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**2. VELIKONOČNA
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**2ND SUNDAY OF
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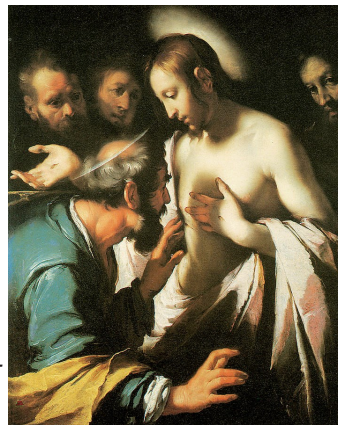
Na današnja nedeljo evangelij spominja na prvo prikazanje vstalega Jezusa, ko se je učencem prikazal v dvorani zadnje večerje na velikonočni večer - in spominja na drugo prikazanje osem dni pozneje.

Vrata dvorane zadnje večerje so bila zaradi strahu prej Judi zaprta. Jezus se je prikazal sredi učencev kljub zapahnjanim vratom, in prva beseda, ki jo je namenil učencem, je zelo pomenljiva. Jezus bi jih lahko ostro ozmerjal, kajti vsi so ga zapustili, Peter ga je celo zatajil; On pa jim pravi: »Mir z vami!« In mir je tisti, ki prihaja po zmagi. Jezus je premagal hudobijo in smrt, sovraštvo in vsakršno samoljubje; zato lahko prinaša spravo in mir. Namesto očitanja učencem poklanja voščilo miru. Potem jim pokaže svojo roko in stran, to je rane, ki so zaslužile zmago.

Apostoli so se vsekakor razveselili, ko so videli Gospoda. Skupaj z mirom Jezus svojim učencem prinaša tudi veselje, t.j. veselje zaradi njegove zmage in veselje predvsem zaradi njegove ljubezni, ki je premagala naše samoljubje in našo podlost.

Voščilo pa pridružuje nalogo za učence: »Kot je Oče poslal mene, tako vas tudi jaz pošiljam.« Jezusovo vstajenje ni nekakšen zaseben dogodek, ki zadeva samo njega, temveč vpleta vse. Vstali Jezus zaupa poslanstvo, ki ga je treba izpolniti: Mariji Magdaleni, ženam in sedaj tudi apostolom. Da bi jim mogel posredovati potrebno moč za izvrševanje tega poslanstva jim Jezus podarja Svetega Duha: »Prejeli boste Svetega Duha.« Ta dar se je na izjemen način predstavil na binkošti; vendar je tudi takrat Peter zatrjeval, da je Jezus dar Svetega Duha pridobil s svojim vstajenjem in ta nam je bil posredovan.

Prav zato je Jezusovo vstajenje velikanska dobrina za vse nas: je novo Jezusovo življenje - življenje v Duhu - ki nam je posredovano in ki želi preoblikovati vse naše bivanje.



Tomaža ni bilo med učenci, ko je prišel Gospod zato ni verjel učencem, da se jim je prikazal Jezus. Hoče dokaz, hoče se sam preričati. Vendar je tudi pogoj, ki ga je on postavljaj, navdihnjen, kajti, da bi veroval, zahteva, da bi videl znamenje žebļev in rano na Jezusovem prsnem košu. Jezus se je namreč predstavil učencem prav s tem, da jim je pokazal roke in prsno stran. Gre torej za dejstvo, da je bila njegova identiteta preverljiva z ranami in z ljubeznijo, ki jo izpričujejo. Po osmih dneh se Jezus znova prikaže učencem in pozdravi: »Mir z vami!« Potem se obrne k Tomažu in mu pravi: »Deni sem svoj prst in poglej moje roke; stegni svojo roko in jo položi na mojo stran; in ne bodi več neveren, temveč veren.« Tu je bil Tomaž premagan in je Jezusu izpovedal vero, ki je bila zelo čista in močna - ko pravi: »Moj Gospod in moj Bog!« V vsej Novi zavezi ne najdemo tako globoke izpovedi vere, ki je tako popolna kot Tomaževa. Ta navdih je prejel, ko se je s svojimi rokami dotaknil Jezusovega prebodenega prsnega koša. Jezusovo srce mu posreduje močno in globoko vero.

Jezus mu torej pravi: »Ker si me videl, si veroval: blagor tistim, ki bodo verovali, tudi če ne bodo videli.« Poduk Tomažu je vsekakor v našo korist.

