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29.8.2021

**22. NEDELJA MED
LETOM**

**22ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Božje zapovedi in človeški predpisi

Nič lažjega ni, kot postaviti v nasprotje postavo in svobodo, življenje po veri in vero, dejanja in milost. Že Pavel se je prepiral s tistimi, ki so si v bistvu domišljali, da se lahko človek odreši sam, kakor da odrešenje ni v prvi vrsti dar Boga. Tudi Jezus odklanja togo vernost, ki je le v izpolnjevanje predpisov. Božja beseda nam danes daje posrečen poskus, kako naj povežemo predpise zakonov s duhom srca.

V prvem berilu danes slišimo, v usta Mojzesa položene besede, kot ta stoji na pragu obljubljenе dežele. Tora - svetopisemska Postava, ni predstavljena kot grmada predpisov, temveč kot izraz srečanja med voljo Boga, ki je »blizu«, ter radostno pripadnostjo človekove svobodne volje. Prav ta, božja volja, je »svetilka mojim nogam in luč na moji stezi« (v.105). Kdor brez predsodkov prisluhne tej besedi, se sreča s pričujočnostjo Boga, ki rešuje. Gospoda naj ne bi iskati v nekih oddaljenih nebesih, ampak v Postavi, ki jo je podaril svojemu ljudstvu. Sprejetje »Postave in naredb, ki nas jih On uči,« pomeni odkritje bližine Boga v srčki človekovega obstoja.

Čudovito je retorično vprašanje, s katerim se konča prvo berilo: »In kateri veliki narod ima tako pravične zakone in odloke, kakor je vsa ta postava, ki jo danes dajem pred vas?«

Podobno povezanost med bivanjem, ki ima verski temelj in vsakdanjim življenjem nakazuje Jakobovo pismo. V njem govori o duhovnosti, ki nima trdnih tal in postane samo izpolnjevanje predpisov, brez duha. Jakob predlaga odprto in celovito sprejemanje besede, ki jo je v nas vsadil Bog, »Oče luči«. Sprejemanje, ki ni le površno in nestalno poslušanje, ampak vsakodnevno dejavno sodelovanje v odnosu do »sirot in vdov« in v prizadevanju za ohranjanje in razvijanje osebnega dostojanstva. V teh



vrsticah jasno in razločno odmevajo Jezusove besede: »Ne tisti, ki mi pravi: Gospod, Gospod, ampak tisti, ki izpolnjuje voljo mojega Očeta v nebesih, tisti bo prišel v božje kraljestvo ...« (Mt 7,21).

Prav to enako sporočilo je v temelju Jezusovega ostrega spopada s tiste vrste judovsko prakso, ki je vsa osredinjena na legalistično pokorščino, kot da je ta sama po sebi vir odrešenja.

V evangelijskem odlomku slišimo kako Jezus napade zelo stroge predpise glede obredne čistosti in kot primer predstavi t.i. »umivanje rok« v svet namen: to umivanje je bilo prvotno nekakšen simboličen poziv k skrbi za čistost srca in življenja. »V nedolžnosti si umivam roke, da smem hoditi okrog tvojega oltarja, o Gospod,« pravi molivec v 26. psalmu. Iz tega zunanjega znamenja pa se je izcimila prava obsedenost: zgolj zunanja dolžnost, ki je polagoma povozila vsakršno prizadevanje za čistost srca in svetost življenja. Jezus s kančkom sarkazma postavlja te predpise, ki jih označi kot »človeško izročilo«, v nasprotje z »zapovedjo Boga«.

V drugem delu se Jezusov govor giblje na področju pozitivnega - prehod k »srcu«, ki v biblični govorici pomeni čutenje in vest, temeljne osebne odločitve ter njihov prevod v prakso. Torej ni v prvi vrsti odločilno to, kako dovršeno je nekdo oblečen in kako dognane so njegove ceremonije; vse to so zunanosti. Jezus torej vabi Cerkev, naj ne odvrže plašča postave, temveč naj ga razprostre čez vse našteto, posebej čez dejanja, ki jih prinaša življenjski vsakdan z našimi odločitvami. Človekova zvestoba božji besedi mora biti v nenehni sveži, ustvarjalni povezavi s »srcem«, to je z bivanjem samim. Zato je nedeljsko obhajanje evharistije ne le izpolnitev predpisa ampak naj se raztegne na življenje celega tedna. Apostol Pavel je za veliko noč spodbujal kristjane v Korintu: »Praznujmo, pa ne s starim kvasom hudobije in zla, ampak z nekvašenim kruhom iskrenosti in resnice« (1 Kor 5,8).

