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**14. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Prerok ni sprejet v svojem kraju



V Jezusovem času je bil ta stavek znan kot pregovor. Jezus ga je uporabil, da je z njim izrazil usodo, kakršno mu je dodelila njegova do-movina. Stavek namiguje na čisto določen dogodek iz Jezusovega življe-nja - na vrnitev v Nazaret kmalu po začetku javnega delovanja. V domači kraj se je vrnil - ne več kot preprost tesar, ampak kot

učitelj, ki govori z oblastjo in kliče ljudi k veri.

Prizor se odvija v shodnici, kjer so se zbirali k branju Svetega pisma in k poslušanju rabinov, ki so ga razlagali. Jezus je šel je v shodnico, prebral svetopisemski odlomek in začel učiti. Lahko si predstavljamo pričakovanje in radovednost Nazarečanov. Pričakovali so od Jezusa, da bo kakor so delali drugi rabini tistega časa namesto tega pa imajo vtis, da jih je zajel vihar: »Čas se je dopolnil in božje kraljestvo se je približalo. Spreobrnite se in verujte evangeliju!« Rezultat je bil popoln Jezusov poraz. Ni mogel napraviti nič drugega, kot da je ob odhodu polagal roke na nekatere bolnike, ki so se mudili v bližini shodnice in prosili vbogajme, ter jih ozdravljaj. Če beremo Lukovo poročilo, zvemo, da se je dogodek končal prav dramatično: med vpitjem in grožnjami so Jezusa vrgli iz shodnice in ga izgnali iz mesta.

Ta pripetljaj iz Jezusovega življenja pove več kot si mislimo. Janez je v svojem evangeliju zapisal: »V svojo lastnino je prišel, toda njegovi ga niso sprejeli«. Ob pogledu na prizor, ko Jezusa izženejo iz Nazareta in odvedejo na previs hriba, na katerem je bilo sezidano njihovo mesto, nehote takoj pomislimo na prizor, ko Jezusa peljejo na Kalvarijo.

Ob tem se nam postavlja vprašanje: zakaj ga »njegovi« niso sprejeli? Janez na to takole odgovarja: zato, ker ljudje bolj ljubijo temo kakor luč; luči se bojijo; ta namreč razkriva, da so njihova dela hudobna.

A skušajmo razumeti tudi Nazarečane. Niso imeli namena odkloniti luči in izbrati teme, vsaj zavestno ne; niso se bali luči. Česa so se torej

bali? Kaj so zavračali? Zavračali so nekaj, kar jim je bilo novo! Jezus se jim je predstavil kot prerok. Prerok pa je nelagoden človek, včasih ga doživljajo kot nekakšen izziv, ki ga Bog postavlja ljudstvu. Prek preroška Bog sam narekuje človeku svoj slog in svoj »ritem« in ga sili, da preusmeri svoj korak. Prerok torej predstavlja božjo novost, nepredvidljivost, spremembo. Beseda, ki je gotovo najbolj zmotila Nazarečane, je bila: Spreobrnite se! Ljudje pa nimajo radi novosti; bolje rečeno, radi jo imajo »okoli« sebe, ne pa »v« sebi. Kaj torej storijo, samo da jim ne bi bilo treba postaviti pod vprašaj svojega življenja in ga spreminiti? Sklicujejo se na preteklost, na mir in gotovost, ki jim jo daje ustaljeno, utečeno ravnanje. Kdo je ta, ki hoče sedaj vse postaviti na glavo? Kaj nam je treba sprememb? Vedno smo ravnali tako! Nič ne de, če smo ob tem vedno enakem ravnanju bili nezadovoljni, nesrečni, zasuznjeni. Človek se privadi tudi na to, da je nesrečen, in se sprijazni tudi s suženjstvom. Ob takšnem razmišljanju postanejo ljudje »trmastega obraza« in »predrznega srca« (prvo berilo).

Prav to se je zgodilo judovskemu ljudstvu. V dolgih stoletjih po izgnanstvu se je odvadilo poslušanja prejšnjega glasu, namesto tega se je vedno bolj oklepalo institucij: rabinov, duhovnikov, shodnice, sobote. S tem, kar so ponavljali rabini in kar so ljudje vedno počeli so bili Nazarečani zadovoljni.

