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MED LETOM**

**4TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Preroka obudim iz tvoje srede

Na današnje nedelje se moramo zamisliti v skrivnost, ki sledi iz poklica človeka, da sodeluje z Bogom. Tako že Mojzes zatrjuje ljudstvu: »Preroka iz tvoje srede ... ti obudi Gospod, tvoj Bog, njega poslušajte!« Zakaj? Da bi človek lažje razumel božjo govorico.

Vendar ni tako preprosto biti v toliko pomembnih stvareh zares gotov, da je to božji navdih, božja beseda, ne pa morda samoprevara. Mojzes spominja ljudstvo, da ga je nekoč prosilo, naj raje on govori z njim namesto Boga, ker se je balo, da ne bo preneslo božje govorice. Kakšen občutek odgovornosti se mora zbuditi v oznanjevalcih vseh vrst, ko govorijo tako ali drugače v božjem imenu! Pa naj gre za duhovnike ali škofe, za očete ali matere, za vzgojitelje te ali one vrste. Na neki način smo drug drugemu preroki in si pomagamo odkrivati božjo voljo.

Drugi vatikanski cerkveni zbor si upa trditi, da so laiki «deležni Kristusove duhovniške, preroške (torej oznanjevalne) in kraljevske (ali vodstvene) službe" (C 31,1). Bog pravi Mojzesu in seveda nam: «Kdor pa ne bo poslušal mojih besed, ki jih bo govoril v mojem imenu, tega jaz pokličem na odgovor.« Sledi pa še hujša božja grožnja. Tisim, ki bi si upali govoriti, da posredujejo božjo besedo, v resnici bi pa bila samo njihova človeška, pravi: «... preroka, ki bi se drznil govoriti v mojem imenu kako besedo, katere mu nisem ukazal govoriti ... ta prerok mora umreti.»

V evangeliju Jezusovi sonarodnjaki strmijo nad njegovo besedo, »ker jih je učil, kakor kdor ima oblast in ne kakor pismouki.« Jezusovo učenje je bilo in je drugačno od vsakega samo človeškega učenja, saj je obenem tudi božje. Jezus je dokazal svojo edinstvenost s svojo močjo nad zlim, kar je še posebej ponazorjeno z dogodkom iz shodnice. Tam je bil »človek z nečistim duhom«, ki je kričal: «Vem, kdo si - božji svetnik!» A Jezus mu zapove: »Umolknj in pojdi iz njega!« In tako je bilo. Zato so spet strmeli in »se med seboj povpraševali: 'Kdo je to? Nov nauk z oblastjo. Celu nečistim duhovom ukazuje!«

SYNOD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Pope Francis has called a Synod of Marriage and Family to be held in October of 2015 which is to include Bishops from around the world. – **this is your invitation to participate** in the gathering of information from the Hamilton Diocese. There are two ways that you may submit your responses:

* Fill in the questionnaire which can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan web site at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The questionnaire seeks information from the faithful on the content of the Lineamenta, which is the working document for the upcoming Synod. It can be completed on line, or printed and faxed or mailed to the Family Ministry Office. **The deadline for submission is Feb. 27, 2015.**

* **Attend one of two focus group gatherings** where the questionnaire will be discussed and responses collected to include in the final report. **Both gatherings will occur from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** and you are asked to RRSP by phone (905-528-7988 ext. 2249) or e-mail (familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com) if you plan to attend. You may join in a focus group at **St. Michael Parish** (240 Hemlock Street, Waterloo) on **Tuesday, Feb. 17th** or at the **Chancery Office** (700 King Street West, Hamilton) on **Thursday, Feb. 19th.**

The information being gathered will provide essential input to the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod. Please consider engaging in this process in one or both of the ways provided. For further information contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

Danes dopoldne, malo pred petjem, je gospa Štefka Eržen presenetila otroke Slovenske šole s posebnim darilom: doma je sešila veliko kap (pokrival) in vsak od otrok si je lahko izbral dve. Prav zanimivo je bilo gledati, kako so izbirali primerno velikost, obliko in barvo. Hvala Štefki za to lepo darilo.



Včeraj, 31. januarja, smo praznovali sv. Janeza Boska, ustanovitelja Salezijanske družbe, očeta in učitelja mladine. V naši obednici smo za priložnost dobili kopijo slike tiskane na platno, na kateri sta Don Mihael Rua, prvi don Boskov naslednik in Don Bosko, ki daje Rui konstitucije. Na listu je napisano: »Studia, di far ti amare!« (Nauči se, da te bodo vzljubili). Slika je umetniško delo slikarke Maše Bersan Mašuk.



