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**VELIKA NO;**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

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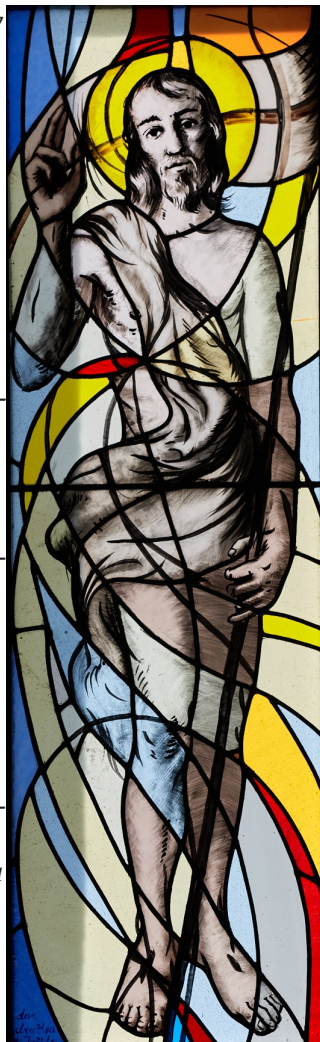
## Vstali Kristus nas odrešuje

*Velikonočni praznik je najpomembnejši v bogoslužnem letu, je praznik luči: vstali Gospod nas razsvetljuje, v naša srca polaga neizmerno veselje, neizmerno upanje in jih napolnjuje z ljubeznijo.*

*Evangelij nam poroča o dogodkih vstajenjskega jutra. Dan po soboti je Marija Magdalena zgodaj zjutraj, ko je bila še tema, šla h grobu. Zaradi zelo strogega judovskega predpisa je bilo gibanje v soboto nemogoče. Vendar se je za Jude dan končal z večerom. Zato gre Marija, ko je še tema, h grobu. Marija je polna ljubezni, pa tudi bolečine. Ko pride h grobu, je presenečena: opazi, da je kamen odvaljen od groba.*

*Celoten odlomek nam hoče dati razumeti, da je vstajenje za učence nepričakovan dogodek. Mislili so, da je bilo z Jezusovo smrtjo vsega konec. Niso razumeli njegovih napovedi o vstajenju. Priznati moramo, da napovedi, kakor jih beremo v evangeliju, niti niso tako jasne. Jezus pravi, da bo »vstal«, kar ne pomeni nujno »vstati od mrtvih«; govori o tem, da se bo »zbudil« in apostoli ne razumejo, na kaj se nanašajo te besede. Zato so popolnoma nepripravljene na Gospodovo vstajenje.*

*Iz odvaljenega kamna Marija Magdalena ne sklepa, da je Gospod vstal, ampak, da so »Gospoda vzeli iz groba«. Vstajenje je tudi zanjo tuja in nepredstavljiva stvar. Jezus je mrtev. Iz groba ne more priti sam; zato so ga odnesli »in ne vemo, kam so ga položili.«*



## EASTER SUNDAY

Gre za oskrnitev groba. Marija Magdalena pride to te ugotovitve zato hiti, da bi o stvari poročala učencem; Simon Peter in učenec, ki ga je Jezus ljubil se takoj odpravita h grobu, da bi preverila njeno pripoved. Peter vstopi prvi, za njim pa Janez. Stvari, ki jih vidi Peter, pričajo o zares nenavadnem dogodku; kaj pomenijo? Če bi Jezusovo truplo odnesli hudodelci, bi ga odnesli skupaj z vsemi povoji in s prtičem z glave. Povojev ne bi pustili na tleh in prtiča ne bi zvali na drugem mestu.

Ko v grob vstopi drugi učenec, tudi on vidi povoje in prtič, vendar doživi nekaj kot razsvetljenje in razume: Jezusovega telesa niso ukradli; Jezus je oživel. Živi drugačno življenje, kot je zemeljsko; življenje, v katerem povoji in prtič niso več uporabni. »Drugi učenec je videl in veroval.«

Evangelist nato pripomni: »Nista še namreč umevala Pisma, da mora vstati od mrtvih.« Janez nam hoče dopovedati, da dogodka Jezusovega vstajenja niso prepoznali izhajajoč iz Pisem, ampak je nasprotno vstajenje osvetlilo Pisma. Šele po tem dogodku so učenci razumeli, kaj so hotela povedati Pisma in kaj so hotele povedati Jezusove napovedi. Prej jih niso znali razlagati. Jezusovo vstajenje je bilo dogodek, ki je razsvetlil razum in srca učencev.

