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**2. VELIKONOČNA -
BELA NEDELJA
BOŽJE USMILJENJE**

**2ND SUNDAY OF
EASTER
DIVINE MERCY**

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Prestrašeni učenci so bili na večer prvega dne v tednu zbrani v zaklenjeni sobi. Spomin na usmrtitev je bil grozen. Križ je bil znamenje dokončne smrti. Nato se je prikazal Jezus Kristus. Nezaupanje in nevera sta izginila; nadomestila ju je gotovost, da Kristus, ki jih je obiskal, res živi. »Nekdo se je približal in nam naklonil mir. Nismo ga spoznali. Toda ko je pristopil, smo opazili rane na njegovih dlaneh, nogah in v njegovi strani. Iz tega smo sklepali, da je Gospod. Znamenja so nas prepričala.«

Ko je Jezus prvič obiskal učence, Tomaža ni bilo zraven. Njegova odsotnost nas svari pred tem, da bi zapuščali svojo skupnost. Veliko izgubi, kdor ne verjame, da je Bog resnično prišel med zbrane. »Kjer sta namreč dva ali so trije zbrani v mojem imenu, tam sem jaz sredi med njimi« (Mt 18, 20).

Ko so Tomažu pripovedovali, kaj se je zgodilo, je bil zelo nezaupljiv. Vsa stvar se mu je zdela smešna in nemogoča. Skoraj vsakdo Tomaža obsoja, po drugi strani pa je trmasto pošten in uporen. V njem ni razposajenosti, ne gradi si gradov v oblakih. Je človek dejstev, ki je postavil hišo svojega življenja na trdne temelje. Ceni resnico, čeprav boli. Pogumen in Kristusu zvest je ostal, ko ni bilo nobenega upanja več. Ni zapustil potapljaljoče se ladje. V dneh po križanju se ni zgodilo nič več in to je okrepilo njegovo zavrnitev »nore« novice. Toda Kristus se je spet prikazal in ga povabil naj položi svoj prst v njegove rane in ne bo več neveren ampak veren.

Večkrat poskušamo rešiti dvome samo z lastnimi izkušnjami. Naši

dokazi šepajo, ker dokazujejo, kar ne moremo dokazati. Naša vera oživi in raste tedaj, ko v evangeliju odkrijemo, kar smo videli, kar smo sami prebrali in kar so otipale naše roke; o čemer smo se sami prepričali. Vera, ki ne potrebuje otipljivih dokazov in popolne jasnosti. Pogumna vera, ki gradi na božji obljubi in vztraja tudi, ko je povsod le megla, ko ni takojšnjih odgovorov na vprašanja in dvome. Ni junak, ki zmaguje le v lepem in ne doživi duševnih viharjev. Svetniki so prepričani, da je junak, kdor veruje kot Jezus, razpet na križu, v noči dvomov, ko vse izgleda izgubljeno. V svetu, kjer te veliko stvari spodbuja, je lahko biti veren. Veliko težje pa je imeti globoko vero, ko si utesnjen, ko se srečaš s smrtjo, ko te tlačijo in izkoriščajo in te nihče ne hrabri. Ko je vse delo le izguba časa in žrtvovanje neumno trošenje moči brez učinkov, ki bi ga opravičevali. Kristus je to doživel. Zapuščen in nerazumljen je umrl. Ta Kristus nas opazuje in kliče: »Blagor tistim, ki niso videli, a so verovali!«

Mogoče je bil Tomaž na začetku počasen. Toda ko je premagal prvi dvom, se je dvignil nad vse in izpovedal polno vero: »Moj Gospod in moj Bog!« Te besede so vrhunec Janezovega evangelija. Srečal se je z poveličanim Jezusom Kristusom, božjim Sinom. On ga je učil ljubiti Boga. Spoznaval je svetega in milostljivega Očeta. Z izpovedjo vere v Kristusa, je Tomaž zaživel novo življenje v odpiranju in darovanju Bogu. Pregneten s Kristusovo močjo je postal nova stvar.

