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**16. NEDELJA  
MED LETOM**

**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

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## POPOTNIKE SPREJEMATI

*V znamenitem prizoru iz Betanije, predmestja Jeruzalema, ki ga danes zaznamuje frančiškanska cerkev Prijateljstva, na kar spominja tudi Lukovo poročilo, moremo razločiti dve ravni, ki se prepletata. Prva je tista o gostoljubnosti, ki jo današnje bogoslužje ustvarja tudi z živahno pripovedjo iz Prve Mojzesove knjige, tisto o srečanju Abrahama s tremi božjimi odposlanci. V obeh pripovedih gre za velikodušno gostoljubnost do neobičajnega in skrivnostnega gosta. Predvsem je vredna občudovanja zagnanost gostitelja, požrtvovalna, ki je lastna nomadski in orientalski kulturi.*



*Abraham teče, se podviza in z njim Sara ter hlapec; oba sta v polnem gibanju. Očak se je v vsej živahnosti pripravljen dati na voljo, in še takrat, ko so trije gosti že za mizo, ne sedi zraven, temveč je na nogah, pripravljen v vsem ustreči. Je zgovoren in zagret, medtem ko so obiskovalci mirni in redkobesedni: »Čez leto se bom vrnil k tebi in takrat bo Sara, tvoja žena, imela sina.«*

*Takoj ko se je na vratih pojavil Jezus iz Nazareta, je podobna živahnost napolnila tudi hišo Marte in Marije. Vendar je predvsem Marta tista, ki je vpletena v mrežo priprav in gostoljubnosti.*

*Lukova pripoved postavi v ospredje dva ženska lika: Marija je znamenje češčenja, medtem ko je Marta znamenje aktivnega življenja in dela. Na prvi pogled se zdi, da je tudi evangelist Janez naklonjen podobni razlagi: »Marta je stregla. Tedaj je Marija vzela funt dragocenega dišavnega olja iz pristne narde, mazilila Jezusu noge in mu noge obrisala s svojimi lasmi« (12,2-3).*

Vozel, ki ga bo v tej Lukovi pripovedi treba razmotati, je torej v nečem drugem. Ne gre, da bi ga iskali v drugačnih »poklicih« ali v okoliščinah, kjer se izraža dejavnost dveh žena, temveč je predvsem v obnašanju, s katerim vzpostavljajo odnos do svojega dela. Marija je namreč skoraj otipljiv način predstavljena v simbolni drži apostolov: ona je »ob Jezusovih nogah«.

Luka opisuje, da je bil v tem položaju tudi obsedenec in Gerase, potem ko ga je osvobodil njegove bolezn: ta je »sedel ob Jezusovih nogah« (8,35).

Ne gre torej za poveličevanje vzvišenosti češčena nad telesno dejavnost, temveč za priznanje temeljne potrebe, ki mora biti prisotna v vsakem trenutku življenja in v vseh okoliščinah - namreč notranja »poslušnost« božji besedi. Marta je zaposlena z materialnimi stvarmi, ki jo obremenjujejo; Marija pa ima odprta obzorja neskončnosti in svojega duha.

V vseh okoliščinah, v kateremkoli poklicu ali nalogi je nujna notranja poslušnosti, ki nas postavi v pravi odnos z Bogom. Zato smo lahko tudi v najbolj oddaljenem samotarskem zatočišču, pa se duhovno opustošeni mučimo z očitki, z raztresenostjo, izmučeni s preobremenjenostjo, zaslužnjeni s podobami. Lahko pa smo pomešani v množici podzemne železnice pa ohranimo srce čisto in odprto za Boga, velikodušno do drugih, jasno in »v poslušanju«.

To je torej tista »edina stvar, ki je potrebna«: imeti odprt kanal našega duha do Boga in do naše-ga zavedanja. Prav tako, kot to na obalah orientalskih morij počenjajo nabiralci biserov, ko se potapljujejo do morskega dna in imajo v ustih bambusovo cevko, ki sega na površje vode in omogoča prihod zraka v ribičeva pljuča.

Sv. Katarina iz Genove se spominja prav take uporabe, ki so jo verjetno poznali pomorščaki iz njenega mesta, ko govori o »dihu božjega duha«, ki ga potrebuje vsaka duša, potopljena v morje življenja, ki grozi in ogroža.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec - leto C\_2006/7, štev. 4)

**Response: Those who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**First Reading** *Genesis 18:1-10*

Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God and receive God's blessing.

**Second Reading** *Colossians 1:24-28*

Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.

**Gospel** *Luke 10:38-42*

On being welcomed into their home, Jesus teaches Martha and Mary the meaning of true hospitality.

*“Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.”*



### Illustration

Andrei Rublev was perhaps the greatest and most well-known icon painter of all time. He probably lived near Moscow and died around the year 1430. In 1988 the Russian Orthodox Church canonised him as a saint. But little is known about his life for certain, although in 1966 an epic film drama based on him was made by the Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky; it has been rated by critics as one of the greatest films ever released.