Vstali Jezus je vir luči, ki je zelo tolažilna in pozitivna. Vstajenje razkriva pomen njegovega trpljenja. Brez vstajenja bi bilo namreč trpljenje dramatičen, negativen dogodek, strahoten poraz, konec brez upanja. Tako pa Jezusovo vstajenje kaže vso vrednost trpljenja, dokazuje, da ni bilo poraz, ampak zmaga, zmaga ljubezni. Dobri pastir je dal življenje za ovce. Trpljenje je živel z ljubeznijo, zato je dosegel vstajenje, novo življenje, ki ni zemeljsko.

Sprejmimo torej sporočilo Jezusovega vstajenja. Vemo, da ga lahko spoznamo samo po veri. Človeško govornje je dogodek, ki ga ni mogoče pojasniti. V veri pa se zavedamo božjega posega in sprejemamo to močno luč, ki ne osvetljuje samo Jezusove skrivnosti, ampak tudi vse naše življenje.

Vstali Jezus je poln oblasti, ki pa se ne kaže v sodbi, ampak v odpuščanju grehov. In »ko se bo prikazal Kristus, vaše življenje, tedaj se boste tudi vi prikazali z njim v slavi«. Kristusovo vstajenje ni samo studenec vere, ampak tudi čudovitega upanja.

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**Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

**First Reading** Acts 10:34.37-43

God does not have favourites: the resurrection is for everyone.

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:1-4

Now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

or

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Leave your old ways behind and embrace the Gospel.

**Gospel** John 20:1-9

Jesus has risen from the dead – nothing will ever be the same again.

*“The stone had been moved away from the tomb.”*



### Illustration

Most of us will have experienced some kind of disappointment, pain or failure – it is part of life and cannot be avoided. For some this will be the loss of a loved one, or the break-up of a marriage. For others it might be persistent ill health, a job they don't enjoy or financial hardship. Some may perhaps feel that life has been a disappointment, a series of small, exhausting setbacks and broken dreams. We all have our own crosses to bear. For the disciples, the crucifixion and death of Jesus on Good Friday must have signalled the ultimate dashing of all their hopes and dreams. They had seen him as the Messiah, the anointed one, the one who was to save them... and now he was gone.



## Gospel Teaching

But everything changed when Christ rose from the dead on that first Easter Day – nothing would ever be the same again. Without the resurrection the Jesus story would have been an interesting footnote in history – a miracle worker, a holy man, remembered with fondness and a little disappointment by his friends. As each of the apostles passed away, the memories would have dimmed and the “Jesus Movement” would probably have withered away, a few stories passed on to grandchildren perhaps and then nothing left but folklore – and then nothing.

The resurrection means that we can say “Jesus is alive!” in the present tense. He has conquered death, not just for himself, but for all peoples and all times. It enables us to say “He lives among us”, not a figure from history, but as a living presence – in the present. The risen Christ transcends time and space – he is available everywhere to everybody.

For the disciples, the resurrection meant that Jesus had fulfilled the promise he had made to them. He truly was the Son of God. He appeared to them in various places in the days that followed, enabling Thomas the “doubting disciple” to proclaim, “My Lord and my God!” More than just an ordinary man, the Word made flesh, the risen Lord, was ready to fill his followers with his Holy Spirit so

that the Christian Church could begin and then spread to every corner of the globe.

## Application

However, the cross and resurrection of Jesus are not historical events to be pondered from afar – they reflect our own lived experience, our own falling and rising. Here we find hope, that the personal darkness we often experience will eventually be followed by the morning light. Here is proof that God's grace can lift us out of every situation, no matter how desperate and hopeless it might appear: hence the phrase “We are an Easter people”. Despite all our failings and flaws, we live with the hope of something better, knowing that good will always triumph over evil. St Paul puts it like this: “you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.” When we die to our own ego and selfishness then we can share in this life of Christ, we become part of him, and he lives in us.

