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Božja ljubezen se razodeva

Samo v enem lahko res spoznamo, kakšen je Bog: v Jezusu Kristusu. V njem Bog razodeva svojo skrivnost. V njem dokaže v življenjski dejavnosti dejavno ljubezen, vdanost in predanost, ki gre do konca.

V božičnih dneh so bile naše oči in misli uprte v malo, nebogljeno dete, ležece v bornih jaslích. Današnji praznik nas pa spominja, da je to Dete obenem tudi vsemogočni, Sveti in dobrotljivi Bog. Zato tudi nas, kakor tri modre, ta zavest spodbuja in nas spomni, da pokleknemo pred njim in ga počastimo.

Najvišje človekovo dejanje je spoznavati Boga, ga priznavati kot najvišje bitje, kot najlepše in predvsem ljubezni vredno bitje. V ravnanju modrih vidimo izpolnitev teh nalog. Bog je moj najgloblji smisel življenja, moja notranja moč, veliki dobrotnik, ki je vedno navzoč, a pri vsem tem velika skrivnost. Takšnega so modri doživeli v jaslích, zato ga niso ničesar prosili, ampak le častili. Molitev se začanja s čudenjem.

»Človeštvo ne bo izginilo zaradi pomanjkanja znanja, pač pa zato, ker ne zna ničesar več ceniti!« je zapisal Heschel. Častilna in zhavalna molitev nastaja prav iz občudovanja narave, iz občudovanja čudovitih božjih del v nas samih.

Kot je Izraelce iz sužnosti vodil ognjeni steber, modre je pripeljala k Odrješniku zvezda, tudi nas je božja luč na nek način pritegnila k sebi. Z modrimi smo poromali v Betlehem, da bi v Jezusu našli Boga, ki nas ljubi in nas že od vsega začetka želi rešiti.





SILVESTROVANJE

Zadnji dan leta 2012 nas je pričakala slavnostno okrašena dvorana, kakor nevesta pripravljena za slavlje. Zbralo se je nekaj nad 120 gostov in vsi, ki so pripravljali slavlje. Člani župnijskega pasteralnega sveta so organizirali vse potrebno in pomagali pri ureditvi dvorane, potem pa tudi sodelovali pri izpeljavi - zato vsem iskrena hvala. V Kuhinji je bila glavna zadolžena Nancy Dundek / Taylor/ in mladi, ki so stregli.

2012
2013

Za glasbo je letos skrbel ansambel EUROPA. Po slovesni večerji in ob dobri glasbi so mnogi veselo zavrtili na plesišču. Hrane in pijače je bilo dovolj za vse, tudi vedrega razpoloženja, še posebej ob čakanju polnoči. Nazdravili smo s šampanjcem, baloni so se usipali in s pokom naznajali začetek novega leta 2013, ki so si vsi navzoči zaželeli. Ob enajstih je bilo poskrbljeno tudi za prigrizek. Hvala tudi vsem, ki ste se udeležili tega praznovanja.





Sunday's Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

Response: **“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”**

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet looks to the day when God’s glory is revealed. All nations will come bearing gifts to worship the God of Israel.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Now that God’s glory has been revealed, the promise of salvation is offered to all peoples.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men come, bearing gifts of great meaning, to worship the infant king of the Jews.

“The glory of the Lord is rising on you.”

Illustration

The “big reveal” is a technique used in movies, when the audience learns a vital new piece of information, which had previously been withheld in order to create suspense. It is the shock moment when the penny drops for the viewer – the killer is unmasked, a character’s real identity or motive is exposed.

For instance, in the original movie version of *Planet of the Apes*, starring Charlton Heston, it is only at the very end of the film that he comes across the fallen Statue of Liberty and realises that this strange planet ruled by apes is in fact his own home world, in the aftermath of nuclear war. And another famous “big reveal” is in the *Star Wars*



series, in *The Empire Strikes Back*, when the evil Darth Vader, duelling with hero Luke Skywalker, tells him: “I am your father!”

The “big reveal” is also used to sell new products such as cars and electronic gadgets. Companies carefully orchestrate how they gradually re-release information about any upcoming products, to create a sense of excitement and tension, until the day the product is made public and people then queue for hours to be the first to buy the latest product.

Gospel Teaching

In a sense, the Epiphany might be called the “big reveal” of the Christmas story. The longings of the people of God have been expressed for centuries by the prophets. Isaiah and the psalmist look forward to the day when the glory of the Lord will shine over God’s people, so that foreign nations will be drawn to the light of Israel’s God, and Israel’s exiles will be carried home. The foreign nations will bring precious gifts to acknowledge the glory of Israel’s God; the kings of faraway lands will pay their homage to the anointed king of Israel.

This promise is fulfilled in Bethlehem, when God's glory is acknowledged by the wise men with their symbolic gifts. This is the "big reveal" – God's majesty is made manifest in a vulnerable baby and God's ancient promise to send a saviour is fulfilled.

In movies, the "big reveal" often marks the climax – the ending of the story. In the commercial world of technology, the "big reveal" is only ever the latest in a long line of reveals – there will always be another "big reveal" just around the corner. But God's "big reveal" is different. The Epiphany is not the latest in a long line, it is the definitive reveal: God's only Son takes flesh in our world. There can be nothing further to surpass it.

But far from being the end of the story, it marks a new beginning. The Psalm tells the next chapter in this tale: this vulnerable baby will grow to rule with God's justice, bringing peace, equity and care for those who are in need. His rule will be marked by compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the domination and force of King Herod. Christ is the one who will, in the words of the Psalm, "save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor."

