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Božja beseda četrte postne nedelje je nekakšen prerez zgodovine človeštva. Prerez notranjih dogajanj v človeku, ki pa vplivajo na usodo sveta. Kot so v družini, v kateri se zakonca ujemata, vsi njeni člani deležni tega sožitja, ali neujemanja, tako je tudi s človeštvom. Usoda sveta je v nekem smislu v naših rokah. Bog vodi zgodovino, vendar ne tako, da bi ljudi oviral v njihovi svobodi. Pač pa tako, da kljub napačnemu ravnjanju ljudi končno pride do božjega ravnovesja. Pametno življenje članov te ali one družbe pa je sodelovanje z božjo voljo, da reši vsakega človeka. Postni čas nas vabi, da smo dejavni in dobri sodelavci v božjem odreševanju človeštva.

Prvo berilo, vzeto iz Kroniške knjige, je nekakšen pregled vse božje zgodovine, saj obsega ves čas od Adama do Cirovega razгласa, s katerim se današnje berilo tudi končuje. Besedilo pravi: »Vsi poglavarji duhovnikov in ljudstvo so kopičili nezvestobo na nezvestobo.« To je prva žalostna značilnost vsakega človeka in vseh skupnosti ljudi. Zlo v človeku ne miruje in vedno znova kvari božjo zamisel o njem. S tem uničuje tudi človekovo srečo. Nezvestoba dobremu je tisti greh, ki se vleče skozi vso zgodovino in mu zato lahko rečemo izvirni greh. Od izvirov človeštva pa do konca sveta bo navzoč. Seveda ljubeči Bog ne more tega mirno gledati. Zato pravi besedilo: »Gospod jim je, po svojih poslancih, znova in znova pošiljal opomine, ker se mu je smililo njegovo ljudstvo.«

Še lepše in še bolj prepričljivo nam o božji volji, da nas odreši in večno osreči, govori sam Jezus: Sin človekov »mora biti povzdignjen«, da bi vsakdo, »kdo vanj veruje, imel večno življenje«. Ne gre torej za naše zasluge, ampak za ceno Kristusovega trpljenja in življenja, ki ga je za nas daroval, da smo odrešeni. Da bi nas še bolj prepričal in da ne bi napak razumeli svetopisemskih groženj o božjem maščevanju, zatrjuje: »Bog je svet tako ljubil, da je dal svojega edinorodenega Sina, da bi se nihče ne pogubil, kdor vanj veruje.« A vanj veruje vsakdo, tudi tisti, ki ga morda ne pozna, a živi po glasu svoje vesti. Jezus sam pravi, da je »obsodba v tem, da je prišla luč na svet, pa so ljudje bolj vzljubili temo kot luč, zakaj njih dela so bila hudobna.«

TRIGLAV - LONDON: KOLINE

V nedeljo, 8. marca 2015 so pri društvu Triglav v Londonu povabili člane na KOLINE. Ob pol enih smo se najprej zbrali k sveti maši in nato je sledilo bogato kosilo s kolinami in drugimi dobrotami, na koncu pa so se vsi posladkali še s krofi. Tokrat sta za mašo pripravila Joe in Veronika Zadel. Joe je naznanih za koga vse se bo darovala sveta maša, Veronika pa je prebrala berili, v angleščini in slovenščini. Vsi pa so sodelovali pri petju in odgovorih pri maši.

Pripravo in dekoracijo miz je prevzela Mary Horvat. Organizacijo kuhinje so prevzeli: Mary in Ivan Horvat, Tončka in Steve Horvat, Vera Balažič, Dan Tamše, Victoria Turkovič. Na koncu so smo se posladkali tudi s krofi za katere sta poskrbele Vera in Elizabeth Balažič. Koordinator strežnikov je bila Marie Kočevar. Pri baru je





bil tokrat Ivan Horvat, med mašo pa je bil tudi za fotografa. Z glasbo je razveseljeval ansambel »EUROPA« (Steve Cafuta in Milan Vinčec).

