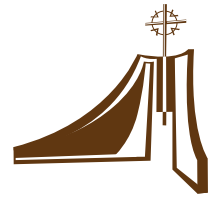


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT - C



Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger

son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First, we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)) †R.R.

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

(CBW p.55)

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

|         |  |                         |
|---------|--|-------------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | †Stasys Prakapas   | (G.Valintiene)          |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners                     |                         |
|         | †Eugenijus Siciunas                                      | (wife)                  |
|         | †Ona and Zigmantas Girduškas                             | (family)                |
|         | †Sofija and Adomas Bireta                                | (B.V.Bireta)            |
|         | †Everistas Luksaitis - Lukas                             | (friend)                |
|         | †Algirdas Martusevicius                                  | (daughter)              |
|         | †Tomas Prakapas  | (Prakapas family)       |
|         | †Brone and Jonas Greiciunas                              | (A.R.Batten)            |
|         | †Martinas (7th anniv.) and Albinas (7th anniv.) Tarvydas | (family)                |
|         | †Paul Vella  | (M.V.)                  |
|         | †Konstancija Jurgutis and Algirdas Kvedaras              | (L.G.Jurgutis)          |
|         | †Aldona Urbonavicius                                     | (Daiva)                 |
|         | †Gediminas Smolskis                                      | (R.R.Smolskis)          |
|         | †Albina Simukenas  | (sons Remigijus & Aras) |

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## Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Youth

11 AM - Danute Pranaitis

organist - Ilona Beres

### THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (March 28): 7 p.m. †Valentinas and Marija Indris (R.Indris);

**TUESDAY** (March 29): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Irena Biskys (L.Kersis);

**WEDNESDAY** (March 30): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Mindaugas and Maryte Selmys (A.Ulba); 7 p.m. †Teodoras Stanulis (Prakapas family);

**THURSDAY** (March 31): 7 p.m. †Marija Vilciauskas and family (A.Ulba); †Vetuzab Ana Marija and Ciocan Che (A.M.);

**FRIDAY**: (April 1): 7 p.m. †Loreta Murauskas (daughter Ramona and family); in thanksgiving (GJ);

**SATURDAY** (April 2): †Katarina and Petras Brazauskas and Janina Grebliauskas (NN); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Ona Beresnevicius (B.Tamosiunas);

**SUNDAY** (April 3): 9 a.m. †Juozas Morkunas (A.Ciaucionas); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Magdalena and Jonas Tarvydas (B.V.Bireta); for Besasparis' and Kazlauskas' living and deceased family members (B.Kazlauskas); †Veronika Balaisis (L.Underys); †Birute Tamoliunas (2nd anniv.) (Zubrickas family); †Janina Poska (R.Oleka); †Maria "Esa" Pabedinskas-Fisher (G.Ignaitis); requesting grace of health for mother Almute (daughter).

Capital Fund - 327,929

THANK YOU...

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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections of March 20th**

29 envelopes - \$ 1,370

No envelopes - \$ 64.35

Direct deposit - \$ 1,130

Support to UKRAINE - \$ 250

eTransfer - \$ 380

eTransfer (Mass intention)- \$ 250

In memory of Irena Biskys donated - \$625

**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 - 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...

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.

Prisikëlimo 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 April 10th, 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.

### Lithuanian food for take out - on **April 10th**

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene [grazinavalintiene@gmail.com](mailto:grazinavalintiene@gmail.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. **PRE-ORDERS ONLY.**

Our parish CONTINUES our FOOD DRIVE in aid of the needy in Toronto and INVITES ALL to participate.

