

CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

Nr. 50 (3420) December 12th, 2021

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - C



This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance.

Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's

actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles. In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point others to the light of Christ." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Aldona Zander	(S.Brough & D.Pranaitis)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	†Vaclovas Anskis	(Stanevicius family)
	†Eugenijus Siciunas	(wife)
	†Albina Laurinaitis	(family)
	†Brone Galinis	(A.Jurcevicius)
	†Aldona Smailys and Aleksandra and Vytautas Bubelis	(D.Pikcingiene)
	†Donatas Karosas	(family)
	†Kostas and Eugenija Gaputis	(D.Gaputis)
	†Ramunas Underys	(L.R.S.Kuliavas)
	†Albina (25th anniv.) and Petras (11th anniv.) Styra	(family)
	†Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius	(A.Jurcevicius)
	†Mindaugas Gabrys	(family)
	†Danute Bubliauskiene	(nieces A.S.Pabreza)
	†Algis Martusevicius and Aloyzas Pazera	(Pazera family)
	request grace of health for mother Almute	(daughter)

December 24

8:45 p.m. -

Christmas music

9 p.m. -

Christmas Eve Mass

December 25

Christmas Day

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

2022 January 1st

NEW YEAR

9 a.m. Mass (in EN)

11 a.m. Mass (in LT)

Office hours during the Holidays

December 24

OPEN

9 a.m. - 12 noon

December 25-28

CLOSED

December 31

CLOSED

January 3, 2022

CLOSED

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Tevai Pranciskonai

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gabriele Navickas, Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Danguole Juozapavicius,

Danute Pranaitis, Zita Nausedas, Ilona Tarvydas,
Judita Gabrys, Julija Danaitis, Danguole Cingiene,

Laima Underis, Rasa Wilkinson,

Zibute Janeliunas, Janet Krisciunas,

Sandy Mc Cullough, Grazina Adie

organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (December 13): 7 p.m. †Vincas Valincius (B.B.Degutis); †Regina Taunys (1st anniv.) (family);

TUESDAY (December 14): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; special intention (N.N.); †Marija Janeliunas (1st anniv.) (family);

WEDNESDAY (December 15): 10 a.m. "Labdara" in thanksgiving (grandmother); 7 p.m. †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (J.Klevinas);

THURSDAY (December 16): 7 p.m. in thanksgiving (JMC); †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (O.Dirmantas); †Stasys Kuliavas, sr. (L.R.S.Kuliavas); †Lilija Tamosauskas (V.Baliunas); †Viktoras Leskauskas (A.Morkunas); special intention (G.J.Stasiulevičius); Lord's blessings for Sapauskas family (A.Ratavicius); request grace of health for Vytautas Budeika (M.V.Neverauskas);

FRIDAY (December 17): 7 p.m. for forgotten souls (Prakapas family); †Antanas Urbonas and Sofija Styra (Z.Urbonas);

SATURDAY (December 18): 9 a.m. special intention (NN); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (December 19): 9 a.m. †Bronius, sr. and Bronius, jr. Stoncius (O.Stoncius); 11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family); †Eugenijus Siciunas (wife); †Alfonas Stanevičius (family); †Fr.Kazimieras Kaknevičius (family); †Viktoras Jankauskas (R.J.Kuliesius); †Jadvyga Ruginyte (granddaughter Viktorija); †Elyte and Romualdas Mankelevičius (daughter); for Judvytis', Dackus' & Vydmantas' deceased family members (GJ); for Dirmantas', Nevulis' & Groen in't Woud deceased family members (family); request grace of health for sister Marija Fisher (D.A.Pabedinskas).

Capital Fund - 323,504

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of December 5th

65 envelopes - \$ 5,095

No envelopes - \$ 45

Direct deposit - \$ 2,695

eTransfer - \$ 800

eTransfer (Mass intention) - \$20

In memory of Mary Anne Kuslikis, I.P.

donated \$ 50 to the Parish

In memory of Birute Alksnis, friends

donated \$ 200 to the Parish

THANK you for your generosity



This is the parish home for all of us – so welcome home!

Dear Parishioners, contrary to our greatest hopes, COVID 19 remains part of our reality. As we approach the Christmas season, we are glad to see increasing attendance at Sunday Masses, and we would like to thank you in advance for your continued patience and perseverance in maintaining the health and safety protocols that remain in place. Please: *wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) while you are in the church building; *sanitize your hands upon entering; *register with the volunteers so that in the unfortunate event of a COVID case we will be able to contact you promptly; *practice physical distancing while waiting to register, taking seats, and in line for communion; *follow guidance from the ushers for seating; sit only in marked seats; *stay at home if you are experiencing cold symptoms.

As difficult as it may be to resist, we also ask that you not congregate in the narthex after Mass. It's wonderful that we can worship as a community, and we hope that soon we will be able to meet for fellowship and coffee in the hall. To ensure that happens as soon as possible, let's say our hellos outdoors for the time being.

Live streaming of Mass from our parish in Lithuanian is continuing Sundays at 11, as well the streaming of English language Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Blessings and let's unite in prayer wherever we are.

Christamas Eve Mass - December 24th., 9 a.m.