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2006-2007, št. 1)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response:

Lord, who may abide in your tent.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

The laws of God are a sign of God's presence and offer us God's life.

Second Reading James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

Goodness is all gift, because all goodness comes from God as a gift.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Gospel is concerned with uncovering what is hidden, especially the secrets of the human heart.

"Their hearts are far from me."



Illustration

There are some signs which we share with the other animals. Cries of pain, or sighs of pleasure, which are a bit like the purring of a cat, are examples. Some physical signs belong to human beings alone: waving our hand, shaking hands, nodding in agreement. Some signs seem more natural than others, so smiling means the same thing all over the world. Other signs are clearly invented, such as the warning sign for radiation, or red for stop and green for go in traffic lights. We can see the use of these signs, but sometimes the signs seem to be for their own sake and it is hard to see what they are signifying.

This is the case with the huge range of symbols, the dietary rules and the elaborate rules for worship in the Jewish world, a world that Jesus was very familiar with. What was the point of these rules and signs? The book of Deuteronomy answers this quite simply. They are signs that God had given the people of Israel so that they would be near to God. Many of the practices seem strange, but they were



meant to be strange, unique to Israel, so that by obeying them, the people would retain its identity: an identity which was quite simply being the people of God. Before we start criticising the ancient Jews, we might consider how many symbols we use in our life to mark out the many tribes to which we belong. To be human is to be a symbolic being.

Gospel Teaching

The Old Testament allowed signs but not images. What is the difference between a sign and an image? An image may be a sign, like a traffic sign, but it is not the resemblance that makes it a sign. It is the fact that the sign points to something other than itself that makes it a sign. All the signs of the Old Testament, however odd and demanding they might seem, pointed to God. With the coming of Christ, the signs became irrelevant, because he himself in his humanity was the greatest sign of all, a sign that pointed to God. The humanity of Christ, his human words, human actions and his human birth and death are all one great sign which reveals the presence of God. So the many signs by which Judaism lived became irrelevant. Instead we have Christ. Since his humanity is perceptible to our senses, we use images to represent his humanity. At the same time, Christ is risen into a world beyond our imagi-

nation, so we use signs in the sacraments to make the presence of both his humanity and his divinity visible and indeed tangible to us. We can imagine Christ in his earthly life but the resurrection stories make it clear that we can't quite imagine the risen Christ except inasmuch as he allows himself to be seen as an ordinary human being. This does not mean that the criticism of the Jews in the Gospel does not apply to us. We can use the sacraments while our hearts are far from

God, or we can pray and preach but not really allow God to be close. The unclean heart is the heart that does not allow God to enter.

Application

If the humanity of Christ is the prime sign of the presence of God through the incarnation, then our common humanity is the sign of the humanity of Christ. We know his humanity through the humanity of others, especially in their suffering. As the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*, says, "For, by his incarnation, he, the Son of God, has in a certain way united himself with each individual" (22).

The sacraments are teaching us to recognise God in our humanity, so that we may see that humanity as it is in God. The sacraments enable us to be nearer to God than the old symbolic life could, because it is God that we touch in touching the humanity of Christ, receiving that humanity into ourselves and with it the divinity. The well-lived sacramental life makes every life precious to us, because every life is an image of God. This is true by nature since God made us in God's own image as rational beings. Yet it is even more true by the fact of the incarnation, as we are shaped in the image of Christ.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - BALINANJE

Društvo sv. Jožefa prireja tradicionalno balinanje v **soboto, 18. septembra 2021**, s pričetkom ob **10. uri dopoldne**. Letos se društvo zavzema, da bo ta dan veselo druženje, predvsem pa bo poskrbljeno za varnost nastopajočih igralcev in gledalcev. Tekmovalo bo največ 8 ekip, vsaka ekipa s štirimi igralci.