V drugem berilu nam Janez pravi, da je vera naša zmaga. Po njej smo deležni pri Jezusovi zmagi nad hudobnim svetom: »To je zmaga, ki je premagala svet: naša vera.« Kdor res verjame v Jezusa, je zmagovalec; od njega prejema vso potrebno moč, da more premagati hudobni svet.

Prvo berilo nam daje razumeti, v čem je krščanska zmaga. Za apostole je bila v pogumu, da so pričali za Jezusovo vstajenje: »Z veliko močjo so apostoli pričali o vstajenju Gospoda Jezusa.«

Drugi vidik zadeva dobrodelnost. V Apostolskih delih beremo: »Množica teh, ki so sprejeli vero, je bila kakor eno srce in ena duša.« Gre za popolno edinost v bratski ljubezni, po Jezusovi ljubezni, ki je v srca vliva Sveti Duh. Ta združenost ni le teoretična, temveč se razodeva zelo vidno: »Nihče ni trdil, da je to, kar ima, njegova last, temveč jim je bilo vse skupno.«

Gospoda moramo prositi, naj nas naredi bolj odprte in razpoložljive za moč vere, da bi bili pogumnejši v pričevanju in velikodušnejši v izvrševanju bratske ljubezni.

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

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us.

Gospel John 20:19-31

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

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Illustration

A young woman, who looked very emaciated, sat every morning at the lamppost outside Warren Street tube station in London. She begged for a few coins in an old, rather battered, McDonald's cup. Wrapped up in an old blanket, she endured the cruel, cold wind which blew strongly between the tall buildings. Further down Tottenham Court Road, sleepers woke up from their restless sleep and stirred in their grubby sleeping bags with a few pieces of cardboard as their mattresses. Here and there, some had small tents which had been erected next to the shops to gain heat from the ventilation ducts.

Most people walked by the woman; some placed a few coins in her cup. Most days, James



also passed by, not offering her any money, thinking that it would be misused, likely to be spent on alcohol or drugs. One day he gave her one pound. A few days later he did the same again and she asked, "Can you buy me a cup of coffee please?" Stirred by her pathetic face and her pleading question, he said "yes" and went into McDonald's. Not having visited McDonald's for years, he was now confronted with screens for placing an order and little human contact. Negotiating this, he walked out and gave the coffee to the young woman. "What is your name?", he asked. "Tina", she replied. The woman by the lamppost was afterwards always "Tina" and not just another anonymous face. He began to think more about her. The pattern repeated a few times and then she disappeared. He wondered, "What happened to Tina, is she dead or alive?"

Gospel Teaching

Thomas struggled to believe in Jesus, risen from the dead and the new life which he offered him. But Thomas' doubt was even stronger, he was stubborn, he said, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my fingers in the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe".

He made demands of Jesus and the other apostles. Thomas was arrogant. It must have been a struggle to stay with those who believed and were full of joy. Now he found himself on the margins.

God relentlessly pursues those who try to escape from him, never abandoning them, and protecting them unceasingly under the shade of his outstretched hand. The risen Jesus seeks Thomas out to speak to him and prove that he is risen from the dead. He appears to Thomas and invites him to do exactly what he has demanded. Thomas touches the wounds of the risen Jesus and says, "My Lord and my God". He believes.

We belong to the Body of Christ through baptism. This is not an abstract reality but real, earthy, and fleshy. We meet Christ when we love our brothers and sisters as neighbours. St Francis of Assisi, leaving his rich life behind, despised lepers in general. But when he kissed one leper whom he met on the road to Assisi, his bitterness was changed to sweetness. St Francis recognised him as having the same dignity as one of God's children.

We do not see the risen Christ directly like Thomas and the others to whom he appeared for forty days. Rather we meet the risen Christ through prayer, his Word, the sacraments, and other people. We walk by faith and not by sight. We rejoice in being those people of whom Jesus says, "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Application

James meeting Tina, buying her a cup of coffee, knowing her name, was a meeting with Christ. It deepened his faith. He began to understand more deeply the meaning of Christ's Body on earth. This meeting began to build a relationship between two people, between whom there had existed a great gulf.

Actions speak louder than words. Many people find Christian outreach to the poor and the vulnerable, to the hungry and the needy, credible as a witness to the Gospel of Christ. This is the reason why St Francis of Assisi is loved by many people. Whilst not everyone is called to his radical way of life, we must each ask how we can live more simply and more generously towards others.

Just as the apostles testified to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power and were given great respect, so this parish community witnesses to the power of belief in Christ by touching the wounds of Christ in our own here and now.



