

# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - B



This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and

moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) † R.R.



### MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

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|---------|--|-----------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | Lord's blessings for EP                                  | (NN)                  |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners                     |                       |
|         | †Valentina and Marija Indris                             | (R.Indris)            |
|         | †Petras Butenas  | (Akelaitis family)    |
|         | †Gedas Smolskis  | (R.L.S.Kuliavas)      |
|         | †Anele Kandrotas   | (daughter and family) |
|         | †Vincas Beresnevicius                                    | (B.Tamosiunas)        |
|         | †Fr. Antanas Prakapas                                    | (Prakapas family)     |
|         | †Albinas (6th anniv.) and Martinas (6th anniv.) Tarvydas | (I.P.Tarvydas)        |
|         | †Teodoras Stanulis (3rd anniv.)                          | (family)              |
|         | †Albina Laurinaitis                                      | (Karasiejus family)   |
|         | for Miceika and Barsciauskas' deceased family members    | (D.Vorps)             |
|         | requesting grace of health for Dainora                   | (GJ)                  |

The church is open  
for private prayer  
on weekdays  
(Monday-Friday)  
from 5:30 pm  
to 7 pm

Sunday Masses  
online -

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Tevai Pranciskonai

**Cantors of the Masses:**  
**11 a.m. - Ziba Janeliunas, Danguole Cinga,**  
**Ilona Tarvydas, Julija Danaitis,**  
**Danute Biskys, Rasa Wilkinson**  
**organist - Ilona Beres**

### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (March 29): 7 p.m. †Juozas Kuculis (D.J.Didzbalis);

**TUESDAY** (March 30): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Stanley Urbantas (T.Urbantas); †Onute Vaitkevicius - Hragnik (daughter Danute);

**WEDNESDAY** (March 31): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma);

**HOLY THURSDAY** (April 1): 7 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Last Supper;

**GOOD FRIDAY** (April 2): 2:50 p.m. musical reflections; 3 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of our Lord;

**HOLY SATURDAY** (April 3): 8:00 p.m. **EASTER VIGIL LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY MASS;**

**SUNDAY - EASTER** (April 4) 9 a.m. for Krasauskas', Pazera and Nenortas' living and deceased family members (GJ); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; for living and deceased family members and friends (GJ); for Dirmantas', Nevulis' and Groen in't Woud' deceased family members (family); for Martusevicius' and Petrulis' deceased family members (family); †Loreta Murauskas (1st anniv) (R.Bell); †Birute Tamoliunas (Zubrickas family); †Brigita Silinskas (15th anniv.) (G.Adie); †requesting grace of health for parish priests (Ruta G.); requesting grace of health for parents and auntie Dalia (Irma).

**Capital Fund - \$ 317,944**

**THANK YOU...**

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

### Collections of March 21st

18 envelopes - \$ 1,350

Direct deposit - \$ 1,225

eTransfer - \$ 100

eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$ 240

A.R.Sileika for Easter donated  
\$ 500 to the parish

**THANK you for your generosity**



**Dear parishioners,**

We are very pleased that recent changes to the Province of Ontario's COVID 19 protocols allow us to return to celebrating Mass with the faithful in attendance. All previous precautions remain

in effect to ensure the health and safety of all:

\*If you are experiencing symptoms, please stay home

\*Upon arrival at church, please check in with the volunteers

\*Disinfect your hands and wear a face covering while you are in church

\*Always maintain a safe distance of 2m. from others

The maximum number of Mass participants is currently limited, including priests and those participating in music ministry. **As a result, we are temporarily implementing a mandatory registration system for Sunday Masses.**

**We regret that we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass in person. We will only be able to accommodate Mass participants who have pre-registered, and we ask for your patience and understanding.**

**Please use the link below to register for Mass on Sunday, March 28.**

<https://prisikelimoparapija.flocknote.com/signup/48782>

When a new window opens, select the Mass you wish to attend and fill in your name and e-mail address. You may register up to three people.

**REGISTRATION FOR OTHER HOLY WEEK MASSES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.**

### IMPORTANT

\*Please check for a confirmation email after you register; if you don't see one in your inbox (or junk), your registration was not successful.

\*If you register and then realize you will not be able to attend, please cancel your registration to free up the spot for someone else.

Understandably, some of you will not feel comfortable or safe returning to church at this time. Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian will continue Sundays at 11, as will the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

*Until we can all safely worship together, let us remain united in prayer.*

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE "HOLY LAND".**

**YOU WILL FIND THE ENVELOPES IN THE CHURCH HALLWAY THIS SUNDAY.**

**THANK YOU ..**

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

Prisikëlino Parapija invites everyone to write heartfelt Easter greetings to our friends at "Labdara" Nursing Home.