There is a possibility that we will not be able to seat all those who want to participate in the church during the Christmas Eve

Mass while keeping safe distances. Additional seats will be prepared in the parish hall where it will be possible to watch a live stream of the Mass. We ask for your understanding and patience.

We remind you that you must wear masks in the church premises.

Please arrive at the check-in desk upon arrival at the church.

Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai - will be available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 2 pm., also on Sundays after Mass. It is a Lithuanian tradition that when we are seated at the Kucios table, we share this symbol of the living bread – Jesus Christ as He comes into the world.

Christmas is fast approaching. As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Lithuania. Beginning today, and throughout Advent, **donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania** will be accepted in the church vestibule. In the true Christmas spirit, why not consider making a donation instead of buying gifts?

Advent - hope, love, joy and peace by spreading good deeds amongst our community.

The Church of the Resurrection invites all parishioners and their friends of all ages, to write heartfelt Christmas greetings to our friends at "Labdara" Nursing Home. Your greetings will bring them hope, love, joy, peace and a feeling of close connection to our community. Completed greeting cards may 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 December 19th, 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 Dirmantas Groen in't Woud; vidag@primus.ca. We thank you for your continued support and outstanding generosity.



ATTENTION

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. EVERY DONATION HELPS WITH MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH...

Your 2022 Church Collection Envelopes - are available at the back of the church.

A request regarding donor's envelopes – Please ensure that **all the information** requested on the donor's envelope is **completed**: your first and last name, current address, envelope number (if you are not using a personalized envelope, but a generic one).

We also urge parishioners to promptly **notify** the church office of a **change of address** in order to ensure the timely delivery of tax receipts at year-end.

PLEASE DON'T wait until the last week of December to transfer, bring or send donations to the Parish.

You can donate to the parish and for parish causes through: **envelopes**

eTransfers (email: 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.

Also, you can donate through **banks** - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

Donations to the parish should be written to **Resurrection Parish** and in the MEMO, write the charitable purpose: **Donation to Parish or Mass.**

Donations to the Franciscan Fathers should be written to **Franciscan Fathers** and in the MEMO, write the charitable purpose: **Parish renovation fund, Monastery, Capital fund, Sielovada, Soup kitchen, Camp "Kretinga", Oncology centre Klaipeda, Franciscan Fathers projects in Lithuania.**

The annual **KLJS Ugly Christmas Sweater Party** has returned! To (tree)top it all off, we are co-(HO HO HO)sting the party with LNJAK, the Latvian National Youth Association of Canada! We invite **everyone ages 16-35** to dust off their ugliest, tackiest ugly Christmas sweaters and come by **Lithuanian House (Main Stage Hall)** on **Wednesday, December 22nd at 8pm**. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 ugliest Christmas sweaters.

(Reminder: all attendees must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination and valid photo ID.)

REMINDER - 2 SUNDAYS (December 12th & 19th) **ARE LEFT TO ORDER FOOD TAKE OUT.** Orders will resume in January, 2022.

Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@outlook.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.

PLEASE pick-up your orders outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

Our parish, from September 19th, **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.

Pope at Angelus: Be humble like Mary to attract God's eye



Pope Francis addressed the faithful on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and urged them to be like Mary in her humility, and therefore closeness to God.

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the Angelus on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis turned to the day's Liturgy, which "brings us into the house of Nazareth, where she receives the angel's annunciation". Within intimate domestic walls, the Pope noted, "the Gospel gives us a detail that reveals the beauty of Mary's heart".

Full of grace

Pope Francis noted that the angels refer to Mary as being "full of grace". If this is true, continued the Pope, it means that she is "void of evil: she is without sin, Immaculate".

The Pope noted that Mary is troubled at the angel's greeting. "Receiving grand greetings, honours, and compliments sometimes brings the risk of provoking pride and presumption", said the Pope, adding that "Jesus is not gentle" with those who go in search of greetings, adulation, and visibility.

Mary does not exalt herself as "the angel's greeting seemed too grand for her". That humility attracts God's eyes, explained the Pope.

Free from herself

In this scenario, we see "a marvellous characteristic" of Mary's heart. "She does not lay claim to anything", explained the Pope, "for in her humility she knows she receives everything from God". In this manner, the Pope continued, "*free from herself*, she is completely directed toward God and others". This is true humility, said the Pope.

Pope Francis went on to note the importance of the declaration being made within the walls of a house and not in a main square.

"In that little house of Nazareth beat the greatest heart that any creature has ever had", said the Pope.

He explained that within these humble walls, "God changed history"; and even today, "God's grace loves to operate there more than in great historical events".

She will never abandon

Bringing his reflection to an end, Pope Francis invited all those listening to "ask the Madonna for the grace": that she free us from the misleading idea that the Gospel is one thing and life is another; and that she enkindle enthusiasm in us for the ideal of sanctity, which has nothing to do with holy cards and pictures. Instead, he said, sanctity or holiness is about living *humbly and joyfully* what happens each day, freed from ourselves, with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbour we meet.

"Let us not lose heart", concluded the Pope, for "no one who asked for her help has ever been abandoned!"

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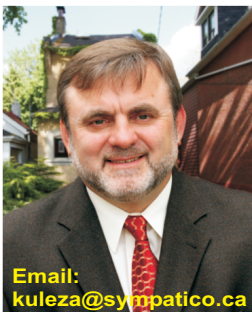
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