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**JEZUSOVO
DAROVANJE
SVEČNICA**

**PRESNTATION
OF THE LORD**

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Bogu posvečeno življenje

Danes obhajamo praznik Jezusovega darovanja v templju ali svečnico. S tem praznikom je povezano tudi redovništvo in Bogu posvečeno življenje v Cerkvi. Papež Janez Pavel II. (1978–2005) je želel, da bi na praznik Jezusovega darovanja v templju Cerkev praznovala poseben dan posvečenega življenja, ki je bil prvič 2. februarja 1997. Darovanje Božjega Sina, ki ga simbolizira njegova predstavitev v templju, je vzor vsake posvečene osebe, ki svoje življenje posveti Gospodu.

Namen tega dneva je trojen. Predvsem je zahvala Gospodu za dar posvečenega življenja. Na drugem mestu naj bi Božje ljudstvo bolj spoznalo in cenilo posvečeno življenje. Ta dan vabi vse, ki so svoje življenje posvetili evangeliju, da bi slavili čudovita dela, ki jih v njih izvršuje Gospod. Redovnice in redovniki s svojim življenjem po evangeliju predstavljajo zgled za vse, še posebej v času, ki kliče k novi evangelizaciji in poglobitvi osebne vere.

Prvotno ime praznika je bilo Marijino očiščevanje, kajti po Mojzesovi postavi je morala vsaka mati, ki je rodila sina, štirideseti dan po porodu priti v tempelj, tam darovati in se tako »očistiti«. Temu predpisu se je podredila tudi Marija. Jezusa je spočela in rodila deviško, zato je obred očiščevanja ni obvezoval, vendar se mu je podvrgla. Kakor v vsem, se je tudi v tem pokazala za Gospodovo deklo in izpolnila Božjo postavo.

Spomin na ta dogodek je prva Cerkev v Jeruzalemu obhajala že ob koncu 4. stoletja. Praznovanje je bilo zelo slovesno: obsegalo je procesijo, pridigo in mašo, sprva pa še ni imelo posebnega imena. Ko se je praznovanje širilo, je ime dobilo po srečanju s starčkom Simeonom in Ano v jeruzalemskem templju. V ljudskem praznovanju je stopilo v ospredje proslavljanje Kristusa, ki ga je Simeon v svojem hvalospevu imenoval »luč v razsvetljenje paganov«. Na besede starčka Simeona se sklicuje starodavni bogoslužni običaj blagoslavljanja sveč, ki se razvije v procesijo s svečami. O tem obredu poroča znamenita

romarica Silvija v svojem spisu s konca 4. stoletja, ki se nanaša na Jeruzalem.

Po obredu blagoslavljanja sveč »je praznik znan kot svečnica oziroma praznik luči. Hrepenejo po svetlobi je med prvobitnimi značilnostmi človeške narave,« piše slovenski etnograf Niko Kuret (1906–1995). Cerkev, ki je na ta dan uvedla blagoslov sveč in obhod z gorečimi svečami, jeupoštevala človeško naravo in starodavno izročilo; še go je povzdignila v svet nadnarave, v cerkven obred: v njem je »luč« prispoloba Mesija, ki »razsvetljuje človeštvo«, mu razodeva smisel sveta in življenja.

Bogu posvečeno življenje je poleg službenega duhovništva in laiškega stanu stan vernikov, ki je v Cerkvi navzoč vse od njenih začetkov. Gre za stalno obliko življenja, v kateri verniki po delovanju Svetega Duha izraziteje hodijo za Kristusom. Takšna oblika življenja postane »posvečena« po izpovedi posebnih zaobljub, ki zajemajo evangelijske svete čistosti (odpoved življenju v družini oziroma poročenosti), uboštva (nenavezanosti na minljivo) in pokorščine predstojnikom.

Redovni ustanovitelji in ustanoviteljice so v zgodovini Cerkve odgovarjali na določene verske, družbenе, socialne ali vzgojne izzive časa. Redovne skupnosti na prvo mesto postavljajo duhovno življenje in si prizadevajo, da se v življenju molitev in delo medsebojno prežemata in podpirata. Dejavnosti redovnikov in redovnic so zelo raznolike, od oznanjevanja evangelija in vzgoje do skrbi za uboge. Kogar Bog pokliče, mu more v svobodi in ljubezni na klic svobodno odgovoriti. S tem izbere Kristusov način življenja, hodi za njim, z njim vse deli in se mu v ljubečem srečevanju pusti preoblikovati.

