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Iskalci Boga

Bog je prišel k nam in se nam pustil najti na tem svetu, zato moramo ljudje storiti vse, da ga poiščemo. Če je Bog prišel na svet, potem mora tudi svet priti k njemu.

Moramo se potruditi, da poiščemo vsa znamenja, ki kažejo nanj, vse poti, ki vodijo k njemu, in da premagamo vse ovire, ki bi nas mogle ločiti od njega.

Vsa človeška zgodovina dokazuje, da je človek pri svojem delu naravnani na prihodnost. Če bi v človeku te silnice ne bilo, bi se njegov razvoj ustavil. V tem so si edini še tako različni misleci, kakor so Heraklit, Avguštin, Marx, Chardin, Bloch in Moltman. Če pa je tako, potem je treba priznati tudi, da je temu spoznanju mogoče biti zvest samo, kolikor človekove prihodnosti ne omejujemo, ampak ji odpiramo brezmejno razsežnosti.

Taki moramo biti neprestano vsi ljudje; kakor iskalci zlata, ki so zapustili družino, dom, domovino, vse in šli v neznano in svoje premoženje in življenje zastavili za iskanje zlata. Gotovo se vsi spominjate Kristusove prilike, kako je neki človek našel zaklad na njivi. Tekel, je takoj k lastniku, njivo kupil in z njo pridobil dragocenost. Naše iskanje Boga mora biti tako.

Na poti k učlovečenemu Bogu so nam modri vzor. Kažejo nam pravi odgovor, ki ga mora človek dati na Gospodovo razglášenje. Njihova pot k Bogu je tudi naša pot. O njih je rečeno, da so videli njegovo zvezdo, se odpravili na pot, da ga najdejo, počastijo in mu prinesejo darove.

Videli so zvezdo. Morda so jo videli tudi drugi ljudje, a jim ni nič povedala. Oni pa so v njej spoznali Gospodovo znamenje. V vsem, kar so doživljali, so videli božji poziv, ker so imeli bister pogled in odprto srce. Vse stvari so jim bile kažipot k Bogu. Niso poznali samo »obličja neba« kot farizeji, ampak so tudi znali presojeti znamenja časa, božja znamenja.



Leto se je hitro približalo koncu in v naši dvorani je župnijski svet organiziral Silvestrovanje. Čeprav se ni trlo ljudi, pa je bilo vzdušje zelo prijetno in domače. Za glasbo je poskrbel Spotlight Orchestra. V kuhinji so se trudile Amalija, Milena, Dragica in Gizela, da nihče ni bil lačen. Na mizo so nosile sestre Mateja, Mirjam in Maja ob

pomoči Domna. Priprava dvorane in bar je bilo v rokah članov župnijskega pastoralnega sveta. Hvala Slovenski Credit Union, Milanu Ferletiču in Frenku Pavlakoviču za darovane nagrade za »raffle«. Prav tako hvala vsem, ki ste se udeležili tega praznovanja. Ob sodelovanju vseh in vsakega smo doživeli lep praznični večer.





Sunday's Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

The prophet sees the day dawning when the glory of the Lord will be in Jerusalem.

Second Reading *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

Paul recalls the revelation he received about God's love for all people.

Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

Wise men come from the east to disturb one king and to worship another.

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."



Illustration

King's College Chapel, in Cambridge, England, is the scene, on Christmas Eve every year, of a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. This service was first celebrated there in 1918, just after the close of the Great War. The Dean of the college, Eric Milner-White, had been an army chaplain during the terrible slaughter in the trenches. He came home with a clear conviction that church worship needed to be livened up, to bring home to people the message of Christ.

The service he arranged, in reading and song, tells the story of humankind's journey from the loss of paradise, and the promise of a Messiah, to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The human story of our creation, our wanderings and our rescue is vividly told in the alternating lessons and carols. The service begins with the single voice of a boy chorister, singing "Once in Royal David's City". It ends with the massed voices of choir and congregation joining the angels to celebrate the "newborn king".

On the east wall of the chapel, behind the altar, there hangs a great painting by Peter Paul Rubens. It is The Adoration of the Magi. Three travelers from the east have journeyed far to look for the "infant king of the Jews". The Christmas story, as told by Matthew, gives us this great feast that we celebrate today – the Epiphany, that is, the revealing of Christ to the peoples of the whole world.

Gospel Teaching

In St Matthew's story we meet the powerful political figure of King Herod. This man displays all the force and fallibility of any human leader. Once in power, his main objective seems to be to stay in power. And power that could be used to help humankind can easily become corrupted into a force for destroying humankind. Herod's wrongdoing has certainly made him so self-obsessed that he even fears the birth of a child as some kind of threat to his own throne.

