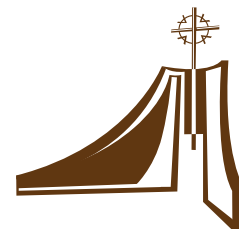


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - C



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in

Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. ([loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com))

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet." ([dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)) †R.R.

## Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. †Nancy Stonkus	(S.Brough and R.Zander)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners	
for peace in the world	
for living and deceased friends	(JMC)
†Joana and Algimantas (10th anniv.) Zubrickas	(V.L.Zubrickas)
†Juozas Zemaitis	(GK)
†Nijole and Vytautas Tamulaitis	(R.A.Nakrosius)
†Julius Nevulis	(O.Dirmantas)
†Ona and Zigmantas Girdauskas	(family)
in thanksgiving	(GJ)

2025

**January 12**

*Lithuanian food day*

**February 9**

*Sports club "AUSRA" Mass*

**February 23**

*Pancakes day*

**March 2**

*St. Casimir Fair*

**March 5**

*Ash Wednesday*

**March** (date TBD)

*Lenten Retreat*

**April 13**

*Lithuanian food day*

**April 17-20**

*Holy week*

**April 20**

*Easter*

**April 26**

*"Volunges sparnais..." concert*

**April 27**

*Parish Annual Meeting*

**May 2-3**

*Spring Rummage Sale*

**May 4**

*First Communion*

**June 7**

*Run for Hope*

**June** (date TBD)

*Confirmation*

**June 22**

*St. John's day*

**Camp Kretinga**

*July 6-19 (En.)*

*July 20 - August 2 (Lith.)*

**October 24-25**

*Fall Rummage Sale*

**November 8**

*Annual Dinner*

**December** (date TBD)

*Advent Retreat*

**December 14**

*Christmas Concert*

**December 25**

*Christmas*

### Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Zibute Janeliunas & Ted Chornomaz

11 AM - Zita Nausedas & Rasa Siauciunas

organist - Ilona Beres

### The week's Holy Masses

**MONDAY** (January 6): 7 p.m. special intention (JMC); †Leo and Teresa Pereira (son);

**TUESDAY** (January 7): for living and deceased parishioners;

**WEDNESDAY** (January 8): 7 p.m.;

**THURSDAY** (January 9): 7 p.m. †Danute Slizauskas ("Lithuanian House" board); request grace of health Pranciskus Jurgutis (L.G.Jurgutis);

**FRIDAY** (January 10): 7 p.m. †Terese Grazulis (Buozis family);

**SATURDAY** (January 11): 9 a.m.; 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Veronika, Benediktas, Antanas & Vytautas Navickas; †Jadvyga, Leonas & Juozas Zilinskas (I.F.Zilinskas);

**SUNDAY** (January 12): 9 a.m. †Agnieta (40th anniv.) and Leonas (25th anniv.) Pilipavicius (family); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Dr.Edvardas Puodziukas (3rd anniv.) and Sally Pennock (2nd anniv.) (family); †Rokas Dobrovolskis (grandmother); †Alfonsas and Grazina Sudeikis (E.Sudeikis); †Ilona Janeliunas-Smalenskas (V.Puzeris); †Monsignor Jonas Staskevicius (R.J.Kuliesius); †Genovaite Lietuvininkas - Naras (A.K.Ambrozaitis).

**"Capital Fund" - \$ 518,428**

**R.J.Birgiolas, J.E.Norkus - \$ 2050**

**THANK YOU...**

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

*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday (12.29) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections**

43 envelopes - \$ 2,970

No envelopes - \$ 90.10

Direct deposit - \$ 1,225

**01.01.2025 Collection -**

18 envelopes - \$ 720

No envelopes - \$ 38.25

In memory of Sofija Putrimas, \$1,275 was donated to the "Kretinga" camp

Donations for the Renovation fund:

N.N. \$ 6,000 and K.J.Gataveckas \$9,000

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

### Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

*Come, strength and sweetness of God!*

*Come, You, movement and peace!*

*Renew our courage, fill our solitude in the world,*

*Create in us intimacy with God!*

*We no longer say, like the prophet:*

*"Come from the four winds",*

*As if we did not yet know from where you came;*

*We say: Come, Spirit from the pierced side  
of Christ upon the cross!*

*Come from the mouth of the Risen One!*

**Thank you to ALL** who contributed to the holidays with donations, gifts and prayers...

**Thank you** - readers, singers, helpers...

**A BIG THANK YOU** for helping with the preparation and decoration of the church and the parish to

Algimantas Nakrosius, Romas Krasauskas,

Romas Puteris and Teodoras Pabreza...

**Blessings to ALL in 2025...**



**LITHUANIAN FOOD** - On **Sunday, January 12th** after Mass (starting at 9:45 AM), please join us in the parish hall to enjoy your favourite Lithuanian dishes and good company! No need to pre-order if you plan to dine-in.

