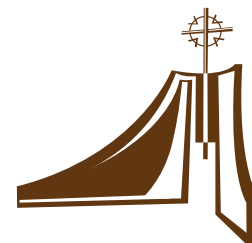


CHURCH of the RESURRECTION NEWS

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1st SUNDAY IN LENT - B



On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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†R.R.

***Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.***

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR:

9 a.m. in thanksgiving	(A.K.Ambrozaitis)
11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners for peace in the world	
†Birute Kriauciuonas-McKenny	(I.Balsys)
†Jonas Dirmantas (20th anniv.)	(Suziedelis family)
†Marija and Bronius Matusevicius	(family)
for Matusevicius' and Petrulis' deceased family members	(family)
†Vanda and Stasys Vaitkus	(V.Puzeris)
†Liudmila Sukauskas	(E.V.Tarvydas)
†Lina (10th anniv.) and Ignas (40th anniv.) Juzukonis	(family)
†Dalia Gruodis	(Cuplinskas family)
special intention	(GJ)
†Marija Usenko (10th anniv.) and Vladas Brindza, and Krasauskas'	(family)
living and deceased family members	(family)
†Jonas and Algis Puteris	(family)
†Romualdas Juknevičius (2nd anniv.)	(family)

2024

March 3

St. Casimir's Fair

March 8-10

Lenten Retreat

March 28-31

Holy week

March 31

Easter

April 7, 2pm

*Choirs "Balsas" and
"Volunge" concert*

April 21

Annual Parish Meeting

April 26-27

Spring Rummage Sale

May 5

First Communion

June (date TBD)

Run for Hope

June (date TBD)

Confirmation

June 7-9

*Camp "Kretinga" -
Work Weekend*

Camp Kretinga

July 7-20 (En.)

July 21 - August 3 (Lith.)

Family Camp

August 17 - 24

October 18-19

Fall Rummage Sale

November 9

Annual Dinner

December (date TBD)

Advent Retreat

December 1

Christmas Concert

December 25

Christmas

Cantors of the Masses:

9 AM -

11 AM - Julija Danaitis

organist - Ilona Beres

The week's Holy Masses

MONDAY (February 19): 7 p.m. †Genovaite Simkus (GJ); †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (family);

TUESDAY (February 20): 7 p.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Juozas Kuculis (D.J.Didzbalis);

WEDNESDAY (February 21): 7 p.m. †Jonas Maziliauskas (29th anniv.) (I.Kavanagh);

THURSDAY (February 22): 7 p.m. †Stasys Prakapas (J.R.Balaisis); †Kostas Astravas (Prakapas family); †Veronika Balaisis (2nd anniv.) and deceased parishioners (M.Balaisis);

FRIDAY (February 23): 7 p.m. †Maryte Andriulevicius (Buozis family); †Konstancija Jurgutis (2nd anniv.) and Algirdas Kvedaras (L.G.Jurgutis);

SATURDAY (February 24): 9 a.m. †Felicitija Gudinskas ("Kretinga"); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Dana Puzeris (I.Matus);

SUNDAY (February 25): 9 a.m. †Fr. Gediminas Kijauskas, JS (S.Brough, D.Pranaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Maryte (Esa) Fisher (Suziedelis family); †Ipolitas Stanevicius (Stanevicius family); requesting grace of health for Joana (VDG); †Dana Puzeris (V.Puzeris); †Egidijus Dimitrenka, Eleonora and Alfonsas Tviragas (B.Dimitrenka); †Fr.Antanas Prakapas (25th anniv.) (Prakapas family); †Genute, Romas and Kristina Simkus (R.Slapsys); †Gene Krakauskas (Januska family); requesting grace of health for parish priests (GK).

Capital Fund - 371,345

THANK YOU...

"For it is in giving that we receive".

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday (02.11) & "Vilnius Manor" Collections -

46 envelopes - \$ 1,460

No envelopes - \$ 95.75

Direct deposit - \$ 1,620

In memory of Danute Puzeris, \$ 695 was donated during her funeral Mass.

THANK you for your generosity...



Prayer of Pope John Paul II for Families

God from whom originates every paternity in heaven and on earth, Father, you are love and life, may every human family on earth become, through the meditation of your Son, Jesus Christ, "born of a Woman" and through the meditation of the Holy Spirit, source of divine charity, a true sanctuary of life and love for the generations that ever renew themselves.

May your grace guide the thoughts and works of spouses towards the good of their families of the world.

May the younger generation find in the family a strong support for their humanity and their growth in truth and love.

May love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of Marriage, show itself to be stronger than every weakness and every crisis, through which, at times, our families pass.

Finally, we ask you, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that the Church, amidst all the nations of the earth may fulfill fruitfully her mission in the family and by means of the family.

Through Christ Our Lord, the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever.

Amen

Cardinal Danneels, Archbishop of Brussels

Ten easy Lenten practices for the faithful:

1. Pray. Each morning and evening say a prayer for example „Our Father“ or Hail Mary“.
2. Pick one sentence or one idea from each Sunday's Gospel and reflect on it all week.
3. Each time that you purchase something that is not absolutely essential – donate something to the poor. One needs to share out of their abundance.
4. Each day do a kind deed (without being asked).
5. When you hear unkind words spoken about you, resist the temptation to payback in kind. It is better to remain silent and to break the cycle of mockery.
6. If you have spent 15 minutes with the TV channel changer and have not found anything of value, turn off the TV and spend time with those you live with or read a good book.
7. During Lent, finish your meals with a slight feeling of hunger. Show solidarity with those starving in the world.
8. Remember that forgiveness is associated with a sincere desire to forgive.
9. You have promised someone a phone call or a visit? Do it now.
10. Be generous with your time and possessions.

A BIG THANK YOU

to the chefs - Genovaite Kobelskis and Ina Gutauskas for especially delicious pancakes; Helpers Regina Urnieziene and Jurate Planciuniene for their help in the preparation;



To the members of the Parish's Social Committee for ALL their help;



To the wonderful KAPELA

To the children's choir and their leader Daina Babeckas and accompanist Ilona Beres.



To ALL of YOU who enjoyed pancakes and listened to the music and who stayed to "hang out" together...



THANK YOU...



Toronto KLB board INVITES Film premiere with Aurimas Valujavičius "OARKS OVEF THE ATLANTIC" in celebration of Lithuania's Independence - Sunday, February 25 at TIFF Lightbox Cinema 2 (350 King Street West, Toronto). Doors open at 2:30 pm. Lithuanian language film with English subtitles.

Admission - \$35. *100% of ticket proceeds go directly to Aurimas. Tickets can be purchased by e-transfer to torontoklb@gmail.com; or by bank transfer at Parama to Account No. 443 (Chequing) or at RCU No. 113216.1 (Chequing)

***Please ask that your name be recorded in the transaction line
Event hosted by
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2024 CAMP "KRETINGA"

English camp

July 7th - 20th

Lithuanian camp

July 21st - August 3rd

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**We can't wait to see
YOU ALL!**

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.

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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.

Through banks - RCU and Parama by direct deposit.

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2024 elections

NOMINATION PERIOD:

Opens: February 1, 2024

Closes: March 15, 2024 at 12:00 noon

SAVE THE DATE

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Learn more at:
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SAVE THE DATE

March 4, 2024

1573 Bloor Street West

Parama's Annual General Meeting



Pastor: Fr. Jonas Sileika, OFM

Associate Pastor/Parish economist:

Fr. Raimundas Bukauskas, OFM

Serving Priest: Fr. Augustinas Simanavicius, OFM

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