Sredi programa je, ob dnevu žena, Gariella Noordink povedala nekaj besed in Majda Trbižan ji je pomagala izzrebatи dva nagrajenca: Rože je dobila Angelca Kržič, kolar z lepimi slikami pa Ančka Razpotnik. Po koncu prireditve so dvorano pospravili: Gusto Gerdevic, Lojze Rozman in Ervino Pizziga. Prijetno vzdružje, čeprav se v dvorani ni ravno drenjalo ljudi, pa je privabilo nasmejane obaze. Ker se letos zima kar ne more posloviti, so morali, zaradi obilice snega, najprej s plugom napraviti pot, da so lahko vsi prišli do dvorane s svojimi vozili. Je pa sonce že kar dodobra pokazalo svojo moč in je bilo tudi zunaj kar prijetno.



FISH FRY - VELIKI PETEK

Slovenska šola vas obvešča, da bodo, na **Veliki petek 3. aprila 2015 po obredih velikega petka**, učiteljice in otroci nudili **pohane ribe in krompirček v zgornji dvorani**.

Vljudno Vas prosimo in Vas vabimo, da pridete in se pogostite. S tem boste pomagali našim učencem zbirati potrebna finančna sredstva za šolo. V nedeljo in soboto po maši si boste lahko že vnaprej kupili karte - »tickets«.

The teachers and students of Slovenian School will be selling **fish and chips in the upper hall after the Good Friday Service on April 3rd**. Doors will open at 4:30pm and everyone is welcome. **There will only be limited tickets available at the door so please get your tickets as soon as possible!** With this you will be helping our school children raise funds for their school.

Tickets will be available for sale after each Mass on Saturdays and Sundays, starting **march 8th, 2015**. You can also reserve ticket/orders by contacting Sandy Allen by phone at (905) 977-8464 or by email at alexrallen@live.com.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and cooperation. We hope to see you soon on Good Friday!

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Response: Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Such was the persistence of God's people in pursuing their own way and ignoring the Lord's that they found themselves exiled from the land promised to them. But the Lord worked through Cyrus, a Gentile, to restore his people to their land and relationship with him.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

The great gift of God's boundless love and grace comes to us in Jesus, and fills our everyday lives in the Spirit. When we hand ourselves over to the Lord's love, he recreates us as his works of art.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Nicodemus has come to Jesus by night. In the shadows of this conversation of wondering and searching, Jesus speaks of the love of the Father and the healing that is made possible for all people through the gift of his own life and his sacrifice on the cross.

"It is through grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God."

Gospel Teaching

It is love that pervades today's readings: our struggles to love, and the Lord's own infinite love. The message is clear: Jesus' coming among us is never a matter of making us feel useless, but is always about the Father's reaching out in order that we may share in his own divine life. What is striking is that God's loving of us is not to do with how good we are, or even how hard we try. Quite the opposite – it is when we find ourselves "dead through our sins" that God comes closest to us. These moments

are often surprising in the way they work: through the Gentile ruler, Cyrus; through nothing of our own efforts, but only through God's calm, enduring love – God's grace. In the end, it is through the mess and tragedy of Jesus' passion and death that we know the fullness of God's love. The total trust of the Son in the Father's love, even at the darkest moments, is what we are all called to share.

Becoming God's works of art means handing ourselves over to be recreated in Christ, shaped by the Father's love and given a new life in the Holy Spirit. This happens most profoundly when we give up on our own efforts: when we know ourselves finally exiled, lost, at the dead end of our own plans and weaknesses. When we realise that what we have driven out is Christ, then we can look on him and his love and be healed.

Application

Thinking about this in Lent is especially important. We are encouraged by the Church to observe Lent through deepened prayer, more frequent fasting and a greater sharing of what we have. At this stage in Lent many of us will be feeling we just can't do it – we're not up to the enthusiastic commitments we made four weeks ago. And there may be others of us who are feeling pleased at what a "successful" Lent we're having; we've stuck to our disciplines and are beginning to feel pretty pleased with our spiritual progress! Of course, in their own ways, both these places are places of mess and muddle – places of wilderness shaped by our determination to be self-reliant, achieving our own goodness. What the joy of this Sunday calls us to is something else: a real acknowledgement of our human mess as the place of God's infinite and saving – and often surprising – love for us.