Pustovanje -Mardi Gras- "Carnival"

PLUS "A Valentine Celebration"



6:00 P.M. SAT. FEB. 14, 2015
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT UPPER HALL

A family oriented event of new & old traditions



Live Entertainment by

Featuring: Frank, Robert & Tony Letnik
Tom Miklavčič, Joe & John Horvat
Playing: Retro 80's, Rock, Ska,
Traditional Slovenian Music,
Plus DJ Joe Horvat

Food available for Purchase
Kranjske, Coleslaw, Pizza, Krofi
Well stocked bar

Admission \$10,
Persons in Full Costume &
Children under 15 yrs old \$5

Prizes for best costumes!

Categories:

- 6 yrs and under at 8:00 pm
- 7 yrs to 14 yrs at 9:00 pm
- 15 yrs and older at 10:00 pm

50/50 Raffle at 11:00 pm

Come out and have fun!
Get a little "crazy" before Lent!
Meet your fellow parishioner/Slovenians
and introduce the children
to one another and
to their rich cultural heritage.

Your Parish Council



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord will raise up a great prophet; we are to listen to his words.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul expects Christ's return soon and so urges his congregation to give their undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Jesus exorcises a demon in the synagogue as part of his campaign to overcome the kingdom of Satan.

"Be quiet! Come out of him!"

Illustration

It is said that the greatest victory the devil has won in our modern age is to persuade people not to believe in him. His greatest skill is to deceive people. And if we believe in the devil at all, then it is often only as a sort of comic figure who prods people with his toasting fork. Even C.S. Lewis, who wrote a brilliant book called *The Screwtape Letters*, made the devil into a rather humorous figure. The book consists of letters that a senior demon, Screwtape, writes to Wormwood, his apprentice, giving advice about the ways in which he might deceive his victims. Screwtape tells Wormwood that their policy should be to conceal themselves for the moment but also to promote the idea that demons are really figures who don't have to be taken seriously. People can be tricked by their tactics. We can trivialise their significance by blaming the devil for every little mistake we make, "The devil must have got into me."

Gospel Teaching

But in the New Testament the devil is no joking matter. In first-century Palestine, the world of the demonic was taken deadly seriously. The New Testament writers use the language of the demonic to describe the malignant forces they see at work in the world. This is how St Mark sees the world into which Jesus comes. It was not neutral ground but occupied by Satan. The Messiah would have to be involved in a cosmic battle with him. The first challenge that Jesus faces is a struggle for forty days with Satan in the desert. As soon as he emerges from this encounter, Jesus announces the coming of the kingdom of God, which will break into the world through his own ministry. And in today's Gospel the battle begins as he performs an exorcism in Capernaum.



Jesus goes to teach in the synagogue. People are astounded at his authority because he shows in action as well as word how he can overcome the kingdom of Satan. He immediately clashes with the "unclean spirit" that possesses one of the congregation. The devil recognises Jesus not as a healer but as a destroyer: "Have you come to destroy us?" Then he tries to trick Jesus into submission by using two names for him, Jesus of Nazareth and "the Holy One of God". It was believed that knowing someone's name gave power over that person. But Jesus is not deceived. He casts out the unclean spirit, who vio-

lently shakes his victim and screams out in defeat. The kingdom of Satan is pushed back as Jesus captures more ground.

Application

Imagine such a scene at a Sunday Mass. What would people make of all that shouting and writhing in the sanctuary? It's not what we expect in church. But the biblical writers believed that Jesus was not just fighting against visible forces – as St Paul tells us in Ephesians: "it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the Sovereignities and the Powers who originate the darkness in this world".

In our modern, scientific society we may be embarrassed by all this talk of demons and Satan. Modern medicine can certainly explain a great deal of the sickness and disease that we see in the Gospels. But a glance at the media today will remind us that evil behaviour is still very much with us and it's not always easy to explain it away. On an individual level many people are taken over by powerful addictions, such as drugs, drink or pornography. They are imprisoned. Then whole societies and institutions can at times seem to be possessed by the urge to behave in an inhuman way, whether it is in the concentration camps of Europe, the battlefields of Syria or genocide in Rwanda. There can seem to be powers at work that are more than the sum of individual people's evil. This does not lessen our responsibility to recognise our own failure to speak out and to prevent evil behaviour taking place.

The good news of the Gospel is that Christ has won the victory over evil and we can share in his risen power. Evil will never have the final word. Jesus calls us to stand firm against evil and unjust behaviour in this world. We do not need to be afraid, as we can know that he is with us and has won the victory over Satan and all his works.

