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Po poti križa do novega življenja

Cerkev nam danes predstavi Jezusovo pot križa. V življenju je marsikdaj težko razumeti božje načrte in njegovo ljubezen, ki išče različne poti, da bi nas nagovorila. Jezus je Učitelj in Gospod, mi pa smo njegovi učenci. Še tako globoka vera in izkustvo božje bližine nas ne sme-



jo odvrniti od te hoje za Jezusom. Apostol Peter je pred učenci izpovedal vero vanj, ni pa še v celoti sprejel križa in vstajenja. Tudi Jeremija, o njem govori prvo berilo, se je v hudih okoliščinah pritoževal nad Bogom, da ga je preslepil s preroškimi poklicem in so se mu ljudje posmehovali, ker je prerokoval le nasilje, zatiranje in nemilost. Jeremija ni mogel odvreči te notranje napetosti, ker je nosil v svojem srcu Gospodovo besedo, ki mu ni dala miru. Podobno Jezus v sebi nosi to bolečino, ki jo je želel predstaviti apostolu Petru in jo želi kot temeljno modrost posredovati tudi nam. Kljub vsej njegovi veličini in uspehom se je zavedal, da bo moralo iti vse njegovo odrešenjsko delo skozi preizkušnjo križa, ki jo bo moral prestati v neznosnih bolečinah in zasramovanju. Jezus je šel zavestno naproti trpljenju in se ni pritoževal kot Jeremija, pritoževali pa so se njegovi učenci, ki niso imeli take vere in zaupanja v božji načrt.

Današnji evangelij razkriva spor med Jezusom in Petrom. Petra je Jezus poklical tako kot druge apostole in mu rekel, naj hodi za njim. Ko pa ga je Peter priznal za Mesija in izpričal njegov božanski izvir, se je vanj prikradla skušnjava, v kateri je pozabil na svojo odvisnost in ponižnost do Učitelja in Gospoda. Bog je namreč večji od vseh človekovih pogledov. Marsikdaj sedimo na stolu in dajemo nasvete na vse strani, namesto da bi pokleknili, poslušali in uresničili, kar Bog predlaga. Učenec je tisti, ki hodi za svojim Gospodom, v vsem sledi njegovemu zgledu in uresničuje njegov nauk. Jezus je ob Petrovi izpovedi želel Petru pokazati, da je vse njegovo življenje razodevanje Boga, ki je ljubezen. Učlovečeni Sin uresničuje svoje poslanstvo kot križana ljubezen znotraj človeške zgodovine, da bi jo odrešil od vsemogočnosti greha in zla ter jo pripelel k izpolnitvi v veliki noči.

Jezus je moral izreči svoj 'da' Očetu in do kraja izpričati zvestobo, potem ko je nosil vso težo človeškega greha in zla. To je hotel povedati Petru, ko mu je naznanil, da bo šel v Jeruzalem. Kdor ljubi, mora biti z ljubljenim v dobrem in slabem. Ljubezenski dar tako predstavlja pot in prehod v novo, polno življenje. Vendar tu človeški in božji ljubezni prihajata nasproti človeški napuh in sebičnost. Ljudje hočejo takojšnje zadovoljitve svojih potreb. V evangeliju je tako polno zahtev, ki se zdijo nasprotni: da bi rešili življenje, ga moramo izgubiti, da bi dosegli slavo, moramo sprejeti pot ponižanja in se izprazniti od vsega svojega. Ključ rešitve pa je vedno isti, ljubezen, ki naredi prvi korak in gre do konca. Jezus je s svojo križano ljubeznijo stopil v človeško zlo in ga osvobodil njegove teže ter strahu. V tem se je razodel drugačen obraz Boga, kot si ga je predstavljal apostol Peter. To je spoznal šele v samem Jezusovem trpljenju, ko se je srečal z njegovim usmiljenim pogledom in odkril v njem odrešitev od svojega greha. Božji Sin mora iti v Jeruzalem in z darom svojih ran pripraviti svetu odrešenje. Podobno kot za učitelja velja tudi za učenca.

Petrovo pričakovanje je nasprotno Jezusove. On, ki je Življenje samo, ne more trpeti in biti umorjen. Bog ni umrljiv in kako bi mogel biti Sin živega Boga, ki je delal take čudeže in oznanjal skrivnosti božjega kraljestva, deležen tako sramotnega konca.