Če se v luči današnjega evangelija vprašamo po vzroku, bomo našli odgovor v evangeliju: zaradi njihove nevere, ki se kaže v lenobi, v trmoglavi navezanosti na navade in na povsem gmotno gotovost, ki je povezana s preteklostjo. Takšna navezanost nam preprečuje, da bi se v veri resnično odprli moči Božjega Duha. Nevera je v odklanjanju misli, da tudi dobri kristjani, utegnejo potrebovati korenito in nenehno spreobrnjenje. Nazarečani so izgovor za svojo nevero poiskali v dejstvu, da je bil ta, ki jim je oznanjal spreobrnjenje, eden izmed njih. Pohujševali so se nad učlovečenjem! Sv. Pavel spominja na to, da se božja moč v polnosti razodeva v človekovi slabotnosti. Za Jezusa je bila »slabotnost« v tem, da je bil človek kot vsi drugi, da je on, ki je Božji Sin, nosil človeško ime, imel sorodnike, domovino.

- (prim. Oznanjevalec 2003, št. 3)

Response: Our eyes look to the Lord, until he has mercy upon us.

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

Ezekiel is commissioned by God to speak to the disobedient Israelites. God tells him to deliver the message as commanded, even if they do not want to listen.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul says that when he is weak, he is strong in Christ.

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Nazareth but the people reject him. He is amazed by their lack of faith, and he is only able to heal a few sick people because of their unbelief.

“There is a prophet among them.”



Illustration

Around this time last year, a group of schoolchildren in Birmingham sent drawings to children at an asylum centre in Dover after children's murals at the centre were removed. Immigration officials had them painted over, as it was felt they were too welcoming! Pupils from St Gerard's Catholic Primary School in Birmingham said this action made them feel sad. They sent their drawings to help make the refugee children feel "more welcome". Around 100 pictures and stories were sent by 8- and 9-year-olds before the school broke up for the summer.

At the same time, discussions were going on in Parliament, in parishes and on the streets about a new Illegal Immigration Bill, which many felt fuelled hostility towards refugees.

The Churches spoke out on behalf of refugees, particularly children, even though this meant going against government plans and even some significant popular opinion.

Despite protests, the Illegal Migration Act became law on 20 July 2023, although Churches and human rights groups remained concerned about the impact it would have on refugee children in particular. The Jesuit Refugee Service, CAFOD, the Catholic Social Action Network, Columban missionaries and Pax Christi Scotland were among those asking supporters to oppose “this cruel and unworkable” legislation. Plans for detaining child refugees were heavily criticised. The Jesuit Refugee Service UK said, “it is vital that all children are protected from the lifelong trauma that detention inflicts.” Campaigners urged the government to focus on creating “a compassionate, fair, and effective system”, including being less hostile to people fleeing to the UK to seek sanctuary. Some refugees were so desperate they travelled in small boats across the English Channel.

Gospel Teaching

Our readings today suggest that we – as individuals and as members of Christian communities – should become prophets who speak up against anything we see going on that goes against Christian values. In the example given it is ‘welcoming the stranger’, which is Church policy.

It is not easy. Biblical prophets were often afraid to accept the call from God, not wanting to have their lives interrupted, and so made a list of all the reasons why they could not accept the call, including their personal limitations. God called on them to be courageous and committed, trusting they had something valuable to offer.

In the Gospel we hear that Jesus was dismayed when he experienced a lack of faith in his own town of Nazareth. Indeed, it even undermined his ability to perform miracles. He lamented individuals and communities taking on the values of society rather

than of faith. We are encouraged to speak out as people of faith and to be prophets of our time. We are challenged by the example of Jesus to speak out against injustice and violence. Vulnerable groups tend to come second to personal profit and advancement and the vulnerable environment is carelessly used and not well protected. We cannot be indifferent to these realities of our time.

Application

The reluctance to be a prophet in the world has not changed in our age. Do we feel reluctant to engage in issues for the common good for all the same reasons – too busy, not skilled enough, or afraid? Perhaps we ignore the news, both local and international. Perhaps we are indifferent to the suffering of communities we don’t know. However, just like the prophets of old, God needs us now, and we are invited to respond.