In Jerusalem, Herod's advisors, the religious and political elite, gather to discuss the political situation. These people are experts on how to manage things, so as not to rock the boat. They seem to know what they are talking about. They know where the Messiah will be born. But they don't seem to be very interested in when, as long as it does not upset their routines of control. These people enjoy their position and their work, but they are not interested in the wider world.

The travelers, however, are very interested in the wider world. They are seekers after wisdom. They look for the meaning of things. They do not settle down in the comfort of the here and now. Their life is a journey, and they seek answers to life's great questions. When they find a "lowly cattle shed", they fall on their knees in homage to a child. All their searching and all their studying has brought them to this place, and to this newborn king.

Application

Today's feast invites us to join the Magi, and to become wise travelers through this world. It is a great temptation, in our lives, to become like Herod, little demagogues in our own world, ruling our lives according to our own desires. We can also be tempted to become political and religious experts, like Herod's advisors, putting the world to rights according to our own theories of who's right and who's wrong, and never getting beyond argument.

Alternatively, we can go on the journey, like the wise men of old, and look for the child, and adore when we find him. When we accept this challenge, then, for as long as we are on this Earth, we are on the journey. St Peter, who spent many a day in the Lord's company, was never finished with learning. There is always so much to discover. "The truth I have now come to realize," Peter said on one famous occasion, "is that God does not have favorites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him."

Another great disciple, Blessed John Henry Newman, the English convert and cardinal, in an Anglican sermon for the Epiphany in 1839, said, "When men understand what each other mean, they see, for the most part, that controversy is either superfluous or hopeless." Newman, who was much vilified in his day, now stands as a great hope for Christian unity in Britain. This is the challenge of today's feast – that we go out and embrace the world.

CLARIFICATION ON POSTURES AT MASS

We remind all pastors that, in accord with the norms for Canada in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, in Hamilton Diocese the postures for the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Rite are as follows.: * **All kneel** following the Sanctus and remain kneeling until the conclusion of the doxology and Amen. **All kneel again** following the singing of the Lamb of God and remain kneeling until the priest invites them to stand for the Prayer after Communion.

Presentation of the Gifts: The priest invites all to pray, saying: Pray brothers and sisters that your sacrifice and mine ... **All stand and then respond with the words:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands... The assembly will no longer wait to stand until after they have made their response.

The Canadian edition of the General Instruction states that the **approved gesture for the sign of peace is a handshake or a bow**. The Instruction makes no mention of any words being exchanged at this moment.

The change related to approaching Communion. As each person approaches the minister to receive Communion he or she is asked to make a **simple bow of the head**. This is a sign of reverence in immediate preparation for the act of receiving Communion, which, **in Canada, is to be received standing**. This gesture is made only once before receiving Communion. It is not repeated again when receiving Communion from the chalice. **Other personal expressions of piety or devotion, such as profound bows or genuflections are not appropriate**. A common gesture of reverence is desirable **to foster the unity of faith** which Communion expresses.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR

Ta teden imajo pevci malo počitnic od vaj. Zato v četrtek, 12. januarja ne bo pevskih vaj. Naslednjič zbor poje pri maši 29. januarja, ko se spominjamo sv. Janeza Boska, ustanovitelja salezijanske družbe in Jezusovega darovanja - Svečnica.



CWL - KŽZ

As we enter the season of giving and sharing we will again be **collecting** your kind and generous canned and dried **food donations** for Food Share Hamilton. Our Food Banks are in need of **canned fruit and vegetables, pastas, pasta sauce, canned or dry soups, baby formula, and cereals. Please consider donating** generously to over 18,500 people in our community of whom 8,100 are children who go to bed hungry.



Our **CWL membership fees are due**. Envelopes have been put into our 2012 Sunday collection boxes. Members who have not been able to attend our monthly general meetings will notice that the **fee** has been **increased** from \$14 to \$19. This is a \$5 increase that was voted on by all our Diocesan parishes at the Diocesan Convention, May 2011 and was almost unanimously accepted. Our membership is split into 3 parts, National, Provincial and Diocesan. This is a \$5 increase to be sent to the National level. Any questions please contact Sidonia at (905) 578-8896. We wholeheartedly hope that this increase does not discourage you to continue your membership because your membership is extremely important to our National representation that goes to parliament defending our Catholic/Christian family lives and values.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

St. Joseph Society is planning a day trip Friday, January 20th to Seneca Casino, Niagara Falls, N.Y. and wine tasting on the way home. Bus will depart at 8 AM from St. Gregory parking lot. Package includes bus, gratuities, \$35 tokens to play and \$10. for lunch. Price per person is only \$36. If you plan to go, please confirm and make payment now. Contact: Frank Erzar @ 643-0285 or Jerry Ponikvar @ 333-5813. Don't forget your passport.



