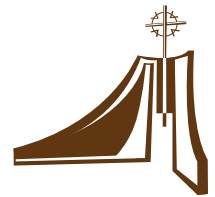


# CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - C



Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and with the fire of your love and goodness. May I always find joy and delight in seeking to please you in doing your will just as you have delighted in the joy of pleasing your Father and doing his will." (dailyscriptures.net) †R.R.

*O bless the Lord, o my soul.*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

- |         |  |                           |
|---------|--|---------------------------|
| 9 a.m.  | requesting the grace of health for sick people of COVID 19                           |                           |
| 11 a.m. | for living and deceased parishioners   |                           |
|         | †Eugenijus Siciunas  | (wife)                    |
|         | †Juozas Zemaitis   | (G.Kobelskis)             |
|         | †Birute Alksnis  | (I.Poskus)                |
|         | †Algirdas Underys  | (L.Underys)               |
|         | †Nijole Mazukaiene (1 m)   | (daughter)                |
|         | blessings of the Lord and requesting the grace of health for sister Stella Gruchalla | (sisters)                 |
|         | blessings of the Lord and requesting the grace of health for Pabedinskas family      | (grateful parishioners)   |
|         | †Birute Ramanauskas  | (Neimanas family)         |
|         | †Aldona Skupas   | (granddaughter Viktorija) |
|         | for Jonikas deceased family members  | (Z.Jonikas)               |

### Sunday Masses

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## Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM - Gintas Pabedinskas

11 AM - Laima Underys

## THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

**MONDAY** (January 10): 7 p.m.

†Grazina Stonkus (Cuplinskas family);

**TUESDAY** (January 11): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Terese Grazulis (K.Buozis);

**WEDNESDAY** (January 12): 7 p.m.

†Nijole, Algimantas and Algirdas Banelis (Cuplinskas family);

**THURSDAY** (January 13): 7 p.m.

†Stase Marijosius (A.Ratavicius);

†Onute and Jonas Drulis (J.Stasiulevicius);

**FRIDAY**: (January 14): 7 p.m. †Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis (family);

**SATURDAY** (January 15): request grace of health for Vilda Navakauskas (J.Stasiulevicius); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

**SUNDAY** (January 16): 9 a.m.;

11 a.m. living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Siciunas

(wife); †Albina Laurinaitis (family);

†Levute Pevcevicus (A.Jurcevicus);

†Antanas Sivokas (R.R.Syvokas); for

deceased family members

(T.Siciunas); †Sheila Stephen and

Douglas Stacey (D.Danaitis); †Aleksas

(11th anniv.) and Danute (16th anniv.)

Kersis (daughter Linda); †Irena and

Henrikas Matusaitis (family); †Rima

Zavyte-Cox (10th anniv.) (G.Gaizutis).

Capital Fund - \$ 326,079

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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections of January 1st - 2nd

36 envelopes - \$ 1,615

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

Dear Parishioners,

On January 5, 2022, the Province of Ontario announced new restrictions to combat the quickly spreading Omicron variant of COVID 19. These temporary restrictions, currently in force until at least January 26, impact certain activities at our parish.

- Capacity for Mass participants in our church is capped at 90 people.
- Except for those of a very critical nature, meetings of parish organizations must take place virtually.
- We are temporarily pausing Sacramental Preparation classes.
- All sporting activity is on hold until further notice.

We are ever grateful for your continued patience and perseverance in maintaining the health and safety protocols that remain in place to protect the community and invite you to join in prayer for an end to the pandemic.

Given the high transmissibility of the omicron variant, it is now more important than ever to follow public health directives. 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.

We also ask that you not congregate in the narthex after Mass.

**Live streaming of Mass from our parish is continuing Sundays in English at 9 AM and in Lithuanian at 11 AM.**

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



We wish success to Br.Fr. Aurelijus Kasparavicius, OFM, who is going to Lithuania on January 9th, to participate in the Provincial Chapter of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Province of the Order of Friars Minor.

This will take place at the Kretinga Friary House, from January 10-14, 2022.

As is done every three years, a new Provincial leadership is to be elected, offices within the order appointed, and other significant decisions made.

God bless Fr.Aurelijus and all the brothers!

**In the case of COVID 19 and its consequences, the First Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation lessons will not take place in January. We'll be back soon when will get permission.**

**Stay healthy and safe.**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. LIUDAS EDVARDAS PUODZIUKAS, 74**

He is survived by his wife Nicole; son Alex (Mytu) and daughter Julija (Tomas), grandchildren Gus, Theo, Tilia, Gabe, sisters Della (Jurgis) and Sally (Chris), nieces Alexandra, Victoria, Audra, nephews Paulius, Michael, Michael.

