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ALL SAINTS - A



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none

of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, and the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, and who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting peace and happiness. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will." (dailyscripture.net) †R.R.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. for deceased friends (GJ)

11 a.m. For living and deceased parishioners

Novena

†Fr. Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm (V.Zaleckaite) †Jonas and Brone Greiciunas (A.Angermann)

for Judvytis', Vydmantas' and Dackus' deceased family members (GJ) †Fr. Eugenijus Jurgutis, ofm (Stanevicius family)

†Kazimieras Budreckis (daughter Virginija and family)

†Magdalena and Kazimieras Nevulis (daughter)

†Danute and Antanas Damasius (daughter and granddaughter)

†Vladas Melnykas (family)

for Jakniunas' and Jasiunas' deceased family members (G.Adie)



2020 CALENDAR

November 1
Cemetery day

November 14

Annual Parish Dinner

CANCELLED

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat
(in Lithuanian)

December 6

4 pm - 5 pm

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

December 6

Scouts' Kucios

December 13

35th Annual

Christmas Concert

CANCELLED

December 25

Christmas

On November

11th,

the Parish

office

WILL BE

CLOSED

Cantors of the Masses: 9 a.m. - Sandy McCullough 11 a.m. - Grazina Jak, Danguole Lelis, Laima Underys, Julija Danaitis, Zibute Janeliunas, Sandy McCullough organist - Ilona Beres

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (November 2): 7 p.m. Novena; †Vincas Pieciatis (Prakapas family); †Juozas Dziminskas (M.Balaisis);

TUESDAY (November 3): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; Novena; †Petras

Nevulis (O.Dirmantas);

WEDNESDAY (November 4): 7 p.m. Novena; †Salomeja Andriulis (Prakapas family);

THURSDAY (November 5): 7 p.m. Novena; †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife); †Elmer Rubiano (A.Ratavicius);

FRIDAY (November 6): 7 p.m. Novena;

request grace of health for Kristina Miliauskiene (A.D.Garsva);

SATURDAY (November 7): 9 a.m. Novena;
†Stase Ulozas (A.Ratavicius); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Pijus and Olese Grigus (A. Vaskevicius);

SEKMADIENIS (November 8): 9 a.m. †Rimantas Bartusevicius (O.Stoncius); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; Novena; †Kazimieras, Irena and Bronius Ardavicius (N.Ardavicius); †Monika Bumbulis and Mary White (V.White); †Emilija and Alfertas Niderus (D.Danaitis); request grace of health and blessings of the Lord for Garsva and sister Jovita families (D.A.Garsva); †Rita Radziunas (M.R.Rusinas); †Petras Adamonis (10th anniv.) (family); †Ona Jankauskas (10th anniv.) and Jonas Kuliesius (R.J.Kuliesius).

Capital Fund -\$ 307,049

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive". Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Collections, in the Church and "Vilnius Manor" October 24th - 25th

28 envelope - \$832 No envelopes - \$ 51.85 Direct deposit - \$ 1,455 Attendance 130 eTransit - \$ 100 eTransit (for Mass)-\$140

"World Missions Sunday" - \$ 95 *Matukas family donated - \$ 1,000*

In memory of Romualdas Tumpa, friends donated to the Soup kitchen - \$ 115

THANK you for your generosity



THIS IS THE PARISH HOME FOR ALL OF US - SO WELCOME HOME!

During the period of gradual re-opening, we continue to act with the greatest of care and caution in order to protect the health, safety and life of every community member.

Public health guidelines and respect for our fellow parishioners require

- Masks or face coverings are required in all indoor public spaces in Toronto, including our Church; WEAR MASKS FOR THE **DURATION OF MASS** (unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so); removing them only to consume host after receiving Communion
- Sanitize our hands upon entering the building
- Provide contact information to the volunteers at the entrance, for contact tracing purposes, should there be an occurrence of Covid 19
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres while inside the building; pews have been marked with green tape to denote safe seating
- Follow directional markings in the church to maintain proper distancing
- Refrain from congregational singing, as there is evidence that singing can result wide spread of droplets, thus increasing the risk of spreading the virus.
- Stay home if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever or cough. Understandably, for some members of our community, a return to Mass at this time is not advisable due to poor general health or immune system issues. Please note that Cardinal Collins continues to provide dispensation from the Sunday Mass for those unable to attend for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions. The archdiocese will continue to livestream Sunday Masses, and you may wish to join in prayer with the parish community via our YouTube channel, as we will continue to provide recordings during this gradual re-opening period.

Weekdays – parishioners are invited to participate in daily weekday Masses at 7PM (maximum capacity - 25)

Sundays – parishioners are invited to participate in Sunday Masses We will accept registrations before entering the church. Please - be patient.