SLOVENIAN EXODUS III: *Coming to Canada*

Luncheon & Short Program



Sunday, April 28, 2024
Doors Open at 11:00am



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Church Hall,
739 Brown's Line, Etobicoke, ON, M8W 3V7



\$50.00/person

Contact us at cshistorical@gmail.com
before Sunday, April, 21, 2024 to secure your ticket.



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Veliki petek



Potem, ko smo zaključili z bogoslužjem Velikega petka v cerkvi, so se mnogi preselili v dvorano na ribe (Fish Fry). Od leta 2012 ga organizira Slovenska šola in je vedno zelo lep odziv. Tako pri pravi kot tudi udeležbi. Lepo je priti skupaj, vsaj za kakšno uro, tudi ob dobri ribi.





FISH FRY je lepo potekel. Učiteljice slovenske šole bi se radi zahvalile vsem staršem in učencem, ki so pomagali ta dan in v četrtek zvečer. Istočasno se zahvaljujemo vsem faranom, ki so sodelovali. Še enkrat prav lepa hvala vsem!

FISH FRY was a great success for a 12th year! The Slovenian School teachers would like to thank all the parents and students who worked at the event, and those who helped with the set up on Thursday night and baked for our bake sale.

We would like to specifically thank Debbie Zagar and her family who help by providing the fryers and frying the fish and fries. Thank you to Nancy Dundek, Alyssa Taylor, Rohan Taylor, and Derek Perz for helping out in the kitchen by plating all the orders. Thank you also to Sandra Bartolac who was our order caller. A special thanks to our student volunteers Lukas Tran, Triston Taylor, Anthony Bartolac, Lily Tran, Jenny Taylor, and Ana Bartolac who ran the bar and bake sale.

We would also like to thank all the parishioners, who came to enjoy a dinner of fish and chips, for supporting and helping our Slovenian School fundraiser. We had a record presale of 200 orders and nearly sold out at the door!

Thank you everyone! We look forward to seeing you again next year on April 18th!





Blagoslov velikonočnih jedi pri slovenski skupnosti v Londonu.



Blagoslov velikonočnih jedi pri sv. Gregoriju Velikem





Hvala vsem, ki ste sodelovali pri obredih velikega tedna na tak ali drugačen način. Hvala Olgi, da je zopet lepo okrasila cerkev za to priložnost.

Spring Banquet

As we prepare for our annual **Spring Banquet** we are making preparations to recognize our **60th anniversary celebration of St. Gregory the Great parish.**

We invite all our parishioners to take this opportunity to share a luncheon with family and friends and take a walk down memory lane. We are asking everyone to bring a photo or two that is sentimental to you so that we can post it on our wall - who knows, a special memory for you, may also be a special memory for someone else from our community.

Along with this, your parish council has been discussing what we can do to celebrate this diamond milestone and as announced earlier in March, we have decided to host a special and significant **60th anniversary raffle.** Sales for our raffle tickets will open at our Spring Banquet on April 14th. The cost for each ticket will be **\$60** and the prize is a \$6,000 travel voucher. This could cover a trip to Slovenia! Only 500 tickets will be printed to be sold, so your odds of winning are high. Tickets will be available at all our events with ticket sales closing on December 31st at 11:59pm. The winning ticket will be drawn on January 1st, 2025 at 12:30am right here at our parish **at our New Year's eve celebration** right after we ring in the New Year!

We hope that everyone will make 2024 a special year, remembering our beginnings in 1964 and the journey we have made to get to being 60 years strong! See you at the Spring Banquet.

Heidy Novak

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **April 14th** - **St. Gregory** - Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Spring Banquet
- **April 20th** - **Slovenski Park** - Clean up, AGM 2:30 p.m.
- **April 27th** - **Slovenski Park** - Spring Banquet
- **April 28th** - **St. Gregory** - Mass 10:00 a.m. - Občni zbor - AGM after Mass
- **April 28th** - **Lipa Park** - Ambassador - Mother's Day luncheon
- **May 1st** - **Bled SCC** - Annual Golf Tournament
- **May 5th** - **Bled SCC** - Mother's Day Luncheon
- **May 11th** - **Bled SCC** - Park Clean up Day
- **May 12th** - **St. Gregory** - Mother's Day - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **May 17th** - **Slovenski Park** - Victoria Day Long Weekend - Mass with procession - May 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 20th** - **Lipa Park** - "Open House" Picnic
- **May 26th** - **St. Gregory** - First Communion & Confirmation - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- April 13th: Lojzka Novak and team
- April 27th: Lukežič M. & Volčanšek M.