Pogostitev bo potekala zunaj na prostem in sicer poenostavljeno z kranjsko klobaso, žemljo in pijačo. Cena na igralca je \$10.- v kar je vključena tudi pogostitev, za ostale pa je cena pogostitve \$5.-

Rezervacije za ekipe in za pogostitev sprejemata Frank Novak na številki 905-561-1944 ali Peter Novak na številki 905-928-9984.

Odbor društva sv. Jožefa vas vljudno vabi.

St Joseph's Society will be hosting their **Annual Bocce Tournament** on **Saturday September 18th, 10:00 a.m.**

This year, the tournament will have a simple and safe approach to ensure everyone will have a good time.

A maximum of 8 teams of 4 will be allowed, to be followed by an outdoor lunch. The lunch will include a "kranjska klobasa" on a bun and a beverage. Bocce players cost is \$10 with lunch included. Anyone wishing to join for lunch only is \$5.

To reserve a team or lunch only, please contact Frank Novak 905-561-1944 or Peter Novak 905-928-9984.

SLOVENSKI PARK MEMBERS ONLY - COVID FRIENDLY SUMMER EVENT LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY LONG WKND Fri Sept. 3 - Mon Sept. 6

Balinca Tournament - please contact Frank at: Frank.Skerl@FirstGroup.com

Breakfast - please contact Heidi at: fitrumohrs@gmail.com

Movie Night (still accepting movie requests) - please contact Kristina and Travis at: kajin10@hotmail.com at: travisoblackwell@gmail.com

Karaoke - please contact Kristina and Travis at: kajin10@hotmail.com and travisoblackwell@gmail.com

Holy Mass with Father Drago - new readers and choir always welcome - please contact Mary Ann at: m_demars@hotmail.com

Sunday BBQ Lunch - Roast Pork and Roast Chicken - please prepay and preorder Kristina & Johnny at: johnnyhocevar6@gmail.com

50/50 Draw: \$5 for one ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.

Support your Covid Cart - Be Generous Swimming, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Balinca: Fun in the Sun for everyone!

And don't forget to check out our **Beehive** - courtesy of Slovensko kanadsko čebelarsko društvo / Slovenia Canadian Beekeeping Association

To those who have fulfilled **Membership Obligation Volunteer Hours** this year - THANK YOU. To those who have not - please contact Danny to sign up for the Long Wknd : ddemars1@gmail.com or 905 330 3460

BREAKFAST IS BACK AT SLOVENSKI PARK!

Pre-order/Pre-pay - etransfer to Heidi Rumohr
fitrumohrs@gmail.com Password: Slovenski

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH BREAKFAST MENU 9:30-11:00 AM

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| 1) Bacon, Egg & Cheese
Breakfast Sandwich & Coffee | \$5.00 |
| 2) Homemade Strudel served
with a coffee | \$5.00 |
| 3) Upsize with Baileys or a
Caesar | \$5.00 |

Skip the drive to Tim Horton's and enjoy
BREAKFAST served at Slovenski Park! All
you have to do is roll out of bed and walk to
the hall during your pickup time and your
breakfast will be ready!



Holy Mass with Father Drago



NEEDED:

ONE Reader in English and ONE Reader in Slovenian for the First and Second Readings

Children/Teens to share reading the petitions - English and/or Slovenian

Choir to lead the congregation in song - Slovenian or English

Please contact Mary Ann at m.demsar@hotmail.com to volunteer

Sun Sept 5, 2021 MEMBERS ONLY EVENT



To Pre-order and Pre-pay contact:
Kristina & Johnny: johnnyhocevar@gmail.com
or 647 830 5873 COVID SPECIAL



MEALS
ready for
Timed
Pick-Up
after Mass



Roast Chicken and Roast Pork Dinners
Labour Day Long Wknd Celebration

Pre-order / Pick-up / Take-out ONLY / ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPT 1