9AM in English (maximum capacity - 90) Doors will be open at 8:30 AM and close between 10 AM - 10:30 AM. The church has to be sanitized between Masses For 11AM Lithuanian Mass (maximum capacity – 90) the Church will be opened at 10:30AM

P.S. *we are beginning to distribute paper copies of the parish bulletin. In order to limit the potential for spreading the virus, and in accordance with archdiocesan guidelines, the bulletin will be handed out as you exit the church.

*As we return to a "new normal", we expect more parishioners may return to Sunday Mass. Maximum capacity remains at 90 persons per Mass, in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. Should this capacity be exceeded, additional seating will be made available in the church hall, with audio broadcast of the Mass. We ask for your patience and understanding in these unusual times.

May the Lord bless us all and grant us his Mercy!

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love;



deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow.

no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

God holds us in his loving care. Let's pass it on through respect, caring and protection of one another!

> Washable face masks with the Resurrection Parish logo -\$10.00

By purchasing a mask you will support the parish, and by wearing one you will protect the community and our most vulnerable.

Masks available for purchase on Sundays beforeMass-please bring exact change to limit contact. THANKS...

On November 8th, Lithuanian food will be available for take-out. Pre-ordering is mandatory and orders must be made <u>no later</u> than <u>November 5th</u> by email to <u>Grazina Valinitiene grazinav2@hotmail.com</u>. 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: I cabbage roll - \$5; I 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.

The Lithuanian Canadian Community, Toronto area, invites you to make a membership contribution of \$20, with your name included, at either credit union.

RCU Chequing 113216-1 or Account 443 – CHQ Plan 24. **PARAMA**

Thank you for your support.

Pope: 'we never pray alone: Jesus prays with us'

Pope Francis continues his catechesis on prayer inviting the faithful to persevere in prayer in every moment of their lives, even in the most difficult, and in those in which we feel the burden of our sins.

Pope Francis on Wednesday told the faithful that prayer is the eternal expression of their dialogue of love with the Father, and he invited them to persevere in prayer at every moment of their lives.

Greeting those gathered in the Paul VI Hall for the weekly General Audience, before beginning his catechesis the Pope expressed his sorrow for not being able to come close to the faithful because of covid precautions, but assured them he was close in spirit and invited them to stay safe.

He then continued his series of catechises dedicated to prayer, reflecting on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry that took place

with His baptism in the river Jordan.

Noting that the evangelists are in agreement in attributing fundamental importance to this episode, he said they all narrate how the people came together *in prayer*, and pointed out that this gathering had a clearly *penitential* nature (*Mk* 1: 5; *Mt* 3: 8).

Jesus' choral prayer

"Jesus' first public act is therefore participation in a choral

prayer of the people, a penitential prayer, in which everyone recognises him- or herself as a sinner," he said.

The Pope went on to say that "This is why the Baptist wishes to oppose it, saying: "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" (Mt 3: 14).

But Jesus, he explained, insists because "His is an act of obedience to the will of the Father, an act of solidarity with our human

Jesus, Pope Francis reiterated, "prays with the sinners of the people of God. He does not stay on the opposite side of the river, to mark His difference and distance from the disobedient people, but rather He immerses His feet in the same purifying waters.

Thus, he explained, Jesus is not a distant God. Inaugurating His mission, He placed Himself at the forefront of a people of penitents, "opening a breach through which all of us, after Him, must

have the courage to pass."

Jesus came for all of humanity

Pope Francis said that on that day, on the bank of the river Jordan, is all of humanity, "with its unexpressed yearning for prayer." Above all, he continued, there is the population of sinners: "those who thought they were not beloved by God, those who did not dare cross the threshold of the temple, those who did not pray because they did not consider themselves worthy."

But Jesus, the Pope said, came for everyone, even for them,

and He begins precisely by joining them.

He then went on to explain that by praying, "Jesus opens the door to the heavens, and the Holy Spirit descends from that breach." We are never alone when we pray, he stressed, "Jesus prays with us!"

Through Baptism we share in Jesus' prayer

He told the faithful that through baptism we become brothers and sisters of Christ, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to share in Jesus' own prayer, "the eternal expression of his dialogue of love with the Father."

Throughout the whirlwind of Jesus' life, the condemnation of the world and the hard and sorrowful experiences he endured, the Pope said, "even when hatred and persecution are unleashed around Him, Jesus is never without the refuge of a dwelling place: He dwells eternally in the Father.'

Jesus, the Pope continued, obtained for us this gift, and He

invites us to pray as He prayed.

There may be times, he continued, that during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, and it may seem that life has been completely useless. It is at that time especially, the Pope explained, that we must beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own.

Pope Francis concluded saying that "We will then hear a voice from heaven, louder than the voice rising from the depths of ourselves, whispering words of tenderness" telling us that we are the beloved children of God, the joy of the Father in heaven.

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