For many Christians the resurrection is significant because it signals that there is life for us too, after our own physical death. But this is to only grasp the half of it. The resurrection is something for us to experience in every moment whilst we still live! We share in the resurrection whenever we share the love and joy of God with each other. Look carefully in the days and weeks ahead and you will see the risen Christ in those you meet. God comes to us disguised as our lives. How could it be otherwise? We love God by taking care of and loving each other and the world in which we live. And God looks through our eyes when we love each other, transforming every human act of love into a divine act of love.

Jesus is raised from the dead whenever we choose to act with kindness and compassion. We bring Jesus to life by our daily attempts to faithfully live out the gospel, by what we do, and how we treat one another. We can mend a broken world: we can become Christ for each other. Our stone has been rolled away, our hopes for the future have been rekindled, our winter has become our spring, Christ's rising is our rising. Happy Easter!



## Live Stations of the Cross - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024



Thank you to all parishioners, family and friends, who came out on Friday night - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 - to see the Passion, Play, a Live Stations of the Cross. It was a remarkable evening where parishioners aged 7 to 87 acted out each of the Stations in tableaux, divided by prayer, music, slideshow pictures, and reflection. Such a wonderful way to prepare for Easter.

Many thanks go to Director, Mary Ann Demšar for coordinating the efforts under a CWL initiative and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish Commemoration. Thanks to Karina Stankovič for the beautiful gift of song. Thank you for Tony Horvat for photography and Father Drago for videography. Thanks Bishop Ryan High School for the use of their costumes, and to Jay Cestnik for building the cross and stand. And thanks most of all to our performers who answered the call and volunteered to participate and to Father Drago, for encouraging and supporting our ideas. Let's make this a yearly tradition.

Participants from left to the right: Mike Brajković, Aurora Bartula, Triston Tylor, Ana Plosinjak, Heidi Novak, Nina Brajković, Rita Bartula, Patricia Hill, Janez (Jay) Cestnik, Frances Scarcelli, Rosemary Šušteršič, Mary Ann Demšar, Joe Pust, Karina Stankovič, Jim Hill, Manuela Bartula, Elka Peršin, Sonya Podrebarac, Majda Lukežič, Lauren Hill, Derek Perz.



















**London - Cvetna nedelja**



Pri društvu sv. Jožefa se je zopet praznovalo. Tokrat je slavila svoj rojstni dan Ana Plosinjak.





## SLOVENIAN SUMMER DAY CAMP

SLOVENIAN SUMMER DAY CAMP is happening **Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>**.

The reason for the change in weeks this year is because this is the only week I could make work with everyone's busy schedules. I've had many requests for the dates so that parents and grandparents can be sure to make themselves and their kiddies available.

We have a lot of plans in the making, but I am looking for more adult and student help. Even if you are able to help out for a day or two, that would be a big help. We are already planning our events and hope to have some great surprises for everyone! Our SSDC will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day with our annual BBQ and campers vs. parents and grandparents/uncles/aunts soccer game.

This week truly is a good time for everyone. The kids hang out with friends; they make some new friends while their parents and grandparents share some laughter with members of our community that they may not see very often.

We will have another update for you soon, but wanted to make sure you marked your calendars and are ready for our 21<sup>st</sup> annual Slovenian Summer Day Camp here at St. Gregory's!

**See you outside on the field for role call August 13<sup>th</sup>!**

- Heidy Novak

## Food Safety Training Certification

Open to those who handle and serve food and are concerned with ensuring client safety.

Recognized by all health jurisdictions, this program includes a self study period followed by a one day in-class review and exam.

**When:** Saturday, APRIL 20, 2024

**Time:** 10:00am to 2:30 pm

- Study guide review from 10:00am-12:00pm
- Light lunch break at 12:00pm
- Exam begins at 1:00pm



**Fee:** \$60.00 (includes all learning materials, instructor, certificate and light lunch)

**Location:** Bled Hall, Beamsville

**Hosted by:** Julie Doma

**Last day to sign up:** March 29th



For more information and to register, reach out to Julie at [juliedoma@gmail.com](mailto:juliedoma@gmail.com) / 905-617-2020

### Program Details:

- Study books will be provided to you in advance.
- Exam includes 50 multiple choice questions.
- Results will take 2-3 weeks.
- Certificate of completion will be provided to you (valid for 5 years).



