga-registration)

**We can't wait to see YOU ALL!**



**A heartfelt THANK YOU**  
 to Fr. Mantas Mileris, SJ  
 for the meaningful Lenten retreat and for visiting us;



to Algimantas Nakrosius  
 for creating the special gift  
 for Fr. Mantas;

to our greeters: Vika Reinecker, Emilija Sawchuk  
 and Jurgis Kuliesius;



and for preparing the festive refreshments,  
 sincere thanks to Genovaite Kobelskis and her helpers:  
 Regina Urnieziene, Jurate Planciuniene, Bronele Prakapas  
 and Grazina Adie.



We are also grateful to the members of the Parish's Social Committee for their generous help in every way.

And to ALL OF YOU  
 who came to the Lenten retreat  
 and celebration —

**THANK YOU...**

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**THANK YOU** for donations.

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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Writing Cheques payable to **Resurrection Parish** in the **MEMO:** Donation to Parish or Mass.

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## SAVE THE DATE

2026 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Lithuanian House: 1573 Bloor Street W

Registration: 6:30PM, Meeting: 7:00PM



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