CWL - KŽZ: MEETING

CWL will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30pm**. Our discussion **focus will be the bazaar** as it will be held on **Sunday March 1st**. We urge all members to attend as we need to ensure that all stations of the Bazaar are covered and well organized. Thank you all in advance for making the effort to come to this very important meeting.

Parish Friends – our **CWL Blue Lottery tickets are now on sale**. We have representatives selling these tickets before and after each mass. You can also get tickets from all CWL members. All profits of this raffle go directly to the parish so we ask everyone to support this fundraiser for our church. We thank you all in advance for supporting this parish fundraiser.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

If you love priests and religious men and women, please support them by joining us in praying for vocations. Vocation Saturday is an initiative of the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Hamilton to gather people from across the diocese to unite in prayer for vocations. Join us on **Saturday, February 14**, at Canadian Martyrs Church in **Hamilton**, for 9:00 a.m. Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations.

Thinking about Priesthood or Religious Life? Find out by attending one of the upcoming events: **Discernment Group** (a monthly morning of prayer, reflection, and lunch): **Saturday, February 14**, at Canadian Martyrs Church in **Hamilton**: starting at 9:00 a.m.: Mass, Holy Hour, Discernment Groups for men and women, and lunch. For more information visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR - VAJE



Vaje za župnijski mešani pevski zbor bodo v četrtek 5. februarja. Pojemo na prvo postno nedeljo 22. februarja.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ 8. februar: ob 12:00 maša pri društvu **SAVA** in ob 4:00 p.m. maša v **Londonu**
- ♦ 14. februar: **Pustovanje** v župnijski dvorani, začetek ob 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ 15. februar: **Bled** - Valentine's Day-lunch
- ♦ 18. februar: Pepelnica-začetek posta
- ♦ 1. marec: **CWL-KŽZ** - Bazaar
- ♦ 3. marec: **Lipa Park** - 5:30 p.m. - Občna seja
- ♦ 8. marec: **Triglav-London**: ob 12:15 p.m. maša v dvorani društva & Koline. - **Bled**: Members General Meeting
- ♦ 15. marec: SAVA - 1:00 p.m. maša **Bled**: Dan žena - banquet (Oto Pestner)
- ♦ 22. marec: **Banket društva sv. Jožefa** - maša bo ta dan SAMO ob 10:00 a.m.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2015? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for

Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance).

Please refer to the poster at the entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden je prvi petek v mesecu februarju. Čez dan bom obiskoval bolnike, zvečer od šeste ure naprej pa bo priložnost za zakrament sprave in molitev pred Najsvetejšim.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu februarju bo večna luč gorela po namenu Romane Novak in družine za pokojnega moža Franka Novaka.

CERKVENI PRAZNIKI V FEBRUARJU

Drugi februar je **SVEČNICA** ali po liturgičnem koledarju Jezusovo darovanje v templju. Med mašo bomo blagoslovili sveče.

Tretjega februarja goduje **BLAŽ** in kot je navada bomo ta dan, po evangeliju, podelili blagoslov. Ta dan in čeprav je torek, bo **MAŠA ZVEČER** ob 7:00h.

Duhovnik vzame dve sveči, zvezani v obliki križa, ju približa grlu vsakega, kdor želi prejeti Blažev blagoslov, in pri tem moli: »Na prošnjo svetega Blaža, škofa in mučenca, naj te Bog varuje boleznih grla in vsakega drugega zla. V imenu Očeta in Sina in Svetega Duha.« Vsak odgovori: »Amen.« Blagoslov sv. Blaža spada med zakramentale, sveta znamenja, ki »nekako posnemajo zakramente ter označujejo predvsem duhovne učinke, katere zaradi priprošnje Cerkve tudi prejemamo«.

V sredo, 18. februarja pa je že **PEPELNICA**, začetek postnega časa. Nekoč so se ljudje v znamenje pokore

potresli s pepelom, danes pa s pepelom zaznamujemo čelo v obliki križa. Pepel nas spominja naše minljivosti in grešnosti, ki jo znamenje križa dviga k novemu življenju. Pepeljenje bomo opravili po evangeliju in kratki homiliji.

OBČNI ZBOR: 12. APRIL 2015

Datum letošnjega župnijskega občnega zbora smo na zadnjem srečanju članov župnijskega pastoralnega sveta predstavili na nedeljo, 12. aprila. Ker odslej škofija zahteva, da oddamo finančno poročilo do konca februarja, je premalo časa še za dobro pripravo Občnega zbora. Prosim, da razmislite, če bi bili pripravljeni postali člani župnijskega sveta - vsako leto rabimo nekaj novih članov.