So let's be happy in our Lenten journey, and share that smile of God's love for us a bit more this

week. Next time we know we are getting in a mess, instead of simply making bigger efforts of our own, let's call on Jesus first, and allow ourselves to know the joy of his help and friendship in all our attempts to love better.

FOLKLORNA SKUPINA VENEC

Folklorna skupina VENEC invites all interested in joining their group under the motto of "friends, folklore and fun" on Sunday, **March 29th starting at 4:30 pm in the lower hall of St. Gregory's.**

We are always open to new and old members to help us celebrate our Slovenian roots and culture. Those with the interest to dance, sing, play music and have some fun with like minded people are encouraged to come help make our 5th year even more memorable!

For more information, contact **Dave Antolin** 905.664.5980, fsvnec@gmail.com or Folklorna skupina VENEC on Facebook.

Folklorna skupina bo poskušala narediti **butarice za Cvetno nedeljo**, če bo le dovolj zelenja. Če ima kdo mačice ali drugo zelenje naj ga po banketu sv. Jožefa prinese k župnišču.

Francis' Vision of the Church

A Senior Adult Workshop Series - 3 Wednesday afternoons, April 22, 29 & May 6th, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown

Through this presentation of **Francis' Vision of the Church**, you will better understand the work of our Holy Father. What has shaped and formed Francis' vision for the Church. What is the effect of Francis' unique and radical leadership having on the Church today. Contact Monica at 905-528-7988, x 2238 to register .

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—"LAETARE SUNDAY"

In the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Old Catholic, and some Protestant traditions, there may be flowers on the high altar, the organ may be played as a solo instrument, and priests are given the option to wear rose-coloured vestments at Mass held on this day, in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent. In the western liturgical system, purple is the colour of Lenten penance, and white is the colour of feast days. Rose-pink is the colour of Laetare as the colour obtained naturally by mixing purple and white.

Traditionally, even weddings (otherwise banned during Lent) could be performed on this day, and servants were released from service for the day to visit their mothers ('Mothering Sunday').

The term "**Laetare Sunday**" is used by most **western rite** liturgical traditions. The word translates from the Latin "**Laetare**"; a word that opens the traditional mass introit of the day: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation."

Psalm: I rejoiced when they said to me: "We shall go into God's House!"

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, April 11, at Canadian Martyrs Church in Hamilton, for 9:00 a.m. Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations. For more information visit www.HamiltonVocations.com

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR - VAJE

Vaje za župnijski mešani pevski zbor bodo v četrtek 19. marca. Pojemo na 5. postno nedeljo, 22. marca, ko bo tudi banket društva sv. Jožefa. Maša je **samo ob 10:00 a.m.** Pojemo skupaj z angleškim zborom.



DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 15. marec: **SAVA** -1:00 p.m. maša
Bled: Dan žena - banquet (Otto Pestner)
- ◆ 21. marec: **LIPA PARK** - Installation of Lipa Park Ambassador - Music by »Šibaj«
- ◆ 22. marec: **Banket društva sv. Jožefa** - maša bo ta dan SAMO ob 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ 26. in 27. marec: **Duhovna obnova**: četrtek in petek zvečer, spoved ob 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ 29. marec: **Cvetna nedelja**: Blagoslov zelenja -procesija - začetek ob 9:15
- ◆ 3. april: **Veliki Petek**: Obredi ob 3:00 p.m., - v dvorani: Fish Fry (Slovenska šola)
- ◆ 4. april: **Velika sobota**: dopoldne: molitev pri božjem grobu, blagoslov jedil: 10:00 a.m. London, 12:00 Sava-Breslav, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 p.m. v župnijski cerkvi. Ob 8:00 p.m. - Velikonočna Vigilija.
- ◆ 5. april: **Velika noč** - redne nedeljske maše - pri prvi maši **Vstajenjska procesija**
- ◆ 12. april: **Občni zbor** ob 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ 26. april: **Spomladanski banket**

BANKET DRUŠTVA SV. JOŽEFA

Banket društva sv. Jožefa bo prihodnjo nedeljo, 22. marca. Dopoldne bo **samo ENA SV. MAŠA ob 10:00**. Začetek kosila ob 12:00h.