There's a very famous icon by Rublev based on the story in our Old Testament reading today. It depicts the three angelic visitors received by Abraham and Sarah at the Oak of Mamre. They are sitting around three sides of a rectangular table, with a cup on the table between them. The space on the fourth side of the table, at the front of the icon, is vacant.



Like all icons, it's full of symbolism. It's known as the icon of the Trinity – the three visitors seated around the table being interpreted as symbolising the three persons of the Holy Trinity, and the space at the front as being left free for the viewer. It shows how we are all invited to share the hospitality of communion with God the Holy Trinity.

### **Gospel Teaching**

Since ancient times, as the Old Testament story demonstrates, hospitality – being willing to open homes and share food with visitors of all kinds, friends and strangers, especially those in need – has been an important part of Middle Eastern culture. It is also a basic, practical doing of love. It is this deeply human way of friendship that is at the heart of the ways in which God comes to people in today's readings. For Abraham and Sarah, their hospitality to the mysterious visitors marks a turning point in their lives, as the gift of the child the couple thought they could

never have is promised. A whole people is born from this simple act of welcoming the strangers and tending to their needs.

For Martha in today's Gospel, the great gift of receiving Jesus into her home is a blessing – but also a challenge. Perhaps Martha's difficulty, as far as Jesus is concerned, is that she is forgetting something that lies at the heart of all our practical care. When we cook for guests, when we welcome people into our homes and share a bit of our lives with them, the danger is that it is the "stuff" of our caring that becomes the focus, rather than the person we are welcoming. Sometimes it may be food and drink and practical actions of caring that are precisely what is needed. But very often what is just as important, if not more so, is a friendly and personal welcome and an ear to listen – and it's easy for this to get neglected among all the practicalities.

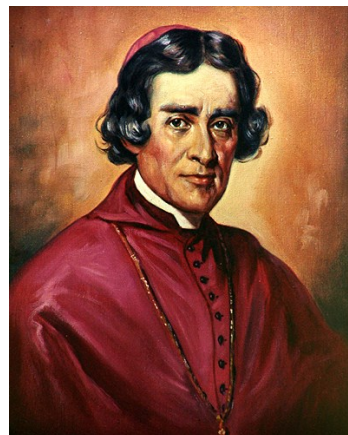
### **Application**

Our world today is one in which hospitality is much needed. If we look at our own cities and towns, we can see the loneliness that is so often to be found there: for example, in the elderly, housebound or disabled people who may see hardly another person from day to day, week to week; or in the homeless people whom we simply pass by on the street. For many people, such feelings of loneliness were experienced or exacerbated by times of enforced isolation during the Covid-19 pandemic. If we look further afield, we can see the refugees leaving everything behind and fleeing war, oppression and suffering, the many thousands of displaced people of our time, desperate to find a place of welcome and safety. Wherever we look, there is a call to share and befriend. And what is often needed above all is a listening ear, to hear their stories.

This call is also a challenge, as it was for Martha. True hospitality lies in meeting the person whom we welcome. We need to learn to sit still with those we are called to care for, to listen to them and to let them know they are heard. Too often our fretting over "so many things", as Jesus says, may get in the way of truly caring. But if we can keep love of and care for the person central, our moments of generosity and hospitality will also be moments of meeting God, and then we will take our place at table in communion with the divine Trinity.

# BARAGA DAYS 2022 - TORONTO

## Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal



### Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

4:30 pm Slovenian Litany

5:00 pm Slovenian Mass

6:00 pm Showing of the EWTN

documentary *Walking with Baraga:*

*The Joe Gregorich Story.*

Q & A Session to follow

7:30 pm Banquet and entertainment in hall (\$45.-)

Cash bar will be available at banquet and luncheon

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

### Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:00 am EWTN Documentary – *They Might Be Saints*

*Bishop Frederic Baraga* Q & A Session to follow

10:00 am English Mass

11:30 am Luncheon in hall (\$30.-)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

12.30 pm Bishop Baraga Association annual meeting

Bring or send reservation & payment by August 8<sup>th</sup> to:

Rose Nesich

739 Browns Line, Toronto ON M8W 3V7

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Email: [rozika@sympatico.ca](mailto:rozika@sympatico.ca) 416-255-2721

Za našo župnijo bomo za soboto zvečer organizirali avtobusni prevoz. Kot vidite iz sporeda, se je potrebno prijaviti najkasneje do 8. avgusta.