»Ta pa so zapisana,« je evangelist zaključil, ko je odlagal pero, »da bi vsi verovali, da je Jezus Kristus božji Sin, in da bi po veri imeli življenje v njegovem imenu.«

VELIKONOČNO DOGAJANJE

Veliki teden smo začeli s **Krizmeno mašo v katedrali**, kjer se nas je zbralo okrog 230 duhovnikov in diaconov skupaj z našimi škofi. Zelo bogata liturgija ob polni baziliki je pomagala vsem navzočim začutiti Cerkev. Pred mašo smo se duhovniki in diakoni s škofi zbrali v dvorani »zadnje večerje«, po maši pa so bili povabljeni na okrepčilo tudi vsi navzoči.



Na **Veliki četrtek** zvečer smo se zbrali k maši zadnje večerje. Pri maši je prepeval mešani pevski zbor, žal naš organist Karel ni mogel priti zaradi službenih dolžnosti, pa so zato prišla zelo prav možnost na naših orglah, da smo vnaprej posneli začetke pesmi in Ivan Vegelj je s pritiskom na gumb dal intonacijo za posamezno pesem. Po maši pa so se zaustavili v molitvi in pesmi. Hvala vsem, ki ste se udeležili svete maše in molili z »Jezusom na Oljski gori.«

Veliki petek popoldne smo imeli bogoslužje s poslušanjem božje besede - Trpljenje Jezusa Kristusa po Janezu, ki so ga prebrali v slovenščini in po vlogah. Cerkev se je dodobra napolnila. Med češčenjem križa je moški zbor Majolka zapel »Jeruzalem«, potem pa je nadaljeval angleški zbor, vmes pa še kakšna ljudska pesem. Po obhajilu smo odnesli Najsvetejše v božji grob. Slovenska šola pa je povabila na ribe v dvorano. Letos je že šesto leto, zato so se že dobro organizirali in tokrat prodali več kot 250 porcij. Hvala Deborah in Slovenski šoli za organizacijo in dobro izpeljavo dogodka.



Blagoslovi velikonočnih jedil Triglav-London, Sava-Breslau Sv. Gregorij Veliki-Hamilton



Društvo Triglav - London



Društvo Sava - Breslau



Sv. Gregorij Veliki



Velika sobota - dopoldne so se nekateri zbrali k molitvi pri božjem grobu, sam pa sem šel blagoslovit jedila v London k društvu Triglav. Zbrali smo se, kot navadno, v cerkvi St. John the Divine. Od tam sem pohitel k društvu Sava v Breslau in tam popoldne blagoslovil jedila. Lep obisk pri obeh skupnostih. Nato pa hitro domov v župnijo, kjer smo imeli blagoslove ob 3h, 4h in 5h popoldne. Najštevilnejša udeležba je vedno pri prvem blagoslovu. Lepo je videti mlade družine z otroki, vsak s svojo košarico.

V soboto smo se še enkrat zbrali ob 8h zvečer pri velikonočni **Vigiliji**. Toni Franc je poskrbel za ogenj, pri katerem smo prižgali velikonočno svečo. Ko smo šli skupaj z ministranti v cerkev, so imeli le-ti veliko dela, saj so morali vsem v cerkvi prižgati svečke. Po hvalnici velikonočni sveči smo se usedli k poslušanju božje besede. Dve berili smo prebrali v slovenščini in dve v angleščini. Po tretjem branju je zopet zadonela Slava in oglasili so se zvonovi. Potem smo trikrat zapeli vstajensko alelujo in se zvrstili v procesijo po cerkvi, zbor in navzoči pa so prepevali velikonočne pesmi. V soboto je kip vstalega Zveličarja nesel Alojz Sarjaš. Med krstnim bogoslužjem smo obnovili krstne obljube in blagoslovili vodo za krščevanje v velikonočnem času. Sveto mašo smo nadaljevali z darovanjem. Darove je tokrat prinesla družina Draga Horvata. Hvala Olgi Glavač za kruh.

Na **velikonočno jutro** smo slovensko mašo začeli z vstajensko alelujo in potem procesijo po cerkvi. Tokrat je kip Vstalega Kristusa nosil Joseph Gosgnach. Mešani zbor pod vodstvom Johna Horvata in na orglah Carla Veglja, je veselo prepeval velikonočne pesmi. Pri enajsti maši nismo imeli procesijo, je pa med mašo lepo pel angleški zbor pod vodstvom Ivana Mertuka. Letos so se naučili kar nekaj novih pesmi za to slovesnost.