Redovniki živijo v samostanski skupnosti. Delajo lahko v samostanu, na posameznih področjih življenja Cerkve ali pa opravljajo delo v svetu. Vsak red ima posebno poslanstvo (karizmo).

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Response:

The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Malachi prepares the way for today's feast: the Lord will enter his Temple.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus has come to confront the powers of evil.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

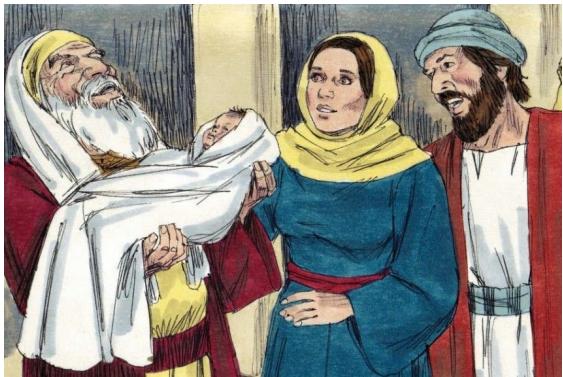
Joseph and Mary fulfil the requirements of the Law and present Jesus in the Temple. It provides an opportunity for two aged people who have remained attentive to God to speak prophetically about this child as the salvation of all the nations.

“My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.”



Illustration

Ritual celebrations, marking significant moments on life's journey, form part of every society's traditions. The birth of a child is naturally a cause for rejoicing and celebration. For us, as Christians, the ritual of baptising infants has provided us with the perfect setting for such a celebration of new life and it remains an important event for many people, even though other religious practices may no longer be a priority in their everyday lives. Interestingly, as our society becomes more secular and less religious, we are told that "naming ceremonies" are becoming popular: it seems that people instinctively need some kind of ceremony to precede the party.



In the Jewish tradition the birth of a child always provided an opportunity for the community to recall their history and God's interaction in redeeming them from their slavery in Egypt. In the case of a firstborn male, a ritual sacrifice was called for and St Luke tells us that the parents of Jesus faithfully fulfilled their duty in this regard, albeit it is clear that they were poor because they offered the basic sacrifice of two small birds.

Gospel Teaching

In some traditions today marks the end of Christmastide: indeed the continental custom of leaving the crib in the church until this feast day is becoming more widespread. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel are effectively a Gospel within a Gospel. They are made up of the infancy narratives, which provide us with the good news that God has become incarnate, but by including the prophetic voices of Simeon and Anna they also introduce us to the passion and resurrection.

The Church reinforces the message of today's feast by using the prophet Malachi to help us see the significance of Jesus entering the Temple, and the letter to the Hebrews prepares our minds for the ultimate sacrifice, culminating in the passion and death which is the destiny of this child. In due course we will hear Jesus inviting us to bridge the gap between his people's history and the importance of the Temple because the new Temple will not be a building but himself.

Application

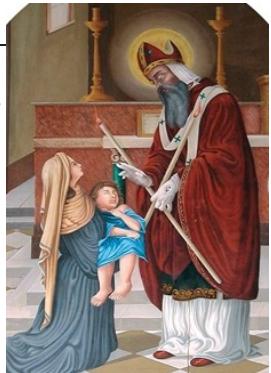
One way in which today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord can come alive for us personally and as a community of faith is to focus on Simeon and Anna, aged people who apparently just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Simeon is the exemplar of someone who has learnt to be patient, living in the hope that God will fulfil the ancient promises. Likewise, Anna just happens to pass by at the key moment, but presumably, like Simeon, she had been prompted by the Spirit. They seize the opportunity to proclaim the truth and they point us in the direction of God's saving presence among us.

St John will tell us that Jesus promised the gift of the Spirit to the Church, the Spirit who would lead us to all truth. Like Simeon and Anna we can learn to be patient and attentive and wait for the promptings of the Spirit. We live in the wake of the first coming of Christ and continue to wait for his second coming. Meanwhile, there is surely enough going on in our lives and the world around us for us to be able to recognise that, in the midst of all the pain and confusion, God continues to make God's presence felt. Simeon's prophecy speaks of the Christ child as "a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel".

The theme of light has always been at the heart of today's feast, which is why from time immemorial Christians have celebrated it by processing with candles; hence its other title, Candlemas. At our baptism either we or our parents and godparents were entrusted with a candle and the hope that we would: "keep the flame of faith alive". What better way for us to celebrate this feast than by reflecting on the fact that Jesus not only declared himself to be the light of the world but reminded us, his followers, that we too are to be the light of world? This does not require anything dramatic. It will be sufficient if you and I can, like Simeon and Anna, be attentive to the promptings of the Spirit, recognising the signs of God's abiding presence and gently pointing these out to others.