Learn more about the issues that threaten the quality of life of people and the environment so that we will no longer be passive observers but Christians who contribute to discussions with a clear set of values. Do we have a parish justice and peace group or projects which reach out to vulnerable people in the parish? Even the smallest of acts has the potential to seed change and make life better for everyone.

On a personal level, perhaps we will be challenged this week to welcome a stranger. Are you aware of someone who is not included in mainstream society? Are they unable to access things you take for granted? It may be someone you passed on the street or saw on the news. Perhaps it is a refugee child who feels alone in the world. As that person comes to mind, spend time asking God how you can respond. What needs to be done to enable this person to be a part of our community? What structural and political changes are required? Do we need to be critical of our assumptions and prejudices? Do we need to ask more questions and take less for granted? Do we need to speak out for social justice? Let us be more prophetic.

2024 SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2024 Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation Awards Application Now Available. The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation was created to provide students of Slovenian-Canadian descent, residing within the Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, and Niagara regions, the opportunity to be recognized for their academic achievements, community involvement, and appreciation of their Slovenian heritage.

Select applicants will be granted a monetary award in the form of a scholarship or bursary from the foundation. The presentation of awards will be held on September 22, 2024 at St. Gregory's Fall Banquet. Application forms are available via email request to Teresa Zupancič at

teresa.zupancic@gmail.com. Completed application packages must be submitted via email to teresa.zupancic@gmail.com by 9:00 p.m. on Friday August 23, 2024 for award consideration.

Please forward any questions to Teresa at 905-930-7545 or Irene Glavač Petrič at glavacpetric@gmail.com.



SUMMER DAY CAMP 2024

Reminder that this year's **SUMMER DAY CAMP** is being held **AUGUST 13-16**.

Registration forms will be available Sunday. If you have children who want to come, play, sing, do crafts and make new friends - call and register.

Little ones are welcome with the supervision of a parent or grandparent! It will be a week filled with fun and an end of week BBQ and our annual Campers vs. family Soccer game!

Also looking for **Highschool students** and older to help out! If you need volunteer hours or if you're just happy to help out, call and get ready for a fun filled week.

Looking forward to a week of fun and laughter - August 13-16 - Heidy Novak 905-317-6002



Day Camp 2023



Day Camp 2023

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

Mladi Glas Planika 50th Anniversary celebration

“VESELICA STYLE”



Saturday October 12, 2024

FEATURING

PLUS 6 GUEST
DANCE GROUPS
FROM USA AND
CANADA!



Anapolis Lithuanian Cultural Center
2185 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga Ont.

Doors open 3pm

19+: ~~\$30~~ *Early Bird special*

4-18: \$20

*\$25 until
September 15!*

3 and under: free



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ZAMEJSTVU IN PO SVETU

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code
below or contact Mary Kure at 416
951 6124 or kuremaria@gmail.com



Eventbrite.ca - Mladi Glas

**A THIRD BUS
HAS BEEN
ADDED!**

You still have time
to join

**Mladi glas
Planika Slovenian
Dance Group**

on our trip to
41st Annual
Slovenefest at
SNPJ Recreation
Center in
Enon Valley,
Pennsylvania
(just outside of
Pittsburgh)

July 12-14, 2025

Buses depart
Brown's Line
at 6:45 am
July 12th with
a pickup stop in
Beamesville
at 7:45 am and will
return Sunday
night.

For more infor-
mation and
to reserve
your spaces
please contact
NANCY KAJIN
@ 647-287-8840
today!



\$60 In commemoration of our 60th anniversary
RAFFLE TICKET
A CHANCE TO WIN A \$6,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER
Lottery License No. 24-866520
St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church - Hamilton
Draw to be held on January 1, 2025 12:30am



\$60 Selling at all Parish Events

As you all know we are celebrating our 60th Anniversary all year long.

We were honoured to have His Grace Ivan Jurkovič, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada with us on Thursday, June 27, to celebrate Mass as a sort of start to the blessing of our milestone celebration.

As you all know, we are selling **raffle tickets** in honour of our anniversary.

The tickets are **\$60 each** and the **grand prize is a \$6000 travel voucher**.


We are also organizing our **Fall banquet on September 22nd** to include a short walk down memory lane.

We hope that all members of our parish, past and present will participate in our celebration events as we embark on the next years of our journey as a proud Slovenian community.