**In the case of COVID 19 and its consequences, THE FUNERAL MASS will be celebrated later.**

**RASA BERENTAS, 96**

**Because of COVID-19, a PRIVATE Mass will be celebrated.**

Rasa is survived by her daughter Judita Kavaliauskas (Ceslovas), grandson Jonas (Elena), great-grandchildren Julia, Emma and Lilia, sisters Aldona Skucaite and Birute Pichler, niece Nicole (Murray), great-nephews Mark and Luke. Her niece Melanie is deceased, survived by her husband Mark.

*Sincere condolences to the families. Please remember them in your prayers.*



**“Our memory is alive, because it’s a witness” January 13<sup>th</sup> –**

**Defenders of Freedom Day!**

Freedom – a person’s first and truthful, and a whole nation’s, source of good fortune and welfare. Many wars, disagreements, arguments arose and still arise because of desires to limit or even eliminate freedom. One of the greatest punishments to an individual is the loss of freedom because by losing freedom, you may say that they also lose their powers, their voice, their “I.” The loss of freedom is the loss of the ability to grow and develop. Slavery not only demeans a nation’s reputation, but weakens its will and spirit. The Lithuanian nation’s freedom has been paid with the lives of the noblest of Lithuania’s youth. Today, we bow our heads to them and in admiration of their actions, declare to the whole world: we will never be subjugated and we will defend our Nation’s freedom with all of our might.

The Lithuanian nation’s true resolve and dedication were shown during the events of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1991. They required many sacrifices: about 700 persons were injured, 14 lost their lives. The latter were **Loreta Asanavičiūtė, Virginijus Druskis, Darius Gerbutavičius, Rolandas Jankauskas, Rimantas Juknevičius, Alvydas Kanapinskas, Algimantas Petras Kavoliukas, Vidas Maciulevičius, Titas Masiulis, Alvydas Matulka, Apolinaras Juozas Povilaitis, Ignas Šimulionis, Vytautas Vaitkus, Vytautas Koncevičius.**

**Let us remember them in our prayers...**

**Lithuanian food for take out - on January 16th**

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## **Pope at Angelus: The Magi teach us the need for humility to worship God**



In his Angelus address on Epiphany Day, Pope Francis invites Christians to abandon our pretence of self-sufficiency and make ourselves little inside, so that we can rediscover the wonder of worshipping Jesus. Pope Francis on Thursday held out the Magi who visited the Baby Jesus as models of humility.

“Their prostration is the sign of those who place their own ideas aside and make room for humility and the vibrant desire to worship,” he said at the midday Angelus prayer on the solemn feast of the Epiphany.

January 6, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, is a holiday in the Vatican and in Italy. It commemorates the Gospel episode of the visit of the Magi, or the 3 Wise Men, from the East to Baby Jesus in Bethlehem, following a star. The event is the first manifestation of Christ to the gentiles or non-Jews, underscoring the Church’s fundamental mission of preaching Christ to the world.

*Worshipping “a poor child”* - Pope Francis noted that the wise men, guided by the wondrous sign of the star, faced a long and difficult journey to go and adore “the king of the Jews”. After travelling many roads and making many sacrifices, they were neither scandalized nor disappointed to find “a poor child” with His mother. Without complaining, “they fell down and worshiped him.” Wise, rich, educated and well-known as they were, the Pope pointed out, it is surprising that the illustrious men bowed down on the ground to adore a baby. It is normal to prostrate oneself before a leader who presents himself with the trappings of power and glory, but doing so before the Babe of Bethlehem was not that easy, the Holy Father said.

*God’s “littleness”* - “It is not easy to adore this God, whose divinity remains hidden and who does not appear triumphant. It means accepting God’s greatness that manifests itself in littleness. The Magi humbled themselves before the unheard-of logic of God, they accepted the Saviour not the way they had imagined him to be, but as he was, small and poor,” Pope Francis said. “Their prostration is the sign of those who place their own ideas aside and make room for God.” Thus they are open to worship God. “The treasures they open are images of their open hearts: their true wealth does not consist in their fame, their success, but in their humility, their awareness of their need of salvation.”

*Abandoning the pretence of self-sufficiency* - “If we always remain at the centre of everything with our ideas, and if we presume to have something to boast of before God,” Pope Francis warned Christians, “we will never fully encounter Him, we will never end up worshipping Him”. “If our pretensions, vanity, stubbornness, competitiveness do not fall by the wayside, we may well end up worshipping someone or something in life, but it will not be the Lord!”

Instead, if we abandon our pretence of self-sufficiency, if we make ourselves little inside, we will then rediscover the wonder of worshipping Jesus.

Adoration comes from humility of heart. Those who are obsessed with winning will never be aware of the Lord’s presence. “Jesus passes nearby and is ignored, as happened to many at that time, but not to the Magi,” the Pope said.

Pope Francis concluded by urging Christians to examine their conscience regarding humility and openness to God and others against self-centeredness and pretences, and whether they consistently pray and worship believing they are always in need of Jesus.

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