3. FEBRUAR - GOD ŠKOFA IN MUČENCA SV. BLAŽA.

Legenda, ki se opira na zgodovinsko jedro opisuje, da je bil sv. Blaž najprej zdravnik nato pa škof v mestu Sebaste v Armeniji. Živel je med 3. in 4. stoletjem, mučeniške smrti pa naj bi najverjetneje umrl leta 316; v času, ko je cesar Licinij začel preganjati kristjane, so prijeli tudi Blaža. Peljali so ga pred sodnika. Nasproti mu je prihitela vdova s svojim edinim sinom ter jokaje prosila svetnika, naj ji reši dragega edinca gotove smrti, saj je požrl ribjo kost in se je skoraj zadušil. Sv. Blaž je pomolil, mladeniča blagoslovil in ozdravljenega vrnil srečni materi. Sam je šel naprej v trpljenje in mučeniško smrt. V povezavi s tem čudežem Cerkev vsako leto podeljuje Blažev blagoslov. Škof, duhovnik ali diakon slovesno blagoslovi sveči za blagoslov, ju med seboj poveže v obliki križa ter ju približa grlu vsakega vernika, ki želi prejeti blagoslov.



Blažev blagoslov je eden od mnogih blagoslovov, ki jih deli Cerkev ob različnih priložnostih za različne namene. Blagoslov je zakramental, to je sveto znamenje, ki posnema zakrament in označuje predvsem duhovne učinke, ki jih verniki prejmejo po priprošnji Cerkve. Pri podeljevanju blagoslovov Cerkev navadno uporablja blagoslovljeno vodo, ki nas spominja na krst, zakrament očiščenja in prerojenja v moči Kristusove smrti in poveličanja. Tudi sveče, ki jih duhovnik uporablja pri Blaževem blagoslovu, simbolizirajo luč in zmago svetlobe nad temo, dobrega nad hudim.

COME CELEBRATE A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



With His Excellency
Bishop Douglas Crosby OMI

For couples celebrating an anniversary between **January and December, 2020** for 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years.

Celebrate your anniversary at

**Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King
Hamilton**

Sunday, June 14, 2020, 1:30 p.m.

Presented by the Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton

Register on-line at www.hamiltondiocese.com



AGM Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, February 8, 2020

9:30 AM

Registration with meeting to follow

**Recreation Room, Dom Lipa
52 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke, ON M9C 1V7**

Join us to hear committee reports, meet board members, volunteers and to share in the success of our achievements in the past year.

Refreshments will be served.



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St. Gregory the Great CWL Annual Parish Bazaar

DONATIONS:

to the Penny Sale Table
of new or crafted items
OR for the Children's Centre
will be graciously received
Saturday morning Feb 29

BAKED GOODS:

Will be accepted early
Sunday morning Mar 1

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON

OF FUN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Sun Mar 1, 2020

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT!



Sun Mar 1
Doors open
at 11:00 am

Childrens
Activity
centre

Pecivo
Strudel
Krofe
Noodles

Raffle
Lottery
Penny Sale

Lunch
at 12:00 noon

Child 5-10 yrs \$10
4 & under free

Pre-Paid Reservations
Adult \$20

At the Door
Adult \$25

Sunday March 1, 2020

Prešernov večer

Koncert & Kulturni večer

PETEK 7. FEBRUARJA 2020

v Cerkveni dvorani - 739 Brown's Line, Toronto

Začetek ob 19.00 uri | vstopnina \$20



Tanja Zajc Zupan

Citre



Hermina Matjašič

Violona / pevka



Ana Zupan

Voditeljica programa

in

“Lepote Slovenije - Škofja Loka Foto Klub”

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Vseslovenski kulturni odbor
All-Slovenian Cultural Committee



Slovensko
kulturno Društvo
“Sava”

Slovenian
Association
Sava Club



Prešernov Dan - Prešeren's Day Celebration

SUNDAY, February 9th 2020, MASS at 12:00
DINNER to follow
CULTURAL PROGRAM at 2:00

FAMOUS
POLKA MAESTRE
TONY JALOVEC



DINNER \$20.00, YOUTH \$10.00, CHILDREN < 12 FREE
Sava Club, 50 Scheifele Place, Breslau
Reservation required by February 4th, 2020
For tickets please call Angela 519-579-8620 or Theresa 519-884-6194



Mardi Gras 2020

funstovalje!



LIVE MUSIC BY



SAVE THE DATE

6:00 P.M.