\$15. **Pečen Piščanec** Dinner: ¼ Roast Chicken, Salad, Potatoes

\$18. **Pečenka** Dinner: 1 lb Roast Pork, Salad, Potatoes

\$ 5. **Štrudel**

Get your 50-50 Tickets

\$5. each

\$20. for 5 chances

Contact Danny to Volunteer: ddemsar1@gmail.com or 903 330 3450

SLOVENSKI PARK PRESENTS



STARTS AT 10:30PM

LOCATED @ DANCE FLOOR

MORE INFORMATION: KAJINI10@HOTMAIL.COM

DONATIONS TO SLOVENSKI PARK WELCOME



BALINCA (BOCCE) TOURNAMENT

SLOVENSKI PARK - September Long Wknd

Sat Sept 4, 2021 - Start time: 12:00 noon

Three players per team - \$20.00 Entrance Fee per person - includes entry fee, kranjske, beverage

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in both A & B finals

All ages welcome.

Registration: Contact Frank Skerl at Frank.Skerl@firstGroup.com



WHEN:
Sun
Sept 5, 2021

WHERE:
OUTDOOR
DANCE FLOOR

TIME:
8:30PM

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sept. 11, 2021 Gosgnach
Sept. 25, 2021 Jožica Vegelj and team

DAROV - DONATIONS

Oltarnemu društvu so darovali:
- \$70 starši prvoobhajancev za rože
- \$50 Marija Žvan v spomin na vse pokojne
Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:
- \$150 Michael in Marija Fabina
- \$100 Steve in Diane Lovrenčec
- \$400 Chelsea in Cameron Wielhouwer
- \$200 Margaret Žagar v spomin na pok.
Matthew Kennedy
Društvo sv. Jožefa je darovalo \$1000 za
potrebe naše cerkve.
Hvala vsem za vaše darove. Bog vam sto-
terno povrni vašo dobroto.

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden že stopamo v mesec september
in v petek je prvi petek. Zvečer ob 6h bo pri-
ložnost za sveto spoved in molitev pred Naj-
svetejšim ob 7h pa sveta maša.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu septembru bo večna luč svetila
za pokojnega Alojzija Slobodnika po namenu
hčerke Mary Hode z družino.

POKOJNI - FUNERAL

Ta teden je Bog poklical k
sebi dve naši faranki.

V četrtek, 26. avgusta je
umrla **Ann Louise Božnar** v
svojem 77 letu. Pokojna bo
ležala v Smith's Funeral Home
on 454 Highway #8 v ponedel-
ljek od 3h do 7h. Pogrebna



maša za pokojno bo v torek, 31. avgusta v naši
cerkvi ob 10h dopoldne in nato pogreb na Gate
of Heaven pokopališču. Iskreno sožalje možu
Johnu, sestri Joan in otrokoma Allanu in Moniki
z družinama. Pokojni Ann pa večni mir in pokoj.

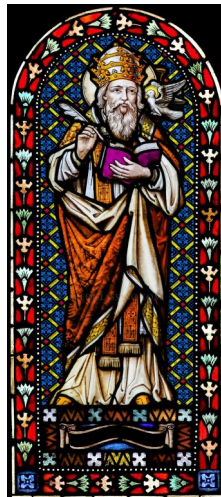
V petek, 27. avgusta pa je po krajši bolezni
umrla **Magda Udovč**. Zaenkrat vemo samo, da
bo pogrebna maša v sredo, 1. septembra ob
10h dopoldne v naši cerkvi.

Gospod daj ji večni mir in pokoj in večna luč
naj ji sveti.

GOD ZAVETNIKA NAŠE CERKVE - 3. SEPTEMBER

GREGOR VELIKI (OK.540-604)

Za Leonom I. je Gregor I. drugi
in edini papež, ki mu je zgodovina
prisodila naslov Veliki. Zaslužil si
ga je, ker je modro vodil krmilo
Kristusove Cerkve v času, ko je
stari vek prehajal v srednjega. Bil
je prvi papež iz vrst zahodnega
menišтва, zato je mogel benedik-
tinskemu redu naložiti dolžnost
misijonarjenja med novimi evrop-
skimi poganskimi narodi. Zapustil
je globoke duhovne spise, preure-
dil je bogoslužje in petje
(gregorijanski koral), kar je vse
imelo stoletno veljavo.