Your greetings will bring them happiness, encouragement and a feeling of close connection to our community. You may address your home-made or store-bought greeting cards as Gerbiamoji, Gerbiamasis, Mieloji, Mielasis, Dear Friend, etc.

Completed greeting cards can be dropped off in the collection box that is placed in front of the parish doors.

We would like to receive your greetings by Sunday March 28th, as this would allow enough time for your cards to be quarantined and handed out to the residents by the staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Vida - [vidag@primus.ca](mailto:vidag@primus.ca)

We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



THE CONSULAR MISSION to TORONTO is scheduled for

**MAY 14 and 15, 2021,**

at the Resurrection Parish,

1 Resurrection Rd, Toronto, ON M9A 5G1.

**Please pre-book an appointment via e-mail at [consul.ca@mfa.lt](mailto:consul.ca@mfa.lt) and indicate the following information:**

1. The name, surname and phone number of the person receiving the consular services
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- Please be advised that

- Only persons who have registered in advance can attend. All registered participants will be personally notified by e-mail of the exact time and date of their respective appointments.

- The fee for consular services, which is paid during consular mission, is **50% higher than usual.**

- The consular fee can be paid by debit or credit card. We do not accept cash or personal checks; we apologize for this inconvenience.

- All additional information regarding the documents required for your appointment can be found at <https://ca.mfa.lt/ca/en/travel-and-residence/general-information/passport-of-the-republic-of-lithuania>

In order to maintain the safety, all visitors are required to arrive in groups no larger than two persons, wear face masks and maintain a distance of at least 2 meters throughout the duration of their visit to the Consular Mission. We appreciate your co-operation and understanding.

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The Boston Lithuanian community invites Lithuanian Canadians to view the Lithuanian film "I Want to Live," (dir. Justinas Krisciūnas) virtually at the Boston Baltic Mini Film Festival on April 16-18.

This and other films of the festival will be available across the USA and Canada. For more information, please go to the organizers' website at <https://www.bostonbalticfilm.org>.

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With best wishes, Toronto KLB

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Our parish CONTINUES and INVITES ALL to join 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: Mary near to those who die alone in pandemic



At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis reflects on the theme of prayer in communion with Mary, and says Our Lady is at the bedside of those who die alone without the comfort of their loved ones.

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Thursday, Pope Francis reflected on the beauty of the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, the Pope continued his catechesis on prayer, focusing on "prayer in communion with Mary."

He began by noting the centrality of Jesus in all forms of Christian prayer.

"Each prayer we raise to God is *through Christ, with Christ and in Christ* and is fulfilled thanks to His intercession," said the Pope, adding that Christ "is the only Redeemer: there are no co-redeemers with Christ."

Blessed is the fruit

Pope Francis went on to say that Christ's mediation for us with the Father gives meaning to other references which Christians turn to in prayer, "first among them being the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God."

"She occupies a privileged place in the lives of Christians," he said, "and therefore, in their prayer as well, because she is the Mother of Jesus."

The Holy Father recalled how the Eastern Churches describe her with the Greek term *Hodegetria*: "the one who shows the way" to her Son. He added that everything about Mary is "completely directed" toward Christ and is the "first disciple".

Pray for us sinners

Jesus, said the Pope, extended Mary's maternity to all members of the Church when He entrusted her to His beloved disciple who stood at the foot of the Cross.

"From that moment on, we have all been gathered under her mantle," he said.

Just as she stayed near her dying Son in his last moments, said Pope Francis, so she remains with those who are dying, as we pray in the Hail Mary.

"Mary is always present at the bedside of her children when they depart this world," he said. "If someone is alone and abandoned, she is there, near, as she was next to her Son when everyone else abandoned him."

Now and at the hour of our death

During the Covid-19 pandemic, as so many people die alone in hospital due to social restrictions, Mary accompanies those who are on their deathbed in solitude.

She is with those who die without the comfort of their loved ones, said the Pope, "with her maternal tenderness."

"Prayers said to her are not in vain," he added. "She hears our voices, even those that remain closed in our hearts".

Heart of a mother

Mary, concluded Pope Francis, always protects her children, defending us from danger, even when we lose our way or put our salvation in danger.

"Mary is there," he said, "praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. Because she is our Mother."

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MEETING**

**April 13, 2021**

Tuesday | 6:30 pm

Meeting will be taking  
place virtually

**RCU Board of Directors  
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