SAT. FEB. 22, 2020

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH
HALL**



**Fun for
the whole family!**

Frank, Robert, Tony Letnik,
Tom Miklavčič, Joe & John Horvat
Playing English & Slovenian Music

**Krofe, Drinks, Raffle,
Costume Contest**

An event and facility presented for members and supporters of St. Gregory the Great and the Hamilton Diocese

Slovenski Park

Family FUN Day



Always, Memories, Love, Strength, Generations, Support, Forever, Together, Connected, Son, Family, Roots, Generations, Mother, Love, Family, Life, Father, Daughter, Son, Grandparents, like the branches of a tree our lives grow in different directions but we are family our roots remain as one



Sun Feb 16



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 9. feb.: **Sava** - Breslau, Mass 12:00
- ◆ 9. feb.: London - St. John the Divine Church
- ◆ 16. feb.: **Slovenski Park** - Family Day Celebration
- ◆ 22. feb.: **St. Gregory the Great** - PUSTOVANJE
- ◆ 28. feb.: **Bled** - "All in" Leap Year Fun Night

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ◆ 2. feb. 9:30 a.m.: Jože Gimpelj & Lovrenčec
- ◆ 9. feb. 9:30 a.m.: Družina Rihar
- ◆ 16. feb. 9:30 a.m.: Jože in Albina Antolin
- ◆ 23. feb. 9:30 a.m.: Sue in Zdravko Augustin
- ◆ 1. mar. 10:00 a.m.: CWL-KŽZ

PEVSKE VAJE

Pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor so ob četrtekih po večerni maši, za angleški zbor pa v sredo po večerni maši. Slovenski zbor poje naslednjič v nedeljo 1. marca, skupaj z angleškim zborom, ker je maša ob 10:00h.

CWL - KŽZ

Our **CWL General Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th after 7:00 p.m. Mass. We will be refining plans for our upcoming bazaar.



CWL Membership Renewal

If you have not already done so please place your remittance in the envelope you have been given (\$22) and put it in the collection basket at Sunday Masses or give it to Pamela Gosgnach or Milena Krušić. New members are also most welcome to join us. Know that you, we, can make a difference as CWL sisters!

CWL Bazaar

Save the date: **Sunday, March 1st, 2020.** Preparations for our time honoured tradition, our annual Bazaar have begun. We will begin selling blue lottery tickets in the church foyer on Sunday, January 12th.

A book of 10 tickets for \$5.

Updates and more details regarding our bazaar will follow. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support. Prav lepa hvala

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

* St. Joseph Society **2020 membership** - \$15.- is now due. Please see Frank Novak - membership convener, for payment and new card. New members are welcome to join!

* **Annual meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 1st after the 9:30 AM Mass at the Villa. Coffee & krofi will be served. We are looking for new Board members to put their names forward and join the Board.

* **Villa Slovenia Bingo** is every Monday at 1:00 PM – Break up your dreary winter and join us! Also join your friends for our Tuesday social nights.

* Annual St. Joseph Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 15. More details to follow!

CONFIRMATION 2020

This year **Confirmation is on March 29th, at 11:00 AM Mass.** The Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton Diocese will be the celebrant.

Candidates are invited for preparation which will take place two Sundays in February

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and two Sundays in March. Candidates and their families are invited to come to **11:00 AM Mass on February 16th and 23rd**. After Mass will follow a catechesis - 40 minutes. On February 23rd will be Enrolment Celebration, when the candidate will be officially presented to the community with a special celebration during the Mass.

On March 1st and 15th, both times, Mass is at 10:00 AM. After the Masses catechesis will continue. You will get more information at the first meeting.

If somebody was not baptised in our parish, please bring a copy of your Baptismal Certificate.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Elizabeta Raduha je darovala \$50 za Slomškovo oltarno društvo.

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali: \$50 Frank in Marica Majzelj, \$100 Ignac Dorenčec.

Hvala za vaš dar.

PRVI PETEK

7. februarja je prvi petek v mesecu. Obiskoval bom bolnike, zvečer pa bo priložnost za spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim in ob sedmih bo sveta maša.

SV. BLAŽ

V ponedeljek, 3. februarja, je god sv. Blaža, škofa in mučenca. Naša navada je, da na tadan podelimo tudi poseben blagoslov, za zdravje grla, na priprošnjo sv. Blaža. Da bi lahko več ljudi prišlo k maši, bo jutri sveta maša ob 7:00h zvečer.