BRALCI - READERS:

- Slovenska maša: Rosemary Šušteršič
- English Mass: Mary Ann Demšar

GIFT BEARERS

- April 7th - Stanko & Elizabeth Petek
- April 14th - Milena Volčanšek & Majda Lukežič
- April 21st - Pamela Gosgnach & Mary Miketič
- April 28th: Albina & Jože Antolin

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za potrebe naše cerkve je KZZ-CWL od dobička pri letošnjem Bazarju darovala \$10,000.-

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

- \$100.- Janez Lovrenčec v spomin na pok. Marijo Horvat (Cayuga).
- \$400.- Marija Krenos.
- Od prodaje lilij, ki jo je organizirala Nancy Dundek-Taylor, je darovala cerkvi \$555.-
- Hvala za vse vaše darove.

SPOMLADANSKI BANKET

Spomladanski banket bo **v nedeljo, 14. aprila**. Začeli bomo s sveto mašo ob 10:00 a.m. in nadaljevali s kosilom v dvorani.

Letošnje leto, kot veste, obhajamo 60 letnico uradnega začetka naše župnije pod naslovom **Župnija sv. Gregorija Velikega**.

Prvih nekaj let, ko še nismo bili organizirani kot župnija in nismo imeli svojih prostorov, smo delovali kot: »*Holy Rosary Slovenian Mission*«. Starejši se gotovo spomnite kapele pod šolo Holy Rosary.

Za rezervacijo pokličite Terezijo Sarjaš na telefonsko številko: 905-930-7990.

LETNI OBČNI ZBOR - AGM

Letošnji letni Občni zbor bo v nedeljo, 28. aprila. Tudi takrat bo sveta maša ob 10h dopoldne in nato občni zbor v dvorani.

POKOJNI - DECEASED

V torek, 2. aprila 2024, je Bog poklical k sebi našega farana, Martina Tompa. Pokojni je bil star 76 let. Od njega ste se lahko poslovili v petek, 5. aprila popoldne med 4. in 8. uro zve-

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

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| PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 8. APRIL <i>Julija, redovnica</i> | †† † | Starši in sestra Francka Cecilija Gonza | 7:00 P.M. | Jožica Novak z družino Vera Gonza z družino |
| TOREK - TUESDAY 9. APRIL <i>Hugo- škof</i> | | Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo | 7:00 P.M. | H. K. |
| SREDA - WEDNESDAY 10. APRIL <i>Ezekiel, prerok</i> | † | Joe Ivan Prša | 7:00 P.M. | Sestra Darinka z družino (Slo) |
| ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 11. APRIL <i>Stanislav, škof-muč.</i> | † | Frida Babič | 7:00 P.M. | Ana Plosinjak |
| PETEK - FRIDAY 12. APRIL <i>Viktor, mučenec</i> | † † | Ignac Korošec, obl. Ivana Žižek, obl. | 7:00 P.M. | Žena Marija z družino Žena Rose z družino |
| SOBOTA - SATURDAY 13. APRIL <i>Martin I., papež-muč. Ida, redovnica</i> | † †† †† †† †† † †† | Frank Leopold Gimpelj Jr. Megan in Mihaela Mes Marija in Franc Marič Terezija in Štefan Marinič Bratje, sestre Marinič Kristina Vugrinc Za zdravje v družini Frank (obl.) in Slavka Mramor | 5:30 P.M. | Mama z družino Družina Mes Družina Mes Hči Elizabeta Raduha z družino Sestra Elizabeta Raduha Marija in Jožef Magdič Marija in Jožef Magdič Sin Frank y dru\ino |
| 3. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 14. APRIL <i>Valerijan, mučenec</i> | †† † † † † † †† †† † | Za žive in rajne župljane Paula & Franc Pelcar Rozalija Kolenko Ante Čule Štefan Lovrenčec Milka Ferko, obl. Florian Miklavčič za žive in pok. iz druž. Frank Novak za žive in pok. iz druž. Pavel Novak Marija Marič | 10:00 A.M. | ----- Stan Pelca & Josie Dubé z druž. Milka Pavlič z družino Štefan in Francka Antolin Alojz Sarjaš z družino Karol Ferko z družino Marija Miklavčič Jožica Novak z družino Jožica Novak z družino Amalija Š. in Mirko Z. |