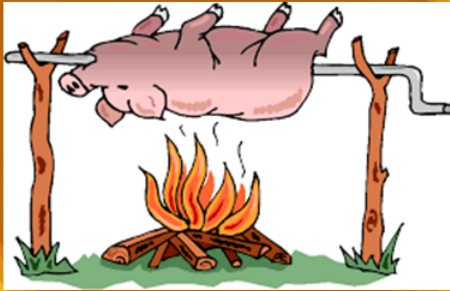
Za našo župnijo bo prijave zbirala Terezija Sarjaš, telefon 905-930-7990.

Ceno za avtobusni prevoz bomo objavili pozneje.

Za nedeljo ne bomo posebej organizirali; kdor bi se želel udeležiti tudi kosila, naj se prijavi Rose Nesich - podatki so zgoraj!



sLOVEnski park



**Sat July 23  
2022**

# PEČENKAFEST

featuring the band: **Golden Keys**

To enter your PIG ROASTING team contact John Kajin:

[jkatdixiesoccer@hotmail.ca](mailto:jkatdixiesoccer@hotmail.ca)

Festival Atmosphere - Pig Roasting Contest - Picnic

**FUN, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FOOD, FROLICKING, FEASTING, FOLKSY, FEEL-GOODTIMES!**

Sign up a team - or just picnic for the day.

Either way it will be lots of fun.

**Pečenka Meals** (Roast Pork on a spit ) for sale.

Tent Displays & Adventures.

**Dancing to the Golden Keys.**

Swimming, Balinca, Volley Ball, Basketball... fun in the sun.

**Prizes & Surprizes!**

**(Camping available)**

# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DOGODKI PO DRUŠTVIH: JULIJ — AVGUST

- **July 23, 2022** - **Slovenski park** - Pečenkafest
- **July 24, 2022** - **Bled** - Prošččenje, picnic
- **July 29, 2022** - **Slovenski park** - Civic Holiday Long Weekend: July 29 - Aug. 1st; Mass on July 31, 1:00 p.m.
- **August 7, 2022** - **Lipa Park** - Music in the Park picnic
- **August 13, 2022** - **Bled** - Golf Tournament
- **August 14, 2022** - **Breslau - Sava** - Mass - 1:00 p.m. - Picnic
- **August 28, 2022** - **Bled** - Summer picnic
- **September 3-4, 2022** - **Toronto - Brez-madežna** - Baraga Days

## THANK YOU - ZAHVALA

The family of Frank Pavlakovič would sincerely like to thank all of you who were involved with our family during this difficult time. We have been so grateful for the outpouring of support. We appreciate everyone and would like to thank the following:

Father Branko Balažic for a beautiful funeral Mass, Father Drago for the work behind the scenes, all those who sent messages of condolences. Also, those who sent flowers or provided donations to St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish, the participants at the funeral Mass-readers, choir members, congregation members, Mrs. Elizabeth Gimpelj and staff prepar-



**Pročenje Picnic**

**July 24th, 2022 Bled Hall Mass at 1:00 p.m.**

**4650 South Service Rd., Beamsville, Ontario**

**Schnitzel (on a bun) \$14.00**

**Cevapcic dinner \$14.00**

**Roasted Pork dinner \$20.00**

**For more information visit [www.bled.ca](http://www.bled.ca) or call (905) 679-3535**

ing a delicious meal at the reception and all the family and friends that helped out and donated desserts for the reception.

Our beloved Husband and Father was loved by many and will not be forgotten.

## DAROVI - DONATIONS

### Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

\$150 Leopold Kline v spomin na pokojno  
Marijo Špiler

### Ob smrti Franka Pavlakoviča:

\$100 - Barbara Wright  
\$50 - John and Diane Hozjan  
\$100 - Rosemary Pavlič z družino  
\$100 - Anonimni darovalec  
\$20 - Jožica Vlašič  
\$50 - Langenfus Sonja, Mojca, Valentina  
\$200 - Ivan in Marica Miketič ter Marianne Škerl z družino  
\$100 - Jožef in Barbara Starešinič, Oshawa  
\$1.000 - Žena Jožica in hčerke z družinami  
\$100 - Joe and Carmen Horvat

### Ob smrti Elisabeth Farkaš:

\$100 - Tončka Horvat z družino  
\$ 40 - Agnes in Matt Sutlič

Hvala za vse vaše darove!



13 AUG Bled Hall

3rd Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

Rockway Vineyards Golf Course  
3290 Ninth St., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 6P7  
1:00 p.m. Shotgun start  
Dinner to follow at Bled Hall  
\$150 per golfer  
\$25 dinner only

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

Cerar	Joseph	July 18, 2001
Štefanec	Milan	July 18, 2010
Hochevar	Mary	July 18, 2014
Ritlop	Anton	July 19, 1975
Koren	Silva	July 20, 2015
Hočevar	Martha	July 21, 2018
Cimermančič	Ivan	July 21, 2020
Koren	Franc	July 22, 2017
Žižek	Jožef	July 24, 2016



DON BOSCO

**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. from July to Fall Banquet (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 or Cell: 905-520-2014

