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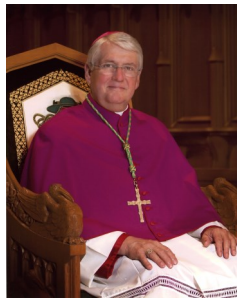
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Christmas 2014

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy and peace. The birth of Christ in a manger is presented in soft and beautiful terms. The message and the music of angels announces the divine nature of the event. However, in human terms, the story of the birth of Jesus is filled with hardship, rejection and flight. The love of Mary, the determination of Joseph, and the devotion of the shepherds lessen the horror of homelessness and migration.

We have seen that horror most recently in the lives of too many people who have been forced to flee their homes because of decrees that have caused death, destruction, and despair. These people have left everything – their homes, their jobs, their belongings. But, despite threats they have clung to their faith in Jesus Christ – their sole hope!

This Christmas, remember these people – sisters and brothers in faith. Pray for them. One day they may be sitting beside you in your parish church praying in thanksgiving for the welcome they received and for the religious freedom we experience here.

We have many rich blessings – which must be protected and shared. Remain alert that they not be lost. Share them generously, so they may be enjoyed by others.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI



MIKLAVŽEVANJE pri sv. Gregoriju Velikem



V nedeljo, 7. decembra 2014 so otroci slovenske šole skupaj z učiteljicami pripravili vsakoletno **Miklavževanje**. Nestrpno so se pripravljali več tedno za to priložnost. Kot je že dolgoletna navada, so tudi letos zapeli in zaplesali ob melodiji: Mi angelci smo mali. Tudi hudički niso manjkali, a so jih angelci kaj hitro spodili iz odra. Nato je Miklavž slovesno prišel v spremstvu starejših angelov na oder iz zapel: »Pozdravljena čredica mala...« Sledilo je obdarovanje otrok in že je prišel čas slovesa, ko so to s pesmino naznanili tudi angelci: »Sedaj glej odhaja s častitljivo brado...«



Dobro so se pripravili tudi v kuhinji, saj so se lahko vsi do sitega najedli ob dobrem kosilu. Hvala vsem kuharicam v kuhinji, še posebej zakoncema Marinčič Antonu in Andreji, pa tudi mladini, ki je postregla na mize. Prav tako hvala učiteljicam slovenske šole, ki so pripravile vse potrebno, da je prireditev lepo stekla in miklavžu, ki se vsako leto z veseljem odzove. Upamo, da bomo še dolgo lahko ob takih prireditvah ohranjali slovenske običaje in navade.





Župnija sv. Gregorija Velikega
prireja

“Silvestrovanje”

**New Year's Eve
Banquet & Dance**



6:30 p.m. December 31, 2014

**Igra ansambel “Murski Val”
Live Slovenian & modern music by “Murski Val”**

*Večerja v banketnem stilu servirana na mize
A delicious banquet with service to your reserved seat*

A family oriented event with lots of fun and surprises

**Cena vstopnic - \$65 – Admission per adult
\$45 Youth (13 yrs to 19 yrs) \$25 Children (12 and under)**

*For Reservations contact Milan Ferletič
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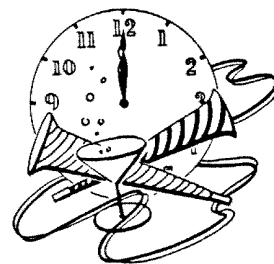
**Come welcome the New Year
with your friends at St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish
Da bomo v prijetnem veselju preživelii zadnji večer leta 2014**

*Vljudno vabi župnijski svet
St. Gregory the Great Parish Council*



**Another 50th Anniversary Event
By Your Parish Council**

An event and facility presented for
members and supporters of St. Greg-
ory the Great and the Hamilton
Diocese



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Response: My soul shall exult in my God.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

Hope can feel a little bit like fear, the sort of joyous fear a bride and groom feel on their wedding night.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Where there is peace, there is God. Where there is God, there is peace.

Gospel John 1:6-8. 19-28

God sent John. We are part of that sending. To be a Christian is to have a mission.

“Make a straight way for the Lord.”

Illustration

There are some things we do *for* people and some things we do *with* people. A good human being has virtues that are for other people and for God. There are other virtues, though, which are called the theological virtues, which cannot just be exercised for God but must be exercised in the presence of God. These virtues are faith, hope and charity. They do not exist apart from God.

Think of a woman cooking dinner. She might be cooking for herself; she might be cooking for her family; she might be cooking as a hobby. She might be cooking to impress friends or important visitors. Whatever the reason, the cooking is the object of her attention. In the same way, other virtues – justice, courage, wisdom, self-control – are virtues that serve a purpose but are not, in themselves, a way of being with God.

