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**22. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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Vzeti nase svoj križ

Današnje bogoslužje božje besede se začenja z odlomkom iz preroka Jeremija. V njem prerok izliva svojo dušo in podaja pretresljivo izpoved pred Bogom. Bog ga pošilja, da oznanja »nasilje in pustošenje« in da napoveduje dobo trpljenja in preizkušnje. Toda ljudstvo, ki mu je to oznanilo namenjeno, si pred tem zatiska ušesa in poslušala le tiste preroke, ki se mu dobrikajo z lepimi besedami in ga zibljejo z napovedmi miru in varnosti: »Saj imamo vendar Gospodov tempelj!« Tako si prigovarjajo. V takšnih razmerah postane prerok, ki v resnici govori v božjem imenu, »v posmeh« in »vsi se norčujejo iz njega«. Razglasijo ga za neuravnovešenega in za preroka nesreče. Naloga, da govori v božjem imenu, postane zanj nezno težka: »Gospodova beseda mi je v sramotenje in zasmeh.« Končno si Jeremija pravi: »Ne bom ga (tj. Boga) več omenjal ne več govoril v njegovem imenu.« Gre za skušnjava, da bi zbežal pred velikanskimi zahtevami preroške naloge, da ne bi več govoril v božjem imenu ali da bi govoril le to, kar ljudje radi poslušajo: besede, ki se spogledujejo z njihovo lagodnostjo in jih zibljejo v neki lažni varnosti. Toda prerok ne bo zapustil svoje službe, ne more tega storiti, kajti Bog ga je na neki način »zapeljal«. Njegova beseda je vstopila vanj in je sedaj v njegovih kosteh kakor žgoč ogenj, ki ga prerok ne more zadržati v sebi ali ugasiti. Zato ne bo molčal.

Mi smo danes poklicani, da oznanjamo neizprosne besede o križu. Ob njih zadržujemo vsa vlakna in žile naše uboge človeške narave. »Odpovedati se sebi - ta beseda evangelija zanesljivo ne spada med tiste, ki bi jih naši sodobniki radi slišali. Naša današnja naloga ni le v tem, da govorimo o križu. Ljudem moramo tudi pomagati, da dojamajo pomen tega oznanila, pomen, ki ga ima križ za nas, za naše človeško izkustvo in za našo usodo. »Kaj koristi, če živimo dobro, če pa nam ni dano, da bi živeli večno?« (sv. Avguštín). Ozka pot, ki nam jo kaže evangelij, je torej usmerjena k Bogu kot končnemu cilju in Bog je tudi plačilo zanjo. Bog pa je tudi na začetku te poti, kajti začel jo je Jezus in jo tudi osebno prehodil. »Vzeti svoj križ« odslej pomeni »hoditi za njim,« vstopiti v njegovo sled in mu slediti.

SUMMER CAMP BBQ FOR EVERYONE!

As you've all heard, our Slovenian Summer Day Camp was a great success! Unfortunately, our annual parent vs camper soccer game and end of camp BBQ was rained out.

For this reason, we have decided to re-schedule this BBQ event and invite parishioners to join us for our BBQ gathering on **Sunday, September 17th**, immediately after 11:00 a.m. mass.

We would also like to invite all our campers and their families to come and participate at 11:00 a.m. mass, where we hope our campers will come together and share a few songs they learned and practised with the help of Milan Vinčec from Toronto.

So, We invite our campers, their families, and our parishioners to join us for what we are sure will be an enjoyable Sunday afternoon and perhaps a good way to finish up with summer activities.

See you Sunday, September 17th!

KITCHEN SECRETS COOKING SESSION

Many of you may have already heard that there is a movie being made celebrating Canadian Slovenians across our great country. I have been asked if they could join us to film one or two of our cooking sessions. Of course, the recipe of choice for filming is our infamous "**Potica**".

So, for anyone interested in not only making potica, but participating in this film, please contact me directly.

The date of this cooking session will be **Saturday, October 14th**, beginning at **9:00 a.m. sharp**.