**ST. GREGORY
THE GREAT
SLOVENIAN PARISH**

**60th
Anniversary**



1964 - 2024



Proščênje piknik

1 pm | Holy Mass

2 pm | Lunch

2:30 pm | Social, Dancing

Pool and other activities

**Sunday
July 21st, 2024**

Special Performance by:
**Nageljcki Slovenian
Folklore Dance Group**

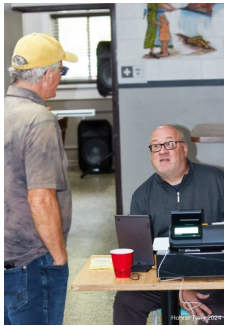
Entry Fee Adult : \$10 Ages 6-15 : \$5
5 and under : free



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Slovenski park - Canada Day Long Weekend





Last Canada Day weekend, Slovenski Park hosted the first soccer tournament they've put on in a long time. The weather was wet and humid on Saturday, but the soccer teams all stuck it out and had a great time! The winning team was Team Hode, consisting of Kristina and Carmen Hode, and friends. Saturday evening, the weather cleared up just in time for everyone to enjoy a fun-filled night of karaoke on the patio!

Sunday turned out to be very cool and breezy, but we still had a great turnout! Father Drago held mass in the hall at 1pm, which was followed by a lunch of pečenka, spit-roasted chicken, hamburgers and čevape. In the evening we were serenaded by the lively and harmonious **Golden Keys band**. The night ended with an amazing fireworks display over the swimming pond, which was enjoyed by children and adults alike. It was so nice to see so many small toddlers and children enjoying the show that evening!

Many thanks to everyone, from the event coordinators, volunteers, players, members and visitors for making this such a great weekend!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Slovenski Park's annual

PEČENKAFEST on Saturday, July 20th!

~ Slovenski Park Executive Committee



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- July 7th - **Lipa Park** - Summerfest Picnic
- July 20th - **Slovenski Park** - Pečenkafest
- July 21st - **Bled** - Proščenje; Mass: 1:00 p.m. - Ansambel Šibaj -
- Aug. 4th - **Slovenski Park** - 60th Anniversary of Park & 50th Anniversary of the Chapel
- Avg. 11th - **Sava-Breslau** - Picnic, Mass 1p.m.
- Avg. 13-16th - **St. Gregory the Great** - Day Camp
- Avg. 24th - **Lipa Park** - Music in the Park Picnic - Slovenian Band: Raubarji & Peški Oktet
- Avg 25th - **Bled** - End of Summer Picnic
- Sept 1st - **Slovenski Pak** - Labour Day Weekend - Baseball Tour. - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- Sept 14th - **Bled** - Golf Tournament
- Sept 15st - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m. - at St. John the Divine Church
- Sept 22nd - **St. Gregory the Great** - Fall Banquet - **60 years of the Parish** - Mass: 10 a.m.

BRALCI - READERS:

- July 7 - Rosemary Šušteršič
- July 14 - Rita Bartula
- July 21 - Slovenian
- July 28 - Sidonia Poppa
- August 4 - Slovenian
- August 11 - Rita Bartula

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- July 20th - Štefka Eržen team
- Aug. 3rd - Lojzka Novak team

POLETJE - POČITNICE

V petek, 12. julija bo prišel med nas za tri tedne g. Miran Sajovic, salezijanec, ki me bo zamenjeval v času moje odsotnosti, t.j. od 15. julija do 2. avgusta.

Dobrodošel med nas.

SLOVENSKI PARK PRESENTS

PEČENKA FEST

Saturday July 20th
GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM
\$15 PER PERSON
UNDER 16 FREE

Kitchen opens at 1:00 pm
Pečenka availability times are
1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 pm

Featuring Music By:
Sibaj ft. Monika and Louis Mavec

REGISTER A TEAM!