But when we have faith, or hope, or love for God and God’s creation, then we must be in some way with God, even now while we live on earth. These virtues are gifts of grace, miracles of grace in



fact. In these virtues, we are close to God. They are the fulfillment of the meaning of one of the titles given to Jesus Christ: Emmanuel, which means, “God

is with us”. It is the incarnation that makes these virtues possible. During Advent, we renew our sense of that presence of God in human life, by going back to the time before the Son of God took our humanity to himself.

Gospel Teaching

John the Baptist stood between an old world and a new world. He didn’t belong to the old and he had not yet found the new. His mother called him John, and his father, unable to speak since he had doubted the angel’s announcement of this child’s coming birth, affirmed this in writing: “His name is John.” People were astonished by this, as no one in their family was called by this name. It seemed as if they were rejecting their own son. Yet this was necessary. It was appropriate for John to be in the desert for much of his life. He needed to go out into the desert, to leave behind Israel; and there, in the desert, he was filled with longing rather than hope. In the emptiness of the desert, he experienced the emptiness of human aspirations without God. Looking back at the history of Israel, he could see how humanity had run away from the God who called them. Long before John was born,

his ancestors had crossed the Jordan but they had not truly entered the promised land.

So John stood in the desert, and the people came to him at the Jordan. There John found the Messiah he had been waiting for; but Jesus was not, perhaps, the sort of Messiah John had expected. When John met Jesus for the first time as an adult, then there began a new kind of faith. John had been filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb, but now it was possible to be with the Lord who revealed himself, not just to humanity but through humanity. John would not have been born if there was to be no saviour. John could not save the world, but he could show that it needed to be saved. By revealing the emptiness of the world, he showed the greatness of the one who could fill it with his life.

Application

From the beginning of Advent to the end of the Easter season, we are asked by the Church to make a liturgical journey. It is a journey that follows the path of Christ's life, because that is the pattern of all Christian life. Advent is the time of expectation and hope. Although we follow the path of those who waited for the Messiah, he has already come. So our hope is different from the hope of Israel. Our hope is not a hope for redemption but a hope for the redemption that began in Christ to come to its completion.

The world changed when Jesus Christ came, but we are liable to forget that, unless we continually remember the time when Israel waited for his coming. Now that he has come, we can see our prayer, and our works of faith and love, as a way of living out that redemption, with those special theological virtues that keep us always in the presence of God.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR - VAJE

V **četrtak** po večerni maši, bomo imeli redne pevske vaje za župnijski zbor. Naslednjič zbor poje 24. decembra, na božični večer.



DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 14. december: **BLED** - Božičnica, **SLOVENSKI PARK** - Miklavževanje-Santa
- ◆ 16. december: **ST. JOSEPH** - Christmas party, 7:30 p.m.: začetek **Božične devetdnevnice**. Maša ob 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 21. december: **SAVA** (Mass at 12:00), **LONDON** (Mass at 4:00 p.m.-St. John D.)
- ◆ 22. in 23. december: **DUHOVNA OBNOVA** - spoved: 5:00 p.m., maša ob 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 24. december: **BOŽIČNI VEČER** - Maše ob 6:00 p.m. (Family mass), 10:00 p.m. - Slovenian mass.
- ◆ 26. december: **LIPA PARK**-Mass 4:00pm
- ◆ 31. december: **SILVESTROVANJE** - **Lipa Park, Bled, St. Gregory, Triglav, Sava**

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

St. Joseph Society Members' Christmas Dinner/Party will be held **Tuesday, December 16th**. All members and spouses are invited to attend. Our evening will include entertainment & our annual **poisetia draw** for the Bishop Baraga fund.

Villa Slovenia has a one bedroom unit

available. For information, contact Collin Maddern at 333-5506 – extension 56.

NAROČNINA ZA OGNJIŠČE 2015

Leto se bliža koncu. Vsem, ki želite imeti naročeno Ognjišče tudi v letu 2015 sporočamo, da je naročnina **80 kanadskih dolarjev**.

BOŽIČNA 9-DNEVNICA

16. decembra bomo pri večerni maši molili in prepevali iz božične devetdnevnice: »Kralja, ki prihaja, pridite molimo!« Naj nam vse to pripomore, da bo naša priprava zares globoka in osebna. K temu nam bo pripomogla tudi duhovna obnova, ki jo bomo imeli v ponedeljek 22. in torek 23. decembra.

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - PRODAJA ŠTRUDLA

Orders are now being taken for Apple Štrudel \$15.00 or Cheese Štrudel \$20.00 Orders must be submitted by Nov 23. Please contact Lorie Mramor 9056312986 or

slo_venka1000@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS PAGENT

Practice for the Christmas Pagent will be December 20th end of Slovenska šola. Anyone interested can contact Sonya Podrebarac 905-664-1774.