Hvala vsem, ki ste sodelovali pri obredih velikonočnega tridnevja, še posebej hvala Olgi za čudovito okrašeno cerkev, pevcem, bralcem, ministrantom in drugim sodelavcem. Hvala vsem, ki ste darovali za veliko noč, saj tako podpirate našo župnijo, da je živa in dejavna.





A LITTLE HISTORY ON THE SLOVENIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first Slovenian Golf Tournament was held in Kirkland Lake where second generation Slovenians gathered together to play some golf and enjoy a social after their day on the course. After several such tournaments, John Stark and a number of his friends decided to create a trophy which would honour their first generation parents who emigrated from Slovenia. The trophy depicts a shovel and pick and commemorates the hard work of their fathers who worked so hard in the Gold Mines.

Many of the second generation pursued post-secondary school studies and because of the lack of work in their profession and job specialities moved to southern Ontario and in particular to the Golden Horseshoe. As a result the trophy lay dormant until our northern friends donated it to the Slovenian Scholarship Foundation for their annual fund raiser Golf Tournament.

The Slovenian Scholarship Foundation was established in 1997 to encourage our young people to pursue post-secondary college and university education and to continue to take pride in their Slovenian heritage. By supporting or young people financially in their studies, when they need it most and to recognize them for their accomplishments, the SCSF Board believes, that in time, they will pick up the torch and be our future leaders.

Karl Ferko, president

Jerry Ponikvar, past president



Please join us this year for the “last” Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: **Saturday, May 27th, 2017**

Where: Rockway Glen & Estate Winery
Golf Course

Time: Registration at 10:00 a.m.

Tee-Off 1:30 a.m.

Cost per person: \$150

Includes golf, cart, door prize, coffee & donut breakfast, hot dog/hamburger & beverage lunch, dinner at Lipa Park.

All funds raised go towards the support of our Slovenian youth bursary and scholarship awards program.

Dinner only is **\$25.**

For information contact:

Karl Ferko 905-578-5890 or

Teresa Zupančič 905- 664-6013

Registration forms are located on the shelves at the back of the church

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Response:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever.

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

An insight into how the early followers of Christ lived in community, continued to worship in the Temple and shared all they had.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Peter uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God for the new life of baptism given through the resurrection of Christ.

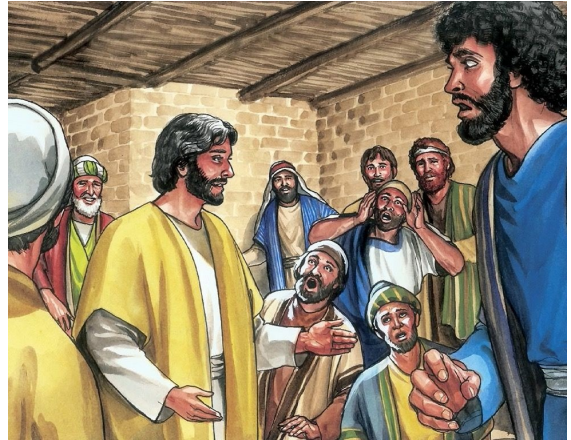
Gospel John 20:19-31

Thomas is not present when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and cannot accept their testimony unless he sees for himself. The Lord then appears to him and he believes. Jesus declares blessed those who have not seen and yet believe.

"Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Illustration

A plane crashes in the Sahara Desert miles from anywhere. It is December 1935, during an attempt to break an air speed record. The only people on board are the pilot and his navigator. They survive the crash but have no means of communication or possibility of obtaining help, and there is only a small amount of food and water left. Dehydration begins to set in. Then on the fourth day a Bedouin



appears as if from nowhere and, administering an ancient remedy, he stops the dehydration and saves their lives.

The pilot was Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, a renowned French writer and poet. Born in 1900 in Lyons, he was a pioneer of aviation and this experience in the Sahara was recounted in his 1939 memoir *Wind, Sand and Stars*. It also forms the background to his most celebrated book, *The Little Prince*, published in 1943, the year before he was killed in action in World War II. It has been translated into over 250 languages and still sells over two million copies annually. A novella written for children and illustrated by the author, its appeal extends to people of all ages.