Rodil se je v Rimu okoli leta
540 v patricijski (plemiški) družini. Svojo rojstno hišo je
kasneje Gregor predelal v benediktinski samostan. Nje-
govi spisi pričajo, da si je pridobil temeljito izobrazbo.
Med leti 572–574 je bil na visokem mestu z naslovom
rimski prefekt: bil je na čelu mestne uprave in o svojem
delu je poročal cesarskemu namestniku v Raveni. Že leta
574 ali vsaj 575 se je odpovedal službi in svetu. S pode-
dovanim premoženjem je ustanovil šest benediktinskih
samostanov na Siciliji in enega v Rimu, v svoji rojstni
hiši. Kar mu je ostalo premoženja, ga je razdelil med

reže, potem pa se je pridružil menihom v domači hiši, vendar jim ni maral biti predstojnik. Po petih ali šestih letih bivanja v samostanu ga je tedanji papež Pelagij II. posvetil v diakona in ga kot svojega zastopnika poslal na carigrajski dvor. Leta 586 se je vrnil v Rim.

Po smrti papeža Pelagija leta 590 so ga enoglasno izvolili za njegovega naslednika. Gregor se je na vse mogoče načine otepal tega bremena, toda zaman: 3. septembra leta 590 so ga posvetili za rimskega škofa.

Papežovo zaupanje v božjo pomoč pa je dopolnjevala budna človeška pozornost za velike in majhne priložnosti, ki naj sprožijo dela ljubezni in usmiljenja do trpečih. V štirinajstih letih svojega papeževanja je znal modro vpletati drobne stvari v velike načrte za blagor vesoljne Cerkve. Njegovo največje in najbolj osebno delo pa je bilo misijonsko delo na Britanskem otoku. Za misijonarje izbral benediktince, ki jim je naročal, naj poganskih svetišč ne rušijo, temveč jih spreminjajo v krščanske cerkve. Priporočal je blago misijonsko metodo, ki so jo uporabljali blagovestniki tudi med našimi slovenskimi predniki.

Njegovo življenje se je izteklo 12. marca 604. Do pokoncilске preureditve koledarja je bil njegov god 12. marca, po novem obhajamo njegov god 3. septembra, na spominski dan njegove posvetitve za rimskega škofa. Gregor Veliki velja za zavetnika učenjakov, učiteljev, šolarjev, glasbenikov (koralno petje).

*It's been 560 days since
the Slovenian Parish com-
munity did this ...
... Keep the date
Sunday September 26
open!*



V tem tednu so naslednje obletnice smrti faranov, ki so zapisani v naših knjigah:

Lobo	Lyn Lynessa	August 31, 2016
Zorko	Alojz	September 1, 2005
Pelcar	Paula	September 4, 2018
Glavač	Viktor	September 4, 2020
Zver	John	September 5, 1972
Šporer	Elizabeth	September 5, 1995

22. NEDELJA MED LETOM
22ND SUNDAY IN
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29. AVGUST

MUČENIŠTVO JANEZA
KRSTNIKA

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Darinka Ferletič, obl.
† Pok. starši in Darinka Ferletič, obl.
† Katarina in Franc Kapušin
† Irma Dorenčec
† Ana Ferenčak
† Lojze Prilesnik
† Frank Verdinšek
† Slavka Mramor
† Slavko Slobodnik, obl.
† Pepi Kolmanič
†† Pokojni člani društva Bled

10:00 A.M. -----

Milan in Sandy Ferletič
Julija Sagadin z družino
Tony in Antonetta
Ignac in Gabriela Robačar
Matilda Prša
Jože in Magda Razpotnik
Steve Vincenc
Mož z družino
Žena Olga z družino
Družina Kolmanič

12:00 NOON Maša pri društvu Bled



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English - For the time of Covid-19 it is only one Mass on Sundays) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** For an appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** 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 with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

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