**IF YOU WISH TO TAKE FOOD HOME YOU MUST PRE-ORDER by Friday, January 10th, 7PM.**

This helps our kitchen team to estimate quantities and ensure no one is disappointed.

**CASH ONLY** at pick-up, exact change much appreciated!

Order here <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/lietuviska-virtuve-prisikel-410562-14170c>

*On behalf of all "Labdara" residents and staff, we would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of the Resurrection parish for the many wonderful Christmas cards.*

*Our "Labdara" residents received an outstanding 119 hand-made and written Christmas cards. Your greeting cards warmed the hearts of our seniors and put smiles on their faces.*

*Your generosity to our seniors is outstanding. May the Lord reward you all abundantly.*

*Labdara LNH staff*

Our **parish "Labdara" committee CONTINUES The 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.

## **Pope Francis invites us to cherish life and entrust 2025 to Mary**

Mary “immerses us once more in the mystery of Christmas” and leads us to Jesus, says Pope Francis, as he celebrates Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Mother of God.

Pope Francis marked the beginning of 2025 with the celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God.

In his homily, the Holy Father said that “like a Mother,” Mary points us to her Son and leads us to Jesus.

### **The mystery of Christmas**

Today’s feast, he said, “immerses us once more in the mystery of Christmas” – a mystery summed up in the Second Reading, where St Paul tells us that “God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.” These words “echo in our hearts today” and “remind us that Jesus, our Saviour, became flesh and is revealed in the frailty of the flesh.”

That Jesus was born of a woman reminds us “that God became truly man through a human womb” – showing us that God is not simply “some vague religious feeling or fleeting emotion,” but “has a face and a Name, and calls us to have a relationship with Him.”

Jesus, the Pope said, “is one of us, and thus is able to save us.”

### **Jesus shows us the face of God**

St Paul’s words also “speak to us about the humanity of Christ” who is “revealed in the frailty of flesh.” Jesus’ coming as a tiny baby, through the Virgin Mary, reveals how God chooses to act: “through littleness and hiddenness.” Jesus, the Pope said, “revealed God’s love in the beauty of His humanity, dwelling in our midst, sharing our daily life... by the frailty of His humanity and His concern for the weak and vulnerable, Jesus shows us the face of God.”

Pope Francis invited us to “entrust this new year to Mary, the Mother of God,” with the hope that we might learn, “like her” to protect “the precious gift of life.”

### **Cherishing all human life**

Today, the Pope continued, on this World Day of Peace, “all of us are invited to take up the summons that flow from the maternal heart of Mary: to cherish life, to care for life, to restore dignity to the lives of everyone ‘born of woman,’ for this is the basis for building a culture of peace.”

This, he said, is the reason for his appeal “for a firm commitment to respect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.”

“Let us entrust to Mary this new Jubilee Year,” the Holy Father concluded. “Let us entrust to her our questions, our worries, our sufferings, our joys and all the concerns that we bear in our hearts. Let us entrust to her the whole world, so that hope may be reborn and peace may finally spring up for all the peoples of the earth.”

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## **Pope's January prayer intention: 'for the right to an education'**

Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for the month of January 2025, and invites everyone to pray for "the right to an education."

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this January is for "the right to an education."

The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

In The Pope Video for January, the Holy Father warned that today, "we're experiencing an educational catastrophe," and underscores, "This is no exaggeration."

250 million without - Due to wars, migration, and poverty, the Holy Father decried, some 250 million boys and girls lack education. "All children and youth have the right to go to school," the Pope insisted, adding, "regardless of their immigration status."

Education, he went on to say, is a hope for everyone. In addition, he reminded, "it can save migrants and refugees from discrimination, criminal networks, and exploitation."

Tool for integration - "So many minors," he decried, "are exploited!"

Education, therefore, is essential, the Holy Father suggested, because it "can help them integrate into the communities who host them."

A better future - Education, the Pope underscored, opens the doors to a better future. "In this way," he explained, "migrants and refugees can contribute to society, either in their new country or in their country of origin, should they decide to return."

The Holy Father concluded his Video with some food for thought, saying, "let's never forget that whoever welcomes the foreigner, welcomes Jesus Christ." With this in mind, Pope Francis urged faithful to join him in praying for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, "that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a more human world, might always be respected."

### **The Pope Video**

The Pope Video is an official global initiative with the purpose of disseminating the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions. It is carried out by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer). Since 2016, The Pope Video has had more than 203 million views across all the Vatican's social networks and is translated into more than 23 languages, receiving press coverage in 114 countries.

The videos are produced and created by The Pope Video Prayer Network team, coordinated by Andrea Sarubbi, and distributed by La Machi Communication for Good Causes. The project is sponsored by Vatican Media.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is a Vatican foundation, with the mission of mobilizing Catholics through prayer and action in response to the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. These challenges are presented in the form of prayer intentions entrusted by the Pope to the entire Church.



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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.

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