### Course Overview:

**BASICS.fst** is a food safety training course for food handlers. The course will allow workers to learn important information about food safety and provide them with the tools to serve safe food.

### Course Objectives:

The primary objective of this food safety course is to provide participants with the information required to ensure employee and customer safety, and to reduce the liability of businesses.



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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

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- **March 31<sup>st</sup> - St. Gregory** - Easter Sunday
- **April 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Gregory** - Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Spring Banquet
- **April 20<sup>th</sup> - Slovenski Park** - Clean up, AGM 2:30 p.m.
- **April 27<sup>th</sup> - Slovenski Park** - Spring Banquet
- **April 28<sup>th</sup> - St. Gregory** - Mass 10:00 a.m. - Občni zbor - AGM after Mass
- **April 28<sup>th</sup> - Lipa Park** - Ambassador - Mother's Day luncheon
- **May 1<sup>st</sup> - Bled SCC** - Annual Golf Tournament
- **May 5<sup>th</sup> - Bled SCC** - Mother's Day Luncheon
- **May 11<sup>th</sup> - Bled SCC** - Park Clean up Day
- **May 12<sup>th</sup> - St. Gregory** - Mother's Day - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **May 17<sup>th</sup> - Slovenski Park** - Victoria Day Long Weekend - Mass with procession - May 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 20<sup>th</sup> - Lipa Park** - "Open House" Picnic
- **May 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Gregory** - First Communion & Confirmation - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

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- April 13: Lojzka Novak and team

## BRALCI - READERS: EASTER SUNDAY

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- Slovenska maša: Sue Augustin
- English Mass: Mary Ann Demšar

## GIFT BEARERS - EASTER SUNDAY

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- Jožica Hapke in Mary Holder

## DAROVI - DONATIONS

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Za gradbeni sklad sta darovala \$150.- Minka in Ivan Šemen v spomin na pok. Marijo Horvat (Cayuga). - Hvala za vse vaše darove.

## PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY

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Ta teden je prvi petek v mesecu aprilu. Ob 6h zvečer bo priložnost za zakrament sprave, molitev pred Najsvetejšim, rožni venec in sve-to mašo ob 7h zvečer.

## VEČNA LUČ

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V mesecu aprilu bo večna luč svetipa za pokojnega Ignaca Korošec po namenu žene Marije in družine.

## SPOMLADANSKI BANKET

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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 let-nico uradnega začetka naše župnije pod na-slovom **Župnija sv. Gregorija Velikega**.

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

Prvih nekaj let, ko še nismo imeli svojih prostorov, smo delovali kot: »*Holy Rosary Slovenian Mission*«. Starejši se gotovo spom-nite kapele pod šolo Holy Rosary.

## LETNI OBČNI ZBOR - AGM

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

## FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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This year First Communion and Confirmation will take place on Sunday, **May 26, 2024** during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Preparation for Confirmation will start af-ter Easter. **On April 14<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass, will be presentation-enrolment celebration for children of Confirmation.**



Preparations for First Communion will start in the beginning of May.

If you come to the church there is a Form to fill up for whoever would receive First Communion or Confirmation. Or send email to [drago.gacnik@gmail.com](mailto:drago.gacnik@gmail.com) and I will send you a Form.

## MAŠA V BRESLAVU

V bivši dvorani društva Sava (Breslau-Kitchener) bo sveta masa v soboto, 6. aprila ob 1:00 p.m. Darovala se bo za vse pokojne člane društva in še po naslednjih namenih:

- za pok. Rena in Frank Mirt- družina Mirt
- za pok. Rudi Kriwetz - družina Mirt
- za pok. starši in brat Šerbec - Zinka Mirt
- za pok. starši in dva brata Mirt - Martin Mirt
- za zdravje - družina Mirt

## CWL - KŽŽ

Our next general CWL meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> after 7:00 PM Mass. - *Rosemary*



**Vsem faranom in prijateljem župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega Veselo, blagoslavljeno in radostno praznovanje Velike noči.**