Vstopnice in rezervacije miz lahko uredite pri Franku Erzarju 905-643-0285.

SLOVENIANS GOT TALENT

This year the **Slovenian Society of St. Joseph** will be hosting a **talent show** at their annual banquet on March 22.

We are looking for anyone (all ages) including kids, parents, grandparents who want to show their talents to our community. It can include singing, dancing or playing an instrument.

There is no judging, just having fun. To sign up or for more information, please contact **Peter Novak** 905-560-4201 (pnovak007@hotmail.com)

ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS

Each year, the **bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church** to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on **Sunday April 12 during the 11:00 am mass**. All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in our Diocese of Hamilton.

VILLA SLOVENIA OPENINGS

There are several single units open for immediate possession. We are encouraging our Slovenian community seniors who are contemplating a move into the Villa to complete an application. The City Housing Authority requires that your application is on file. An application may be obtained by contacting Collin Maddern at 905-333-5506, Ext.56. If you require further information, contact Jerry Ponikvar at 905-333-5813.

BISHOP BARAGA

We received word that the medical commission did not reach a "clear majority". While this isn't the outcome we were praying for, it is not a "No" either. Additional work is being done. Please continue to pray for God's Faithful Servant and in God's time, Venerable Baraga's beatification. God Bless,

Lenora McKeen, Associate Director, Bishop Baraga Association, 347 Rock St, Marquette, MI 49855, Phone: 1-906-227-9117

SPOMLADANSKI BANKET

Na srečanju župnijskega pastoralnega sveta, v sredo 11. marca, smo izvedeli, da je društvo Bled nepričakovano organiziralo banket in koncert Ota Pestnerja na večer (18. aprila) pred našim predvidenim spomladanskim banketom (19. aprila). Ker je veliko naših faranov, ki gredo tako na Bled kakor tudi k cerkvi, smo sklenili, da bo najboljše, da prestavimo naš **SPOMLADANSKI BANKET** na nedeljo, 26. aprila. Tudi takrat bo samo ena maša, ob 10:00 dopoldne, nato se bomo opoldne zbrali na kosilu. Poleg velikonočnega pisma, boste še ta mesec prejeli tudi prijavnico za banket.

DAROVI

Ob smrti Štefana Gonza so darovali za gradbeni sklad: \$50 Cecilia Sobočan, \$50 Ignac in Marija Horvat, \$50 Anton in Anita Vuk, \$100 Rozika Nesich, \$50 Jožef in Vera Rajner, \$50 Anica Zadravec, \$100 Ana in Martin Škrban, \$50 Marija Vidmar, \$100 Matilda in Štefan Ritlop, \$50 Terezija Donko, \$50 Štefan Horvat (TO), \$100 Victor in Natasha

Koman, \$150 Ignac in Agnes Doma, \$30 Fernande Nicolette Nekor, \$50 Suzie & Zlatko Vidmar and family, \$100 Martin in Regina Nedelko, \$20 Sonja Langenfus.

V spomin na pokojnega Štefana Gonza sta Toni in Marija Franc darovala \$100 za misijone. - Hvala vsem za darove!

ZAHVALA - THANKYOU

Thank you to Fr. Drago for performing prayers at the funeral home and to both Fr. Drago and Fr. Luc for the beautiful funeral mass for our beloved Štefan Gonza. Readings were beautifully done by my nieces, Suzie Vidmar and Julie Doma, and dear friend Marija Franc. Touching speeches were given by my niece Rosie Nesich and my nephew Tony Smodiš, who travelled from Thunder Bay.

