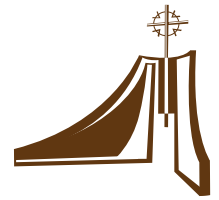


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B



Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the

Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. (loyolapress.com)
†R.R.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Henrikas Sukauskas (15 th anniv.)	(L.Sukauskas)
11 a.m.	For living and deceased parishioners	
	Novena	
	†Valentinas and Marija Indris	(R.Indris)
	for Urbonas' deceased family members	(R.M.Rusinas)
	†Teodoras Stanulis	(Stanevicius family)
	†Brone Vilkus	(O.Dirmantas)
	†Ona and Ceslovas Januskevicius	(C.B.Jonys)
	blessings of the Lord for Dirmantas family	(O.Stanevicius-Mills)
	request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Albina Laurinaitis (A.Laurinaitis)	
	†Elena Piecaitis (9 th anniv.)	(V.M.Navickas)
	†Rimantas Montvydas	(D.A.Garsva)
	†Algirdas Purnas	(N.Benotas)

2020 CALENDAR

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat
(in Lithuanian)

December 6

4pm

Scouts' Kucios
via the Zoom app -
details to be
announced later

December 20

4 pm - 5 pm

"Kretinga Camp
Advent Gathering -
Christmas Concert"
(via the Zoom app -
details to be
announced later)

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

CANCELLED

December 25

Christmas

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (November 30): 7 p.m. Novena; †Antanas Kartavicius (Buozis family); †Eremina Norvaisa and Norvaisa deceased family members (Norvaisa family)

TUESDAY (December 1): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Irena Paskauskas (R.Stravinskas);

WEDNESDAY (December 2): 7 p.m. †Irena Morkunas and Antanina Leparskas (A.Morkunas);

THURSDAY (December 3): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Ona and Jonas Jarmalavicius (V.Karosas); for Jankauskas' deceased family members (G.Slabosevicius); †Daria Chodocinskas; Lord's blessings for parents and brother (A.Ratavicius); †Antanas Laurinavicius (3rd anniv.) (A.Y.Tomasic); †Aldona Zemaitis (1st anniv.) and Vladas Kobelskis (25th anniv.) (G.Kobelskis);

FRIDAY (December 4): 7 p.m. †Paul Sxiriha (L.Underys); †Romualdas Tumpa (L.Tumpa);

SATURDAY (December 5): 9 a.m. †Antanas Slabosevicius and deceased family members (G.Slabosevicius); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Onute Beresnevicius, Danute Beres and Irena Jurkus (B.Tamosiunas);

SUNDAY (December 6): 9 a.m. for Brough, Cerniauskas and Pranckevicius deceased family members (S.Brough and D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Ona and Stasys Dackus (GJ); Fr.Alfonsas Bumbulis, Gene Miglinas, Birute Senceris (family); †Anele and Alfonsas Jonuska (family); †Petras Augaitis (Z.Augaitis); †Alfonsas Juozapavicius (family); †Juozas Maciulis (family); †Elena Bersenas, Antanina Leparskis and Irena Morkunas (Z.Bersenas); †Tomas Prakapas (Stanevicius family); †Romas Simkus (1st anniv.) (GJ); †Daria Chodocinskas (Augaitis family); †Daria Chodocinskas (4 week) (family).

Capital Fund - \$ \$ 311,049

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

**Collections, in the Church and
"Vilnius Manor" November 21st-22nd**

56 envelope - \$ 3,170

No envelopes - \$ 40.65

Direct deposit - \$ 1,180

Attendance 120

eTransit - \$ 100

*D.Styra and G.Moulton donated to the parish
renovation \$ 1,000*

*In memory of Daria Chodocinskas family
donated to the parish \$ 1,000*

*In memory of Daria Chodocinskas friends
donated to the parish \$ 990*

THANK you for your generosity



Dear parishioners,

Recognizing the health and safety measures announced by the Province of Ontario on November 20, 2020, aimed at controlling the spread of COVID 19 in the region, Thomas Cardinal Collins has directed parishes in Toronto to implement some new restrictions. We are sharing them here, along with the impact on our parish:

- By Monday, November 23, 2020, parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. The Franciscan Fathers will celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from Covid-19.
- While maintaining the maximum capacity of 10 people, our church will be open for private prayer weekdays between 5PM and 7PM, and Sundays 8AM to 10AM.
- For the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call 416-533-0621 and make an appointment.
- Weddings, funerals and baptisms (without Mass) are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).
- Parishioners are encouraged to view online/livestream/televised Masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org and Cardinal Collins will continue to celebrate the live-streamed Mass each day from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (in Lithuanian), from our parish, will continue to be available via YouTube.
- No meetings should take place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time.

We join with Cardinal Collins in his expression of hope that we will soon be able to fully and safely resume public worship. And as we enter into this very unique Advent season, we will inform you of additional virtual ways to stay connected through the "Parish News" and www.prisikelimas.ca.

The Lord leads and cares for ALL of you in this difficult time and leads you to bright hope...