Deadline to register is July 14th
Entry fee is \$175 Per Team

For more information or to register
Email - John Kajin
Slovenskiparkfunds@gmail.com

SLOVENSKI PARK PRESENTS

PEČENKA FEST

Kitchen Menu / Prices

- 1 lb Pečenka Dinner \$25
- Homemade Schnitzel Dinner \$18
- Homemade Schnitzel on a Bun \$8
- Salad Plate \$5
- Roasted Chicken Dinner \$14
- Kranjska Dinner \$18
- Kranjska on a Bun \$8
- Čevape on a Bun \$8



Please join us for one of our summer events in the Park

Summerfest Picnic

Featuring: *The Nu-Tones with Special Guest Walter Ostanek*

Sunday July 7, 2024

Doors Open at 1:00 p.m.
Admission: \$5 per person



Live Music
from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Slovenian food favourites from the kitchen
and pork and lamb from the barbecue!

Please note that this is a cash-only event.
No outside coolers, beverages, or food allowed.
Pets are happier at home.

Svete maše - Masses

<p>14. NEDELJA MED LETOM</p> <p>7. JULIJ</p> <p>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>††</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane</p> <p>Maks Pavlič</p> <p>Martin Tompa</p> <p>Pok. iz družine Štefanec</p> <p>Po namenu - za zdravje</p>	<p>10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Žena z družino</p> <p>Žena z družino</p> <p>Marina Štefanec z družino</p> <p>H. K.</p>
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DON BOSCO

SV. MAŠE - MASSES: Mon. to Fri.: 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slo); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slo); 11:00 A.M (Eng) - From July to Fall Banquet only 10:00 A.M. - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** By appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 to 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 or Cell: 905-520-2014

SLOVENSKI PARK PRESENTS

PEČENKA FEST

Team Registration Info

Deadline to register is Sunday, July 14th at midnight

Entry fee is \$175 per team and includes pig, admission and weekend camping fees for 4 team members, as well as a plate of potato salad & bread to enjoy your meat!

RV trailer is an additional \$25.
Limited Spots Available

Standard camping fees apply for more than 4 team members (\$40 for weekend or \$20 per night)

For more information or to register
Email - John Kajin
Slovenskiparkfunds@gmail.com



V tem tednu so naslednje obletnice smrti faranov, ki so zapisani v naših knji-

Žekš	William	July 8, 1985
Zrim	Marija	July 8, 2009
Berkopec	Joseph	July 11, 1980
Uduč	Joseph	July 12, 1981
Žvan	John Janez	July 12, 2006
Rajner	Jožef	July 12, 2023
Knaus	Angela	July 14, 1994

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 8. JULIJ <i>Gregor Grassi, škof</i>	†	Bogu in M. Božji v zahvalo Eileen Ann MacKenzie	7:00 P.M.	Ivka Pašalić N. N.
TOREK - TUESDAY 9. JULIJ <i>Hadrijan III., papež</i>	† †	Mara Ostojić Maks Slanič	7:00 P.M.	Ana Plosinjak
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 10. JULIJ <i>Amalija, redovnica</i>	†† †	Tony in Elizabeth Ferko Stanko Vegelj	7:00 P.M.	Hči Tanja Brat Ivan z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 11. JULIJ <i>Benedikt, opat</i>	† ††	Janez Grebenc Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	7:00 P.M.	Hči Mary Grebenc Helen Špiler
PETEK - FRIDAY 12. JULIJ <i>Mohor in Fortunat, muč.</i>	† † † ††	Kristina Vogrinec Jože Uduč, obl. Jožef Rajner, obl. Starši Kelenc	7:00 P.M.	Terezija Donko z družino Žena z družino Žena Vera z družino Družina Kelenc
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 13. JULIJ <i>Henrik (Hinko), kralj Joel, prerok</i>	†† † †† †† ††	Pokojni farani Martin Tompa Za duše v vicah Angela in Jožef Mlakar Katarina in Vinko Antolin, obl. Marija Gabor, obl.	5:30 P.M.	Družina Malevič Jože in Marija Magdič z družino Marija Košir Hči Mary Hanc Ivan in Angela Antolin z družino Angela in Ivan Antolin z družino
15. NEDELJA MED LETOM 14. JULIJ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Kamil, duhovnik</i>	†† † † † †	Za žive in rajne župljane Paula in Franc Pelcar Vinko Skale Maks Pavlič Polde Babič Štefan Horvat	10:00 A.M.	----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z družino Hči Elizabeth z družino Marina Štefanec z družino Jože Gimpelj Žena Marija z družino

Until September 22nd Sunday Masses are only at 10:00 a.m.