SVETI KRST

Zakrament sv. krsta je v nedeljo, 25. januarja 2015 prejel deček, ALEC LEO, JOLICOEUR. Starša otroka sta Leo Jolicoeur (oče) in Tatjana, roj. Lesica (mati). Iskrene čestitke ob krstu prvega otroka. Naj mu bosta dobra ljubeča starša in zgled v veri.

CANADIAN SLOVENIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 11TH GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING

AT DOM LIPA BOARD ROOM
52 NELSON DRIVE, TORONTO

We are inviting all members and friends of CSHS to attend the 11th General annual meeting to be held on **Saturday February 21st 2015**, starting with the registration at **9:30 a.m.** The executive members of the Board will present the reports of the activities in the past year. You will have the opportunity to visit the Archives office.

Join us and help us preserve the history of Canadian Slovenians.

All members and friends of CSHS welcome!

KANADSKO SLOVENSKO ZGODOVINSKO DRUŠTVO

ENAJSTI REDNI LETNI OBČNI ZBOR

V DOMU LIPA BOARD ROOM
52 NELSON DRIVE, TORONTO

Vabimo vse člane in prijatelje KSZD, da se udeležijo enajstega rednega letnega občnega zbora, ki bo **v soboto 21. februarja 2015** v spodnjih prostorih Doma Lipe (Board Room), pričenski z registracijo dopoldne ob **9:30**. Odboriniki vam bodo predstavili poročila o delu v preteklem letu. Ob tej priliki si lahko ogledate Arhivsko pisarno.

Le združeni lahko ohranjamo zgodovino kanadskih Slovencev.

Vsi člani in prijatelji KSZD dobrodošli!



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.

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SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

NEDELJA - SUNDAY 4. NED. MED LETOM 1. FEBRUAR <i>Brigita, opatinja</i>	za žive in rajne župljane †† Stane in Frančiška Napast †† Štefan Prša † Frank in Vera Staniša	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Lojze Ferenčak z družino Lojze Ferenčak z družino Sin Frank z družino
PONEDELJEK MONDAY 2. FEBRUAR - SVEČNICA <i>Jezusovo darovanje</i>	†† Marija in Stanislav Zver †† Terezija in Janez Prša † Andrej Pahulje † Jože Weiss Za zdravje	7:00 P.M.	Sin Jožef z družino Joe Fotivec Manja Erzetič Ernest Zrim Štefan in Gizella Ray
TOREK - TUESDAY 3. FEBRUAR <i>Blaž, šk.muč</i>	Po namenu Med mašo bo blagoslov sv. Blaža	7:00 P.M.	n.n.
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 4. FEBRUAR <i>Gilbert, red.ust., Leon</i>	Po namenu † Anton Šverko † Sidonija Drvarič † Sidonija Drvarič	7:00 P.M.	CWL - KŽZ Družini Demšar & Scarcelli Manja Erzetič Family Pavletič
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 5. FEBRUAR <i>Agata, dev. muč.</i>	† Štefka Rihar, obl. † Franc Čurič † Stanko Oberman	7:00 P.M.	Mož z družino Žena Veronika Čurič Sestra Stanka Malevič z dr.
PRVI PETEK FIRST FRIDAY 6. FEBRUAR <i>Doroteja, mučenka</i>	†† Za duše v vicah Bogu v zahvalo za 60 let poroke † Sidonia Drvarič † Terezija Salajko	7:00 P.M.	Tone in Marija Bukvič Ivan in Ana Kirec z družino Cilka Lehner Marija Varga (Nemčija)
SOBOTA SATURDAY 7. FEBRUAR <i>Koleta (Nika), redov.</i>	Po namenu † Janez Selšek † Lidija Hubert † Sidonija Drvarič † Vekoslav Čulig † Ana Škrban	9:15 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	n.n. Elizabeth Gimpelj z družino Olga Čulig Olga Čulig Olga Čulig Olga Čulig
NEDELJA - SUNDAY 5. NED. MED LETOM 8. FEBRUAR <i>Hieronim, redovnik</i>	za žive in rajne župljane †† Ivan in Frančiška Miketič † Albin Žagar †† Starši Ivan in Danica, brat Lojze †† Za pokojne člane društva	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON 4:00 P.M.	Sin Ivan z družino Mary Zabukovec Ivan Mihelič (Sava-Breslav) London - St. John the Divine