The plane crash in the Sahara appears early in the story but this time with a difference. At sunrise on the morning after the crash the pilot is awakened from sleep by an "odd little voice" asking him to draw a sheep. The voice belongs to an "extraordinary small person" who repeatedly makes the same request. After a number of failed attempts

the pilot draws a box and tells him that the sheep is inside. This is just what his young visitor wants. From this first meeting with the little prince the pilot learns over the days they are together that he has come from an asteroid “scarcely any larger than a house” with three volcanoes as high as his knees. Two are active and these he cleans regularly as they assist him in heating his breakfast. There is also one very beautiful rose; he loves and misses her. Before he arrived on planet Earth the little prince visited other asteroids and met their single occupants, all captivating but decidedly odd. On Earth he made a special friend of a fox who confided in him a secret: **“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.”**

Gospel Teaching

Thomas is often called “Doubting” Thomas because he refused to believe the other disciples when they told him they had seen the risen Lord. We cannot always accept without question what a group of people tell us about something they say has happened even if they are all in the same place at the same time. Thomas wanted to verify with his own eyes what they said had happened. His doubts were reasonable.

He was not left in uncertainty. Jesus appears again to the disciples when Thomas is with them and immediately dispels that uncertainty. Because he can see the risen Lord, Thomas believes and his response is the fullest expression of faith found anywhere in the Gospels: **“My Lord and my God!”** Jesus then declares blessed **“those who have not seen and yet believe”**. This gives us assurance that faith does not depend on what we see but on what is in our hearts or, as we read in the letter to the Hebrews, **“Only faith can... prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen.”**

Application

The secret entrusted to the little prince comes to mind: **“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.”** At one time he visits a garden of five thousand roses but the fox helps him understand that the rose on his asteroid is unique because he loves her. Another time he and the pilot are exhausted by thirst and after searching all night in the desert find an old disused well with clear water. As they drink, the little prince observes that even in a garden of five thousand roses people do not find what they are looking for, yet **“it could be found in a single rose, or in a little water”**.

The little prince tells us that all our longings cannot be satisfied by anything but love. “The eyes are blind,” he says. **“One must look with the heart.”**



OTTAWA | 2017
SLOVENIAN DAY | SLOVENSKI DAN
Friday, June 23, 2017

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia invites you to join in celebrating Slovenia Day in Ottawa as part of *Ottawa Welcomes the World 2017* on Friday, June 23, 2017. We will be proudly highlighting the many contributions of the Canadian-Slovenian community

as Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary of Confederation. The day-long celebration will feature entertaining music, colourful dancing, delectable foods and captivating displays. It promises to be a day to remember, so let's join in and help make the event a smashing success!

A bus will be chartered to take us to the event. It will leave early in the morning from the church parking lot at **739 Brown's Line**, and will be departing Ottawa the same evening. The price is **\$60 per person**. Please reserve your seat before **June 1, 2017** by calling: **Milan Vincec @ 416-347-4017** or email **milan.vincec@gmail.com**

All are Welcome! Vljudno vabljeni!




VELEPOSLANŠTVO REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE V OTTAWI / EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA IN OTTAWA / AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE SLOVENIE À OTTAWA

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKE VAJE

Naslednje pevske vaje za mešani zbor bodo v četrtek, 27. aprila po večerni maši. Zbor bo pel v mesecu maju za materinski dan in prvo obhajilo.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- 23. april: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki** - Spomladanski banket - maša ob 10:00 a.m. - po kosilu: **veseloigra** (dramska skupina iz Doma sv. Jožefa - Celje)
- 14. maj: **Slovenska šola** - maša ob 10:00 a.m. - po maši **Materinski dan - Mother's Day**
- 21. maj: **Slovenski park** - maša ob 1:00 p.m.
- 28. maj: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki - Prvo sveto obhajilo - First Communion** - maša ob 10:00 a.m.

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

- ♦ 23. april, 10:00 a.m.: **Stanko in Jožica Vegelj**
- ♦ 30. april, 9:30 a.m.: **Jožica Vegelj & Eva Erzetič**
- ♦ 7. maj, 9:30 a.m.: **Olga & Marija Glavač**
- ♦ 14. maj, 10:00 a.m.: **Jenny & David Antolin**
- ♦ 21. maj, 9:30 a.m.: **Jožica Novak & Helena Špiler**

COOKING SESSION

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, we will be holding our next **cooking session**. The recipe we will be demonstrating will be announced next week, however, we wanted to let everyone know of the date so that you can check your calendars to see if you are available. See you in the Kitchen!