Peter je bil navdušen nad Jezusom, želel mu je dobro, toda ni še vedel, kdo je Jezus. Zato ni mogel molčati ob njegovi napovedi trpljenja. Iz vljudnosti do drugih ga je vzel vstran in mu povedal, da se to ne more zgoditi. Toda Jezus je moral v tem trenutku dati Petru jasno lekcijo: »Poberi se, umakni se, v spotiko si mi«. Z besedo »poberi se« je namreč Jezus izganjal hudobne duhove. Pomen krščanskega darovanja in žrtve je v tem, da postavimo vse svoje življenje v božjo ljubezen, da more vse, kar smo in kar delamo, postati rodovitno. Zato hodi Jezus pred nami v naš Jeruzalem, mi pa hodimo za njim.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2005)

Response:

My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God!

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

Though Jeremiah feels that the Lord has deceived him, he knows that he must proclaim the prophetic message of what is to come.

Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

Paul urges us to follow the will of God, not the fashions of the world.

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus makes it clear that there is a price to be paid for following him.

"There seemed to be a fire burning in my heart."



Illustration

"No wonder you have so few friends, Lord: you treat them all so badly." It was St Teresa of Avila who made that remark. It's a remark that's widely known, because it rings a bell for so many of us. Often those who strive generously to serve God seem to get more than their fair share of suffering and hardship.

Take Jeremiah. He never wanted to be a prophet, but found there was no way of evading the divine call. To use his own bold, even shocking, language: God seduced him, overpowered him, deceived him. He finds himself addressing people who won't listen to him, who ridicule him, even punish him in the stocks. No wonder he's tempted to say: "I'll just not think about God any more." But he can't do it, because, as he explains, "There seemed to be a



fire burning in my heart”; it was the fire of his love for God and it made the prophet carry on his apparently hopeless task.

Gospel Teaching

It isn't only God's friends who have to suffer, but even God's own Son. In the Gospel we see Jesus revealing to the disciples the anguish he feels as he sets out for Jerusalem, knowing that opposition, rejection, an appalling death await him there. Peter is shocked and cries out: "Heaven preserve you, Lord... This must not happen to you." Jesus' response may seem harsh: "Get behind me, Satan... the way you think is not God's way but man's." Jesus had given his apostle Simon the new name of Peter, which means "rock"; but now he calls him "Satan".

The sharpness of the reply reveals how deeply Jesus dreads what lies ahead. "Can't you see," he seems to say, "my task is hard enough without you playing the devil's game too?" Like Jeremiah before him, Jesus shrinks from the suffering his mission will entail. So why does he go through with it? It is because of the fire of love for his Father and for us that burns in his heart; that's what leads him to march steadfastly on to Jerusalem and to the cross.

Application

The cross slips into our lives, too, in all kinds of ways. Sometimes in small or predictable ones: like

bad weather when we expected sunshine; the inevitable aches and pains of getting old; the sacrifice and unselfishness involved in bringing up a family. At other times the cross can come in devastating form – a frightening outcome to an X-ray, the death of a dear one. A young woman of faith who lost her husband in a traffic accident cried out in her grief, "You sometimes wonder if God knows what he's doing." Most of us have experienced that feeling. We'd all like a Christianity without the cross, but a Christianity without the cross wouldn't be Christianity at all. Jesus tells us: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him... take up his cross and follow me." Not only is he indicating that, in one way or another, the shadow of the cross will fall across our lives, he is also reminding us that he has gone before us in the way of suffering.

An early Christian writer compared Jesus to a mother who takes a spoonful of her child's medicine in order to encourage her little one to do the same; it's her way of saying, "See, there is nothing to fear from the nasty-tasting concoction, in fact it's going to do you good." Jesus wants us to know that just as the cross is the supreme proof of his love, so our gracious acceptance of the cross in our lives can be the finest proof of our love for him. There may be times when, like Jeremiah, we rebel. But, please God, even then, like Jeremiah, we'll experience that fire of love in our hearts which will lead us once again to fall in behind Jesus, our friend and leader.

At every Mass, we celebrate the Jesus who not only died but also rose again (resurrection is the other side of the cross), and who we believe will one day, in St Paul's words, "repay each one as [their] works deserve". On that day his friends will discover what, deep down in their hearts, they have always known: that if at times God seems to treat them badly, yet God loves them dearly and holds in store for them a reward infinitely exceeding all that they have suffered in the Lord's name.