MAŠE OB SOBOTAH ZJUTRAJ

Do konca božičnega časa, t.j. Jezusovega krsta, bodo tudi maše ob torkih zvečer ob 7:00h. Od letos smo spremenili uro za sobotno jutranjo mašo. Zadnjo soboto v

mesecu, ali ko je maša z otroci Slovenske šole, je samo ena maša in sicer ob 9:15 dopoldne. Ostale sobote pa je jutranja maša ob 8:00.

THANK YOU-DRVARIC/POPPA

The chapters have ended and the book of my mother's life has closed. We are certain she is with our heavenly Father. It is our memories that will sustain us from here forward. We will miss our mother beyond words. We "THANK YOU" dear St. Gregory's community for being our mother's friend; for being with our family through our difficult journey; for the kind words spoken to us about mom; for your encouragement and support to us; for helping and sharing in her celebration of life. Our appreciation and gratitude comes from the depths of our hearts. Sincerely, Sidonia, Joseph, Theresa and families.

BOŽIČNA POŠTA

V atriju imate še pisma z božičnim pismom, koledarjem in kuverto za božični dar. Prosimo, da jih čimveč vzamete, da ne bomo pošiljali po pošti.

DAROVI

Za misijone je darovala \$100 Matilda Bratuž.

V spomin na pokojno Sidonijo Drvarič so darovali za cerkev: \$50 Štefan in Gizella

Ray; \$25 Calla Parker in Rich Nicholas; \$20 Karol in Milka Ferko; \$20 Disanza Family, \$20 Sonya Podrebarac in Marija Štern; \$50 Maria Bayuk, \$20 Cecilija Sobočan. Vsem iskrena hvala za vaše darove.

POKOJNI

V soboto, 13. decembra je Ernest Zrim dobil sporočilo iz Slovenije, da je umrla žena od njegovega brata, Marija Zrim. Za pokoj njene duše bomo darovali sveto mašo v sredo, 17. decembra. Sožalje vsem domačim, pokojni pa večni mir in pokoj.



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / 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 (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

DON BOSCO

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SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

NEDELJA- SUNDAY 3. ADVENTNA 14. DECEMBER <i>Janez od Križa, c.uč.</i>	za žive in rajne župljane † Štefka Rihar † Jože Gerič, obl.	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Družina Rihar Žena Elizabeta z družino
PONEDELJEK MONDAY 15. DECEMBER <i>Kristina, devica</i>	† Karlo Lutar † Anton Šverko †† Jože in Marija Zelko † Lidija Hubert	7:00 P.M.	Toni in Marija Franc Toni in Marija Franc Hči z družino Ignac Prša z družino
TOREK - TUESDAY 16. DECEMBER <i>Albina, mučenka</i>	† Janez Selšek † Franc Pelcar † Albin Žagar †† Pokojni iz družine Sobočan	7:00 P.M.	Društvo sv. Jožefa Margaret Pergar G. In F. Berkopec Cecilija Sobočan
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 17. DECEMBER <i>Lazar iz Betanije</i>	† Stane Kanc † Eddy Pučko †† Janko in Tončka Demšar † Toni Šverko † Marija Zrim	7:00 P.M.	Žena in otroci Sestra in družina Šverko Štefica z družino Šverko Štefica z družino Ernest Zrim
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 18. DECEMBER <i>Teotim, mučenec</i>	†† Pokojni iz družine Gergyek † Tereza Salajko † Tilka Balažič †† Mihael in Helena Kolarič	7:00 P.M.	Zoltan in Ana z družino Terezija Prša Terezija in Ignac Sarjaš Terezija in Ignac Sarjaš
PETEK FRIDAY 19. DECEMBER <i>Urban, papež</i>	† Frank Gimpelj †† Janez in Pavla Horvat †† Pokojni iz družine Vegelj † Agata Gonza-Železnik	7:00 P.M.	Tone in Marija Bukvič Elizabeta Gimpelj Stanko in Jožica Vegelj Vinko in Magda Benc
SOBOTA SATURDAY 20. DECEMBER <i>Evgen, mučenec</i>	Po namenu † Jože Bregar † Vinko Marinko †† Stane in Frančiška Napast † Terezija Hajdinjak †† Pokojni iz družine Napast	9:15 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	n.n. Žena in družina Žena in družina Toni Ferko in otroci Jože in Marija Magdič Družina Pinter
NEDELJA- SUNDAY 4. ADVENTNA 21. DECEMBER <i>Peter Kanizij, duhovnik</i>	za žive in rajne župljane †† Frančiška in Stane Napast †† Frank in Vera Staniša †† Pokojni iz družine Muhič †† Pokojni iz društva Triglav	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON 4:00 P.M.	Družina Pinter Sin Frank z družino Alex Muhič - SAVA-Breslav St. John the Divine-London