We are most grateful for your prayers and offerings given for the November Novena..

Bible Meetings via Zoom in Lithuanian

With this Sunday, we are starting the B cycle of the liturgical readings, which is marked by the story of Jesus, as told by the Evangelist, Mark. An attentive reading of the complete Gospel according to Mark (Mk) reveals a unique structure which can lead us to a clearer understanding of the message that Mark intended to convey. This will be an area of focus as we continue to meet weekly to read the Sunday gospels.

We invite all who are interested, to join us (meetings are in the Lithuanian language), on Wednesdays at 8 pm under this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>. Meeting ID: 531 854 6708.



Plotkeles/Kaledaiciai are available in the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, from 9 am till 12 pm. 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. Throughout Advent, donations to support soup kitchens in Lithuania may be made by leaving the donation in the parish mailbox, at RCU bank or by e-transfer.

Thank you for your generosity in this difficult time ...

Our parish started 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.



5TH ANNUAL FRANCISCAN NATIVITY SCENE COMPETITION

Let's join Franciscan Parishes across Lithuania in the tradition of creating nativity scenes.

Families and individuals are invited to build 3D nativities and submit photos to an online gallery. Online voting will determine the favourites in various categories. We invite you to photograph and register your creation at www.prakartele.lt by December 14.

A meaningful, fun and creative activity for this pandemic Advent. Kids (14 and under) may opt to submit drawings instead of 3D models.

Get inspiration for your nativity scene by reading the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 2, 1-21)

Share locally – post your photos to the parish's Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

Or email to musuprakartele@gmail.com to share on the parish website.

A blessed Advent to all!

The Lithuanian Canadian Foundation's annual members' meeting will be held virtually on **Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 6:30pm via Zoom**. Members wishing to participate must preregister by sending an e-mail to info@klfondas.org or calling 416-239-9889 no later than December 4, after which they will be provided with a link for the meeting.

On December 6th and 20th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory by email to Grazina Valintiene grazinav2@hotmail.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. Prices: 1 cabbage roll - \$5; 1 potato dumpling (cepelinas) - \$5; 1 portion potato casserole (kugelis) - \$12

Pick-up will be outside the kitchen door in the corner of the back parking lot between 10AM and 1PM. PRE-ORDERS ONLY.

Pope at Audience:

Love is mystical root of believer's life

Pope Francis reflects on the prayer of the early Church at the General Audience on Wednesday. At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis turned his gaze to the prayer life of the early Church, as he continued his catechesis on prayer.

"The Church's first steps in the world were interspersed with prayer," the Pope said. The writings of the New Testament, and especially the *Acts of the Apostles*, give us "the image of an active Church on the move, yet which gathered in prayer finds the basis and impulse for missionary action."

Prayer, the driving force of evangelization

The Holy Father pointed out four essential characteristics of ecclesial life, drawn from St Luke's account in the book of *Acts*: "listening to the Apostle's teaching" which involves preaching and catechesis; the continual quest for fraternal communion; the "breaking of the bread," the Eucharist, which is the Sacrament of Jesus' presence among us; and prayer, "which is the space of dialogue with the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit."

Anything that arises outside of those "coordinates," the Pope warned, "is deprived of a foundation... deprived of ecclesiality." When these four characteristics are present, however, it is a guarantee of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis said that reading the Acts of the Apostles, "we then discover what a powerful driving force of evangelization the prayer gatherings can be." In prayer, he explained, we experience Christ's presence among us "and are touched by the Spirit."

Making Jesus present

The Pope quotes the Catechism: "The Holy Spirit ... keeps the memory of Christ alive in his Church at prayer, also leads her toward the fullness of truth and inspires new formulations expressing the unfathomable mystery of Christ at work in his Church's life, sacraments, and mission." This, Pope Francis explained, "is the Spirit's work in the Church: making us remember Jesus." He insisted, however, that this is not simply a question of recalling facts. Instead, "Christians, walking on the paths of mission, remember Jesus while they make Him present once more; and from Him, from His Spirit, they receive the 'push' to go, to proclaim, to serve."

Love, the mystical root

Prayer, the Pope said, "immerses" Christians in God's love for each and every person and provides the missionary impulse to preach the Gospel to every human person. "God is God for everyone," the Pope said, "and in Jesus every wall of separation has definitively crumbled."

The exchange of love – God's love for us, and the love He asks in return – is "the mystical root of the believer's entire life," Pope Francis said. And, both for the early Christians and for Christians today, prayer enables us to live that experience. Through prayer, the Pope continued, every Christian can make his own the words of St Paul: "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Pope Francis said it is "only in the silence of adoration" that "we experience the full truth of these words... And this prayer is the living flame of the Spirit that gives strength to witness and mission."

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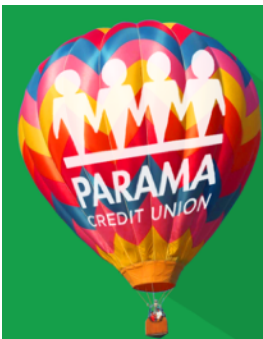
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