A GOOD CONFESSION

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

It's time for a good confession. Why? Because we've received a "wake-up call" from God that the present way we have been going about the business of living our lives is not working out too well. Furthermore, none of us is guaranteed a long life and all of us who read scripture are certainly reminded by Jesus to BE READY! "Therefore keep watch, for you do not know the day on which your Lord will come" (Matthew 24:42).

We were created to live in loving communion with God. **IT'S OUR PURPOSE.** At baptism we received the gift of God's life within us. It's a wonderful amazing grace, a grace that we have been living off of ever since. Daily through prayer and God's mercy we receive more grace – present grace/actual grace. This life of God within us, this source of joy and peace, this intimate relationship, is broken and wounded by sin. When we sin we need to set things right again. That's accomplished by confession. That's the way Christ comes to us and restores fully our baptismal grace (our soul's garment) and gives us more actual graces to fight off sin in the future.

A person who seeks to reconcile with God and the Church must show contrition and "... confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience" (Catechism of the Catholic Church § 1493). It's time! It's time to do it now. It's a great time to make a General Confession.

The Confession of "Grave" Sins

So... what we must confess are the "grave" sins, the ones that have destroyed and seriously wounded our communion with God. There are three conditions that define a "grave" sin:

- Serious violation of the Lord's commandments
- Our clear awareness of the gravity of the act
- Our freely willed choice to sin

We are responsible for maintaining a well-formed conscience, so that we are aware of what constitutes grave sin.

The Confession of "Venial" Sins

Without actually breaking our bond with God, some sins still lead to estrangement. While these actions or omissions do not fundamentally undermine our goodwill toward the Lord, they progressively remove us from His presence.

Venial sins are offenses against charity, God's love for us and our love for our neighbor. Such selfishness through pride, anger, jealousy, intemperance, laziness and lust, though not fatal to the life of grace, weaken our love for God. We should confess these so-called "venial" sins because they do damage to our relationship with God and with others. What's more, "the regular confession of our venial sins helps us to form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, and lets ourselves be healed by Christ so that we can progress in the life of the Spirit" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church § 1458*).

So DO IT! It's time. It's time to make our relationship with God our number one priority. We must totally transform the way we think and act, so that God is first. When we have unconfessed sins on our soul, we are stuck and can't become all we are called to be. A good confession – a general confession – is the way to get the ball rolling, to set things right. In the next issue I hope to share with you a good examination of conscience to help you make such a confession. Think about it.

HELLO SLOVENSKI PARK MEMBERSHIP

The summer is winding down. It has been something else this year - that's for sure!

The effects of COVID-19 have left its mark on Slovenski Park. We have not been able to have any of our regularly scheduled events but that has not stopped the Board and the Executive from putting together Covid-friendly Member-only events to show our appreciation to the loyal membership. We thank the hard-working volunteers and generous

members who have made these events fun and memorable. And I think you can all join me in saying that we have made the best of the pandemic by being able to escape to our little piece of heaven, Slovenski Park, our home away from home, and feel safe during these unprecedented times.

We will be celebrating the end of summer 2020 on the September Long Weekend!

On **Sunday Sept 6th, 2020** at 1:00 pm we will have a Members-only outdoor **Mass** at the chapel with Father Drago. It will be streamed online on Facebook for those unable to attend. For those of you who would like to participate, please contact Mary Ann at m_demсар@hotmail.com.

Following mass we will once again make available **Roasted Lunch for Take-Out**. This time we will offer a new item - Pečeno Jagnje / Roast lamb. Lamb is expensive so we have only ordered one - so quantities are limited - so if you want lamb - please place your order asap - so you will not be disappointed. Please see the attached poster for details. Pre-order for pick up and take away.

Plans are underway for **Saturday Sept 5** filled with fun for children and adults. The first ever SLO TRIATHLON for kids and adults during the day and MOVIE NIGHT under the stars for families in the evening. Stay tuned for details.