NON-PERISHABLE Food may be brought and left in the box provided, at the parish door.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

## PEACE for UKRAINE!

Donations to provide urgent aid to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters suffering as a result of the war may be made:

1) via the Franciscan Fathers

by cheques: **Franciscan Fathers, Memo: Ukraine;**

2) be made Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or by cheques:

**Resurrection Parish – Ukraine Humanitarian Relief.**

*We invite you to help our brothers and sisters of Ukraine.*

### **Pope recites special prayer for end to war in Ukraine**

**Forgive us for war, O Lord.**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!*

*Lord Jesus, born in the shadows*

*of bombs falling on Kyiv, have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms*

*in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines,*

*have mercy on us!*

*Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands in the shadow of*

*your Cross, have mercy on us!*

*Forgive us, O Lord.*

*Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails*

*with which we crucified Your hands, as we continue to slate*

*our thirst with the blood of those mauled by weapons.*

*Forgive us, if these hands which You created to tend have*

*been transformed into instruments of death.*

*Forgive us, O Lord, if we continue to kill our brother;*

*Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up*

*the stones of our fields to kill Abel.*

*Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty*

*with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality*

*of our actions with our pain.*

*Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You!*

*Hold fast the hand of Cain!*

*Illumine our consciences; May our will not be done;*

*Abandon us not to our own actions!*

*Stop us, O Lord, stop us!*

*And when you have held back the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.*

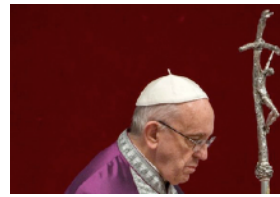
*O Lord, put a halt to the violence!*

*Stop us, O Lord!*

*Amen.*

### **ACTION "LET'S SUPPORT UKRAINE"**

For every Sunday in March (while supplies last), from 10am to 12:30pm, the Canadian Lithuanian Youth Association (CLYA) will be selling "AŠ LT" T-shirts and "Vytiš" water bottles at the Parish main entrance. All proceeds collected will be donated to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. **Glory to Ukraine!**



### **Pope to Bishops: Consecration of Russia and Ukraine 'to implore peace'**

Pope Francis sends a letter to all Catholic Bishops ahead of the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, calling it a "gesture of the universal Church" to invoke an end to the violence and suffering of innocent people. The Pope is formally inviting every Catholic Bishop around the world to join him on Friday, 25 March, to pray a "solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Pope Francis made the appeal in a letter sent on Wednesday to all Bishops.

In his letter, the Pope lamented the "immense suffering" the war in Ukraine is inflicting upon its "sorely tried people" and which is "threatening world peace."

*"At this dark hour, the Church is urgently called to intercede before the Prince of Peace and to demonstrate her closeness to those directly affected by the conflict."*

Invoke peace for Ukraine

The Pope expressed his gratitude to the many Catholics who have responded "with great generosity to my appeals for prayer, fasting, and charity."

He said his decision to perform the Act of Consecration for the nations at war came partly in response to the "numerous requests by the People of God."

*"On 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I intend to carry out a solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

He said the choice to perform the Act at Friday's Lenten penitential service is particularly fitting, since it allows us to "invoke peace with hearts renewed by God's forgiveness."

The Act of Consecration will take place about 6:30 PM Rome time, and the Pope will lead the prayer in St. Peter's Basilica.

The entire Celebration of Penance will be broadcast across Vatican News' channels—radio, YouTube, website, and Facebook—and accompanied by English-language commentary.

Imploring end to violence

Pope Francis went on to lay out the meaning behind the consecration of Russia and Ukraine.

*"This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through His Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace."*

The Pope then invited all Bishops, priests, religious, and Catholic faithful to "assemble in their places of prayer on 25 March, so that God's Holy People may raise a heartfelt and choral plea to Mary our Mother."

Cooperation of all Catholics

Pope Francis wrapped up his letter to the world's Bishops thanking everyone for their attention and "ready cooperation."

And he blessed the Bishops and the faithful entrusted to their care. "May Jesus protect you and the Holy Virgin watch over you," he prayed.

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April 5, 2022  
Tuesday | 6:30 pm

NOMINATIONS  
OPEN UNTIL  
March 21, 2022 at 12:00 noon

Pre-registration required [www.rpcul.com](http://www.rpcul.com)  
Meeting will be taking place virtually

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