**»Kristus je vstal, vstanimo tudi mi!«  
Happy Easter!  
Alleluia!**



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

Gyorkoš	Walburga	April 1, 2016
Volf	Karel	April 2, 2019
Zelko	Marija	April 3, 1997
Pinter	Frank	April 4, 2022
Prša	Olga	April 5, 1987
Lukšič	Frank	April 5, 1994
Langenfus	Thomas Francis	April 7, 2001
Gorenc	Peter	April 7, 2020

## Svete maše - Masses

<p><b>VELIKA NOČ</b> <b>GOSPODOVO</b> <b>VSTAJENJE</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>RESURRECTION</b> <b>OF THE LORD</b></p> <p>31. MAREC</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane</p> <p>† Ann Božnar</p> <p>† Ivan Zelko</p> <p>† Marija Glavač</p> <p>† Marija Glavač</p> <p>† Marija Glavač</p> <p>† Albina Baznik</p> <p>† Frida Babič</p> <p>† Tony Ferko</p> <p>†† Ivan in Rozina (obl.) Doma</p> <p>†† Ivan in Rozina (obl.) Doma</p> <p>† Marija Horvat (Cayuga)</p>	<p>9:30 A.M. -----</p> <p>John Božnar z družino</p> <p>Milka Pavlič z družino</p> <p>Sonja Langenfus z družino</p> <p>Družina Klajderman</p> <p>Henry in Majda Vučko</p> <p>Mož z družino</p> <p>Sin John z družino</p> <p>11:00 A.M. Sestra Anica (Windsor)</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Družina Mertuk</p> <p>Emilia Lovrenčec z družino</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

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<b>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY</b> 1. APRIL <i>Irena in Agapa, muč.</i>	†	Jože Gačnik	7:00 P.M.	Žena z družino
<b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b> 2. APRIL <i>Frančišek Paolski, red. ust.</i>	†	Štefan Lovrenčec Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo	7:00 P.M.	Ana Plosinjak H. K.
<b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b> 3. APRIL <i>Rihard, škof</i>	†	Joe Ivan Prša Za zdravje	7:00 P.M.	Brat Zlatko z družino (Slo) CWL- KZZ
<b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b> 4. APRIL <i>Izidor, šk. Cerk. učitelj</i>	† † ††	Frank Pinter, obl. Elizabeth Ferko Vinko in Katarina Antolin	7:00 P.M.	Družina Pinter Družina Pinter Štefan in Francka Antolin z druž.
<b>PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY</b> 5. APRIL <i>Vincencij Ferer, duhovnik</i>	† †	Frank Lukšič, obl. Eileen Ann MacKenzie	7:00 P.M.	Josie Hapke N.N.
<b>SOBOTA - SATURDAY</b> 6. APRIL <i>Irenej, škof-mučenec</i>	†† † †† † † † † † †	<b>Pokojni člani društva Sava</b> Jakob Muhič Jr. Anka in Marica Fabina Frank Leopold Gimpelj Frank Pinter Frida Babič Martin Simončič Max Pavlič Franc Raduha	1:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M.	<b>Breslau - Kitchener</b> Družina Muhič Jožica Vlašič z družino Mama z družino Audrey Hawthorne Ana Gergyek Toni in Marija Franc Alojz Sarjaš z družino Žena Elizabeta z družino
<b>2. VELIKONOČNA-BELA NEDELJA</b> <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 7. APRIL <b>BOŽJE USMILJENJE</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY</b>	† †† †† †† †† † † † † † † † † †	<b>Za žive in rajne župljane</b> Frank Gimpelj Pavla in Janez Horvat Marija Bukvič Tončka in Albin Genorio Leopold in Veronika (obl.) Vladislav Salajko, obl. Tomaž Langenfus, obl. Jože Hozjan (Mississauga) Ante Čule, obl. Rozalija Godina Milka Ferko Jože Zadavec Eddy Kodarin, obl.	9:30 A.M.               11:00 A.M.	----- Žena Elizabeta z družino Elizabeta Gimpelj z družino Elizabeta Gimpelj z družino Elizabeta Gimpelj z družino Sin Jože Gimpelj Sin z družino Mama Sonja z družino Toni in Marija Franc Žena z družino Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš z družino Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš z družino Družina Mertuk Žena Stanka z družino