Lep pozdrav, Mary Ann Demšar,
Chair, Board of Directors, Slovenski Park

Sun. Sept 6, 2020
MEMBERS ONLY EVENT



Roast Dinners Covid 19 Special



To Pre-order contact: Kristina Hocevar 647 830 5873 OR hocevar kristina88@gmail.com

To Pre-pay send to: Johnny Hocevar johnnyhocevar6@gmail.com

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\$28.00 Pečeno Jagnje Dinner: 1 lb Roast Lamb, Salad, Potatoes

\$15.00 Pečen Piščanec Dinner: ½ Roast Chicken, Salad, Potatoes

\$18.00 Pečenka Dinner: 1 lb Roast Pork, Salad, Potatoes,

\$ 4.00 Apple Štrudel

**Get your 50-50 Tickets
\$5. each
\$20. for 5 chances**



SEPTEMBER LONG WEEKEND 2020

Join us for the first ever **SLO-TRIATHOLON** Slovenski Park Style.

YOUTH TRIATHOLON: Bike, Swim, Run the course

ADULT TRIATHOLON: Bike, Swim and Surprise feature (think roast a pig)

When: Sat Sept 5 - Youth Races: 2pm - Adult Races: 3pm

REGISTRATION: Click [HERE](https://forms.gle/D8vGx5PrXN9mw3hLA) to sign up by SEPT. 3RD.

Registration begins 12 noon on patio outside hall.. **Space is limited due to Covid-19, Pre-register to hold your spot.**

YOUTH RACES

Youth \$10: includes race registration, hotdog, drink freezie & raffle ticket.

Race Categories: Little Kids 6 and under / Junior:7-10 / Tweens & Teens 11-15

[Click Details for full race description](#)

ADULT RACES

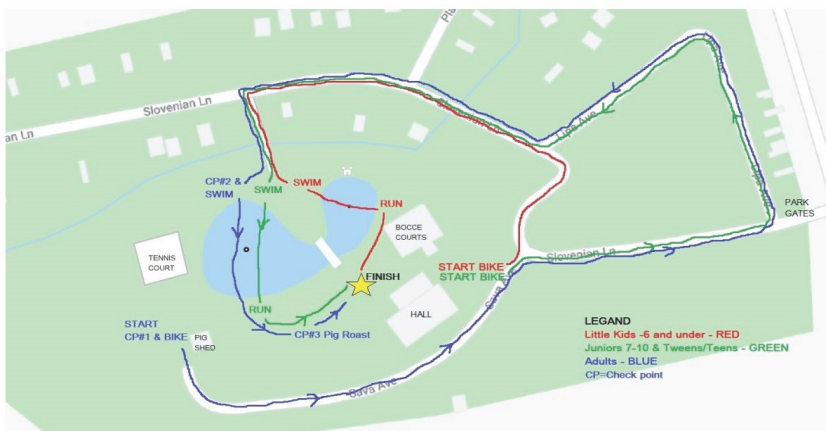
Adult: \$20 includes race registration and 3 drinks along the course (alcohol and non-alcohol option available).

Race Categories — Age Under 40 / Age 40 and over *Can in Hand

[Click Details for full race description](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR FULL RACE DETAILS

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Covid-19 Safety Measures. We will limit the numbers in each heat (adding more if there are a lot of racers which will require a final race between top racers in each heat). Physical distancing measures will be strictly enforced to ensure everyone is 6' apart in the transition areas. While racing we ask that you maintain this distance while passing as well. Race marshals will be out on the course to ensure racers are safe and following the rules. Masks are optional as this event is outside and can accommodate physical distancing. If a racer is experiencing any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 we ask that they not attend and their registration will be fully refunded.

MANDATORY Registration:

Due to Covid-19 and governmental stimulations this event is open to members (including family and close friends) only. We are asking that racers register by Sept. 3rd via this form (payment is not due until 12pm on Sept. 4th) but registration is key to ensuring we can run this event safely. Click [HERE](#) to register - numbers will be limited so please do not miss out. Day of registration will only be available if there is space.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRMA - CONFIRMATION

V četrtek smo dobili novi datum za SVE-TO BIRMO, ki je zaradi epidemije koronavirusa odpadla - morala bi biti 29. marca letos.

**Novi datum za birmo je sobota,
17. oktober 2020 ob 10:30 a.m.
Birmovalec bo naš škof
Douglass Crosby.**

Morda ste že kaj slišali, da od letošnjega oktobra do drugega leta, do konca junija birmo ne bodo med sveto mašo ampak kot samostojen obred - brez svete maše, samo z liturgijo božje besede.

Tudi potek same birmo bo prilagojen novim razmeram. Starše birmancev, ki so bili na listi za birmo v marcu smo že obvestili o novem datumu.