Application

When the "big reveal" happens in the movies, the story is complete, the credits roll and we leave the cinema. With God's "big reveal", the story goes on – it unfolds in our lives. Because if God's anointed Messiah reveals God's glory by bringing peace with justice, by caring for those who are weak and showing compassion to those who are poor, then those who are his followers are called to be similarly engaged.

The magi paid their homage by offering their precious gifts. We too have precious gifts to bring – the homage of our lives. The frankincense repre-

sents the worship we bring to the Son of God born of Mary, enthroning him at the centre of our lives; the myrrh represents the cross which each of us is called to accept if we are to follow Christ – the sacrifice that comes from denying ourselves and following his way of love; and the gold we bring, to acknowledge his kingship, is our commitment to work for his kingdom and his values – by practising peace and justice in our relationships, and in our society, and by working always to ensure that those who live in poverty, those who are voiceless and powerless in our world, find in us wise men and women who are willing to be guided by their faith in Jesus Christ, in whom God reveals God's very self to us.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR

V četrtek so redne pevske vaje za mešani zbor. Pripravili se bomo za petje na praznik Jezusovega krsta. S tem praznikom se liturgično zaključuje praznovanje božičnega časa.



OGNJIŠČE- NAROČNINA

Hvala vsem, ki ste že obnovili naročnino za revijo Ognjišče. Naročnina za leto 2013 je \$76.

SOČA

F.S. SOČA will be starting practices for children 7 years of age and older in the new year. All children and teens are encouraged to join and become familiar with their Slovenian cultural roots through dance, song and music. For more information, please contact: Dave Antolin: slovfolk@yahoo.ca or 905.664.5980.

CWL - KŽZ

Our January **General Meeting** will be held this **Wednesday, January 9** immediately following 7 pm mass. We will begin with a meeting to discuss our upcoming Bazaar and our plans for our CWL for 2013 and then enjoy a social time.



We hope to enjoy our friendships while sharing some food and drink. Your small contribution of a little food to share with one another would be greatly appreciated. We need to start our year with a positive note because as we all know, 2012 was a hard year for our League with the loss of so many friends.

This particular meeting would be a perfect time for anyone interested in our league to please feel welcomed to attend.

Our annual membership fees are due. Members will find a CWL envelope in the front of your 2013 church donation envelope boxes. Please hand them in at your earliest convenience. Fees remain at \$19 of which all these monies are divided between National, Provincial and Diocesan councils.

Catholic Girl's Club **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

In support of children's charities



Saturday, January 26, 2013

6:30pm to 8:30pm

at

St. Gregory the Great Upper Hall
125 Centennial Pkwy N., Hamilton

Adults: \$10.00

Children 12 and under: \$5.00

Children 2 and under: Free

**LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS, SO
PLEASE PURCHASE IN ADVANCE TO
AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT.**

Tickets sold after every mass.



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SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

GOSPODOVO RAZGLAŠENJE 06. JANUAR <i>Gasper, Miha, Boltežar</i>	† Za žive in rajne farane † Kozlar Franc †† Ludvik in Irma Hull	9:30 A.M. Družina Hozjan Marija 11.00 A.M. Joe in Kathy Prša
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 07. JANUAR <i>Rajmund, duhovnik</i>	† Toni Bukvič †† Starši Radovičević † Jože Žalik †† Ludvik in Irma Hull	7:00 P.M. Marija Bukvič Angela Kobe z družino Slavko in Sofi Glac Marie Oravec
TOREK - TUESDAY 08. JANUAR <i>Severih, opat</i>	† Štefka Rihar † Ksenija Nedelko † Ludvik Hull † Štefan Prša	8:00 A.M. John in Ann Božnar Veronika Obal Ernest Zrim z družino Gizela Hauzar
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 09. JANUAR <i>Julijan, mučenec</i>	† Štefan Prša † Terezija Halas † Ivanka Zunac †† Ludvik in Irma Hull Po namenu	7:00 P.M. Manja Erzetič z družino Jože in Verona Tompa Anica Miklavčič Karol Ferko z družino CWL
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 10. JANUAR <i>Gregor Niški, škof</i>	† Štefan Prša †† Pokojni iz družine Volf † Jožef Sarjaš † Ludvik Hull †† Kristina in Matija Ftičar	7:00 P.M. Sestra Marija Sin Karel in Marija Marija in Karel Volf Barbara Rožich hčerka
PETEK - FRIDAY 11. JANUAR <i>Pavlin Oglejski, škof</i>	† Irma Hull † Ludvik Hull † Ciril Viratn †† Pokojni Ljuba, Stjepan	7:00 P.M. Družina vogrinčič Manja Erzetič Ženski pevski zbor Dragica
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 12. JANUAR <i>Tatjana, mučenka</i>	† Frank Medved † Metod Kuzma † Ignac Krampač † Stanko Ferenčak † Sonja Nedelko † Stane Napast	8:15 A.M. Romarji iz Marmore 5:30 P.M. Družina Kuzma Olga Čulig Anica Miklavčič Toni in Marija Franc Žena Frančiška Napast z dr.
JEZUSOV KRST 13. JANUAR <i>Veronika, devica</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Jože Jerič † Vinko Skale Kitchener 12:00 , London /cerkev/	9:30 A.M. Ivan Kirec z družino 11.00 A.M. Žena in družina 4:00 P.M.



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:15 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI -** Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.