Thank you to pallbearers Joe Rajner, John Reiner, Zlatko Vidmar, Srečko Smodiš, Tony Smodiš and David Doma. Dear friends Tony Franc, Victor Glavač, Matija Tompa, Joe Skibič, Štefan Litrop and Ignac Horvat were Honorary Pallbearers. The songs sung by the choir touched our hearts. Thank you. We would also like to thank the many people who helped prepare the church hall and served the lunch. Thank you to Milena Krušič, Terezija Pučko, Dragica Ferenčak and Mary-Ann Sobočan for preparing the delicious meal. Thank you to all the ladies that brought the baking as well. We will always be grateful for the support and love of our many friends and family, especially Tončka and Frank Smodiš, Ana Doma and Tony and Giza Bohnec.

Vera Gonza and my family, Sandy & Brian Carre and Michelle & Gregory



DON BOSCO

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.

Od 15. 3. 2015
Do 22. 3. 2015

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

NEDELJA SUNDAY 4. POSTNA 15. MAREC <i>Klemen, redovnik</i>	za žive in rajne župljane † Janez Kosednar † Florian Miklavčič, obl. †† Pokojni družine Sobočan †† Pokojni iz družine Gerič †† Ivan in Danica, Lojze †† Dušan Jaklič & pok. iz druž Kolenc †† Jože Mirt in Ana Balkovec	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.	Žena Hema z družino Žena z družino Elizabeta Gerič z družino Elizabeta Gerič z družino Ivan Mihelič Victoria Jaklič Theresa Mirt z dr.	Maša pri društву SAVA
PONEDELJEK MONDAY 16. MAREC <i>Hilarij Oglejski, šk.</i>	† Slavko Štern, obl. † Frank Gimpelj † Štefan Gonza † Janez Kolegar	7:00 P.M.	Žena Marija in Sonya z dru. Žena in družina Torkovi večeri, Sv. Jožef Majda Lukežič	
TOREK - TUESDAY 17. MAREC <i>Patrik, škof</i>	Za zdravje otrok	8:00 A.M.	mama	
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 18. MAREC <i>Ciril Jeruzalemski, šk.</i>	† Elizabeth Ferko †† Pokojni iz družine Gomboša † Štefan Gonza † Gonza Štefan	7:00 P.M.	Kastelic Vid z družino Julija Sagadin z družino Cecilia Sobočan Žena Vera in hči Sandy z dr.	
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 19. MAREC <i>Jožef, Jezusov rednik</i>	† Terezija Halas † Jože Bregar †† Jožef in Marija Heric † Florian Miklavčič, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Tone in Marija Bukvič Družina Gergyek Hčerka Žena z družino	
PETEK FRIDAY 20. MAREC <i>Klavdija, mučenka</i>	† Sidonia Drvarič † Rudi Hanc †† Pokojni iz družine Zelko † Štefan Gonza	7:00 P.M. Križev pot: 6:30 p.m.	Milka in Karol Ferko Žena z družino Matila Bratuž Viktor in Olga Glavač	
SOBOTA SATURDAY 21. MAREC <i>Nikolaj iz Flue, muč.</i>	†† Lojzka in Ivan Ažman † Toni Šverko †† Frank in Sidonija Drvarič †† Marija (obl.) in Martin Ternar † Sidonija Drvarič † Verona Horoško	8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Pavel Novak z družino Jožica Vlašič z družino Ignac in Marija Korošec Hčerka Terezija z družino Terezija Zadravec Terezija Zadravec	
NEDELJA - SUNDAY 5. POSTNA - TIHA 22. MAREC <i>Lea, spokornica</i>	za žive in rajne župljane †† Jernej in Lucija Ponikvar †† Boris Rožič in družina † Izidor Zabukovec	10:00 A.M.	Družina Ponikvar Družina Mlačak Žena z družino	