Če je pa še kdo od otrok, ki je sedaj v 6. razredu in bi rad šel k birmi pri nas, prosim pokličite, da jih bomo dodali na seznam za birmo letos v oktobru.

Glede datuma **PRVEGA SVETEGA OBHAJILA - FIRST COMMUNION** - bomo



počakali, da se začne šolsko leto in se bomo potem dogovorili za primerno nedeljo.

PRIV PETEK

Ta teden vstopamo v mesec september. V petek bo že prvi petek v tem mesecu. Zvečer ob šestih bo priložnost za sveto spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim in ob sedmih zvečer, je kot običajno, sveta maša.

VEČNA LUČ

Večna luč bo v mesecu septembru svetila po namenu družine Slobodnik za pokojnega Alojza Slobodnika.

DAROVI

Za gradbeni sklad je darovala \$100 Kathy Simončič v spomin na pokojno sosedo Ines Morelli. - Hvala za vaš dar.

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
Zver	John	September 5, 1972
Šporer	Elizabeth	September 5, 1995
Kraševc	Julija Marija	September 6, 2002



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slovenian), 11:00 A.M. (English); From Long weekend in July to the Long weekend of the September Sunday Mass is only at 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English) - **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

od 30. 8. 2020
do 06. 9. 2020

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

22. NEDELJA MED LETOM 30. AVGUST 22ND SUNDAY IN OT <i>Feliks (Srečko), mučenec</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Lyn Lobo, obl. † Darinka Ferletič, obl. † Ivan Sarjaš † Marija Šlebič † Marija Kelenc † Pepi Kolmanič	10:00 A.M. ----- Pevski zbor Milan in Sandy Ferletič Alojz Sarjaš z družino Toni in Marija Franc Toni in Marija Franc Mirko in Irena Kolmanič
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 31. AVGUST <i>Pavlin, škof</i>	† Lyn Lobo, obl. V čast Frideriku Baragi † Ljuba Babič, obl.	7:00 P.M. Dorothea Ježovnik H. Kwasniewska Dragica Đundraš
TOREK - TUESDAY 1. SEPTEMBER <i>Egidij, opat</i>	†† Ana in Franc Kozlar, obl. † Alojz Zorko, obl.	7:00 P.M. Cecilija Sobočan z družino Milan in Sandy Ferletič
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 2. SEPTEMBER <i>Marjeta, devica</i>	† Drago Kornhauzer † Frank Verdinšek † Gizella Ray †† Štefan in Gizella Ray	7:00 P.M. Gizela Hauzar z družino Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš CWL - KZZ Štefan in Francka Antolin
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 3. SEPTEMBER <i>Gregor Velki, pp - c. učitelj</i>	Po namenu † Martin Simončič Na čast Kristusovi krvi	7:00 P.M. Ivan in Jožica Vegelj Žena Kathy Ana Tadič
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 4. SEPTEMBER <i>Rozalija (Zalka), devica</i>	† Paula Pelcar, obl. †† Paula, obl. in Franc Pelcar †† Marija in Jože Zelko † Marija Kociper † Mary Hochevar † Vlado Dim	7:00 P.M. Stan Pelcar, Josie Dubé z druž. Bernarda Milosavljevič z družino Bernarda Milosavljevič z družino Bernarda Milosavljevič z družino Mia Goodfellow Mia Goodfellow
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 5. SEPTEMBER <i>Mati Terezija, redovnica</i> <i>Viktorin, mučenec</i>	†† Gizela in Štefan Ray † Martin Simončič † Martin Simončič † Martin Simončič †† Terezija in Rudi Hajdinjak † Joe Lackovič †† Terezija in Alojz Pelc †† Viktor, Ida, Angela in Lojze	5:30 P.M. Family Toni Ferko Marija Volf Martin in Regina Nedelko Martin in Regina Nedelko Žena z družino Hči Tereza Uduč Sestra Tereza Uduč
23. NEDELJA MED LETOM <i>Angelska nedelja</i> 6. SEPTEMBER 23RD SUNDAY IN OT <i>Zaharija, prerok</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Piotr Wystemp †† Viktorija in Marta † Martin Simončič † Martin Simončič † Štefan Dundek †† Pokojni člani društva	10:00 A.M. ----- Janiak Family Sestra Zorka Rev Frank in Ljudmila Pinter Družina Raduha Žena Aranka 1:00 P.M. Slovenski park