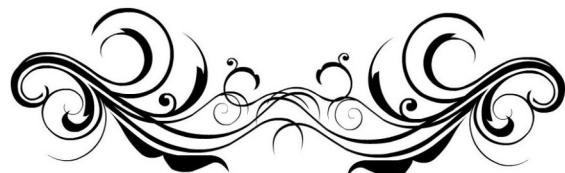
SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slovenian), 11:00 A.M. (English); From Long weekend in July to the Long weekend of the September Sunday Mass is only at 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:**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

POGREG - FUNERAL

V petek, 31. januarja 2020, je Bog, po krajski bolezni v 73 letu starosti, poklical k sebi našega farana Jožeta Lackoviča. Od njega se boste lahko poslovili v torek, 4. februarja med 2. in 4. uro popoldne ali med 7. in 9. uro zvečer v Markey-Dermody Funeral Home. K molitvi rožnega venca za rajnega Jožeta se bomo zbrali v torek ob 3:30 popoldne. Mašo zadušnico bomo darovali v naši župnijski cerkvi v sredo, 5. februarja ob 10:00h dopoldne, pogreb pokojnega bo sledil po maši na pokopališču Our Lady of the Angels.

Iskreno sožalje ženi Veri, sinu Jožetu in hčerki Anne z družinama. Pokojni Joe pa naj uživa večni mir in pokoj.



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA IN OTTAWA

The Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Toronto-Burlington:

**5096 South Service Road, Suite 102
Burlington, Ontario, L7L 5H4**

Monthly consular hours will take place at the above mentioned address on:

Tuesday, February 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m

Kindly note that at this new location, appointments will be mandatory so please email: sloembassy.ottawa@gov.si or call 613-565-5781 to make an appointment.

od 2. 02. 2020
do 9. 02. 2020

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

4. NEDELJA MED LETOM

2. FEBRUAR

Darovanje - Svečnica

Presentation of the Lord

World Day for
Consecrated Life

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Erin Lee Evans, obl.

†† Pokojni iz družine Fortuna

† Marija Horvat

†† Starši, bratje in sestre

9:30 A.M. -----

Carl Vegelj z družino

Družina Žižek

Mož Ignac

Angela Kobe

† Ed Kodarin

11:00 A.M. Ned Sejranič

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

3. FEBRUAR

Blaž, šk-muč.

† Pokojni duhovniki naše župnije

7:00 P.M. Jožica in Ivan Vegelj

Pri maši boste lahko prejeli blagoslov sv. Blaža

TOREK - TUESDAY

4. FEBRUAR

Leon, mučenec

†† Franc in Mimi Keber

7:00 P.M. Borštnik - Kebe

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

5. FEBRUAR

Agata, devica-mučenka

† Joe Lackovič

† Darinka Babnik, 30 dan

Za župljane in njihove družine

10:00 A.M. Pogrebna maša

7:00 P.M. Slava Gomboša

CWL KŽZ

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

6. FEBRUAR

Doroteja, mučenka

Božji Materi Mariji v zahvalo

7:00 P.M. Dragica Đundraš

PRVI PETEK

FIRST FRIDAY

7. FEBRUAR

Koleta (Nika), redovnica

†† Pokojni sorodniki in prijatelji (MB)

†† Marija in Jože Zelko

† Terezija Bohar

† Jože Kučan

† Joe Lackovič, 7. dan

7:00 P.M. N.N.

Hči Bernarda Milosavljevič z druž.

Bernarda Milosavljevič z druž.

Bernarda Milosavljevič z druž.

Žena Vera z družino

SOBOTA

SATURDAY

8. FEBRUAR

Hieronim, redovnik

Slovenski kulturni dan

† Jakob Muhič Jr.

† Irma Dorenčec

† Marija Matko

† Cecilija Smodiš

† Alojzij Sampl, obl.

† Neža Mihelčič, obl.

5:30 P.M. Družina Muhič

Lojze Ferenčak z družino

Družina Antolin

Družina Antolin

Žena z družino

Magda Udovč

5. NEDELJA MED LETOM

9. FEBRUAR

Apolonija, mučenka

Sabin, mučenec

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Alojzij Lisjak

† Štefka Rihar, obl.

† Janez Recek

†† Paula in Franc Pelcar

9:30 A.M. -----

Kazimir Žižek z družino

Mož z družino

11:00 A.M. Družina Recek

Stan Pelcar, Josie Dubé z družino

†† Pokojni člani društva Sava

† Nick Rogina

†† Pokojni člani londonske skupnosti

12:00 NOON Sava Breslau - Kitchener

Family

4:00 P.M. St. John the Divine Church