ČIŠČENJE CERKVE

Hvala vsem, ki ste se javili Oltarnemu društvu, da boste še naprej skrbeli za čistočo naše cerkve. Lepo je, da imamo bogoslužni prostor vedno urejen. Več ko je članov, manjkrat na leto vsaka skupina pride na vrsto. Mnogi bi radi, pa so starejši in ne zmorejo, vabljeni tudi mlajši. Te dni bo na oglasni deski razpored čiščenja za leto 2012. Še enkrat hvala vsem, ki skrbite za urejenost in čistočo.

OBČNI ZBOR

V mesecu februarju, natančneje, 26. februarja ob treh popoldne je naš letni Občni zbor. Zopet se obračam na vsem člane naše župnije, da iščemo nove člane za Župnijski pastoralni svet. Nekaterim članom poteče triletni mandat. Prav je, da imamo župnijski svet, ki je desna roka župnika; da so v župnijskem svetu zastopani predstavniki društev in člani širše skupnosti. Vodenje župnije ni samo stvar župnika, ampak sodelovanje vseh članov župnijske skupnosti.

Kot sami dobro veste je župnija živa skupnost. Skozi leta pa je nastal kar lep kompleks prostorov: dvorani, prostori, kjer Slovenska šola, župnišče in cerkev. Vse to je potrebno nenehno vzdrževati, ohranjati, obnavljati. Obenem pa moramo skrbeti, da prostori niso prazni, ampak, da se v njih vedno kaj dogaja, da so v službi župnijskih dejavnosti.

Letošnje leto, kot vse kaže, bodo stekli nekateri projekti, ki smo jih že dalj časa načrtovali. Ker pa nič ne nastane čez noč, je za vse potrebno veliko skritega dela. Zdaj pa smo tako daleč, da se bomo začeli bolj konkretno pogovarjati o izvedbi teh projektov.

**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY ATA
VSE NAJBOLJŠE ZA 90. ROJSTNI DAN**

Janko Demšar - Born January 15, 1922

Please join us in celebrating the



90th Birthday of Janko (John) Demšar
on Sunday January 15, 2012
Friends are welcome to share
this milestone with the family
at the 9:30 AM Mass
at St. Gregory the Great Parish.



The Catholic Girl's Club 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

will be held on

Saturday, January 28th, 2012

from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Tickets will be sold
after Sunday Masses.

Ticket prices are:

Adults: \$10.00

Children 3 - 12: \$5.00

Children 2 and under: Free

All funds raised will go to support
children's charities.

Your support is always appreciated!



Od 08. 01. 2012
Do 15. 01. 2012

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

MASSSES MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 P.M., SATURDAY 8:15 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

NEDELJA - SUNDAY

08. JANUAR

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za žive in rajne župljane

†† John Kosednar

† Matija Vlašič

† Mike Martin

9:30 A.M. Cilka Lehner

Žena in otroci

11:00 A.M. Sons Ricky in Roby

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

09. JANUAR

Jezusov krst

† Terezija Krampač

† Tomaž Grebenc

7:00 P.M. Anica Miklavčič

Manja Erzetič

TOREK - TUESDAY

10. JANUAR

Gregor Niški, škof

† Roza Ifko

7:00 P.M. Terezija Dunko

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

11. JANUAR

Pavlin Oglejski, škof

†† iz družine Ivana Peternela

† Zlatica Audič

† Tomaž Grebenc

7.00 P.M. Judy Peternel

Manja Erzetič

Manja Erzetič

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

12. JANUAR

Tatjana, mučenka

† Anica Kološa

7:00 P.M. Hčerki Majda in Marjana

PETEK - FRIDAY

13. JANUAR

Veronika, devica

† Jožef Pust

V zahvalo za uslišane prošnje

† Štefanec Milan

†† Anton in Antonia Vinčec

7:00 P.M. Družina Cestnik

Gizella Ray

Toni in Elizabeth Ferko

Sin Toni Vinčec

SOBOTA - SATURDAY

14. JANUAR

Oton, redovnik

† Jože Jakša

† Metod Kuzma, obl.

†† Amalija Klepec

Bogu v zahvalo za 40 let zakona

8:15 A.M. Francis Bratina

5:30 P.M. Sestra Jožica

Malči Klepec z družino

Ivan in Angela Antolin

NEDELJA - SUNDAY

15. JANUAR

2. NEDELJA MED LETON

Absalom, škof

za žive in rajne župljane

†† Marija, Štefan, Vinko, Martin

†† sorodniki in znanci

†† pokojni člani društva Sava

†† pokojni člani društva Triglav

9:30 A.M. Sestra z družino

11:00 A.M. Boja Milosavljevič z družino

12:00 NOON Breslav-Kitchener

4:00 P.M. St. John the Divine - London



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:15 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.