CWL - KŽZ: MASS ON APRIL 26

We invite our CWL members and our parish family to come join us this Wednesday at 7pm for Our Lady of Good Counsel mass.

Help us congratulate our newest members and service award recipients at the little reception we will be hosting following this mass. **We hope to see you.**

Our final Bazaar financials have been completed.

CWL has been able to donate \$10,000 to our parish for the new roof building fund.

VILLA SLOVENIA

There are **one bedroom unit openings** now available at Villa Slovenia.

If you have an interest in a unit, please contact Jerry Ponikvar @ Tel. 905-333-5813.

SLOMŠKOVO OLTARNO DRUŠTVO

Srečanje za članice S.O.D. bo v soboto, **6. maja 2017**. Vabljeni ste na večerno mašo, ki je ob 5:30 p.m., po maši pa bo kratko poročilo in družabno srečanje. Pri maši bo tudi sprejem novih članic, zato vabljeni vse, ki bi se rade pridružile društvu.

CANADIAN SLOVENIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The CSHS is inviting Slovenians in our community who may be interested in recording their family history to be interviewed. These records would then be maintained in our official CSHS Archives for future generations who may be interested in their ancestry. If you are interested, a date would be selected for the interviews to be conducted. To express your interest or for more information, you may email

Anne Žagar at anne_zagar@hotmail.com or Jožica Vegelj at jjvegelj@gmail.com or Jerry Ponikvar at ponikvarjg@gmail.com

MARMORA

You are warmly invited to a day of prayer on a Bus pilgrimage of Greenside Farm in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary's 100 Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. On **May 13th at 8:00 a.m.** Holy Mass at St. Gregory the Great Church, bus at 9:00 a.m.. Cost \$40 per person must be paid by May 1st 2017. For reservations call: Catharine: 905-318-2242, Angela Kobe: 905-930-7442.

DAROVI

Ob smrti Ignaca Korošca je društvo sv. Jožefa darovalo \$50 za gradbeni sklad in za pet svetih maš. Hvala za dar.



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 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.

DON BOSCO

Od 23. 4. 2017
Do 30. 4. 2017

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

BELA NEDELJA	Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	
BOŽJEGA USMILJENJA	†† Matila in August Berkovič		Sin Zlatko
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	† Barbara Car		Hči Marija Berkovič z družino
23. APRIL	† Gizela Čurič (Montreal)		Gizella in Štefan Ray
<i>Jurij, mučenec</i>	Spomladanski - Spring Banquet	11:30 A.M.	Župnijska dvorana

PONEDELJEK-MONDAY

24. APRIL	Za duhovno prenovo naše škofije	7:00 P.M.	Slomškovo oltarno društvo
<i>Fidelis, duh.mučenec</i>			

TOREK - TUESDAY

25. APRIL	†† Za duše v vicah	8:00 A.M.	Tone in Marija Bukvič
<i>Marko, apostol-evang.</i>			

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

26. APRIL	†† Za pokojne iz družine Zelko	7:00 P.M.	Matilda Bratuž
<i>Marija M.dobrega sveta</i>	V čast Mariji Materi dobrega sveta		KŽZ - CWL

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

27. APRIL	†† Katarina in Jožef Budnik	7:00 P.M.	Hčerka Kljuska
<i>Hozana devica</i>			

PETEK - FRIDAY

28. APRIL	†† Max in Maksimilian Sagadin, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Julijana Sagadin z družino
<i>Ludvik Monfortski, duh</i>	† Ignac Korošec		Društvo sv. Jožefa (1)

SOBOTA

SATURDAY

29. APRIL	† Marija Keber	9:15A.M.	Sestra Jerica z družino
	† Marija Marič	5:30 P.M.	Družina Mes
	†† Megan in Mihaela		Družina Mes
	† Rudi Hanc		Ivan in Ana Kirec
	† Ignac Korošec		Žena Marija z družino
<i>Katarina Sienska, dev.</i>			

3. VELIKONOČNA

NEDELJA

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

30. APRIL	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 A.M.	
<i>Pij V., papež</i>	† Elizabeth Ferko		Toni Ferko z družino
	† Janez Košir, obl.	11:00 A.M.	Družina Košir