Unfortunately, I will **only** have **12 spots available** so participants will be accepted on a first come first serve bases. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. T

his film crew is considering coming out to a second session tentatively set for Saturday November 25th, once that is confirmed I will let you all know.

Heidy Novak novakh@sympatico.ca

Moya Financial Member Appreciation

Moya Financial invite all members and their families to join them for a Member Appreciation at the Hamilton Branch. Join them on **Sunday, September 17**, between 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM for prizes, an information session, donuts, coffee, and a lot of fun!



Župnijski svet župnije
sv. Gregorija Velikega
vabi / Parish Council of St.
Gregory the Great Church invites
na/to

**JESENSKI BANKET
FALL BANQUET**

v nedeljo / Sunday
September 24, 2017



10:00 a.m. - Maša / Mass

12:00 noon - Kosilo / Dinner

v župnijski dvorani / parish hall

2:00 p.m. - Podelitev štipendij
Scholarships and bursaries
will be awarded



Prijave sprejemata / For
reservations call:

Terezija Sarjaš: 905-560-1218

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**BLEĐ PLANICA SOCIAL CLUB &
SLOVENSKI DOM OF TORONTO**

Invite you to the 1st annual

POLKAFEST

September 30, 2017 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

October 1, 2017 1:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



**Grand Marshall
WALTER
OSTANEK**
Canada's
Polka King

Location: **BLEĐ PLAN-
ICA SOCIAL CLUB,**
4650 South Service
Road, Beamsville, Ontario

First 50 seniors (age 65 and over) to arrive will
receive free entrance and meal each day!

ONTARIO POLKA FESTIVAL FEATURING:

- ◆ Slovenian style polka bands and dancing
- ◆ Slovenian foods and baked goods
- ◆ Licensed
- ◆ Vendor marketplace

For tickets: okoren@sympatico.ca
fgimpelj@gmail.com
For more info: bled.ca

1 day admission:

\$25 adults, \$20 seniors & students,
Children under 6 free

Weekend pass:

\$40 single, \$80 family of 4
(additional members \$20)

Camping: at \$25.00 /person

Free parking; groups and buses welcome!

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response:

My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah has been overpowered by God's word and can find no rest unless he proclaims it.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Paul reminds us that our minds can be renewed by Christ and we can look at the world in a new way.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus emphasises the centrality of the cross in his own life and in ours.

"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him... take up his cross and follow me."



Illustration

Thinking people have always wondered what a truly good person would be like and how everyone else would interact with such a person. Usually the prognosis is not a good one. In one famous example from the ancient Greek philosopher Plato, the future for a truly moral person is said to hold: "flogging, torture on the rack, imprisonment in chains, having his eyes burnt out, and every ordeal in the book, up to and including being impaled on a stake. Then at last he'll realise that one's goal should be not actual morality, but the appearance of morality." So even the religious thinkers before the time of Jesus thought that a truly good person would be turned upon by the rest of humanity. The Old Testament echoes this thinking. In the Wisdom of Solomon,

when considering the life of a righteous man, the unjust say about him: "the very sight of him is a burden to us... let us test him with insult and torture... let us condemn him to a shameful death".

So, far from being an escapist view of the world, or a sort of emotional security blanket, the religious concept of living always had a realistic, unflinching view of fallen humanity. The pride, dislocation and envy described is a true portrait of people at their worst. However, we also believe that, despite the Fall, humanity is still basically good. We also believe that God still loves us and thinks our humanity worth redeeming. Even if we have given up on humanity, God has not.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus is that righteous and truly good man dreamed of by Plato and foretold by the Old Testament. Joined to his divinity, his humanity is entirely untouched by defect or evil. It was his goal in life to heal and restore our fallen humanity. This, he knew, would cost him his life. It was through his priestly offering of himself that this would be accomplished. Jesus is saviour, priest and victim. All the sacrifices of the Old Testament pointed towards the one definitive sacrifice of Calvary. The priesthood of the Old Testament was a foreshadowing of the high priesthood of Christ when at last he came. John the Baptist spoke for them all when he said of Jesus: "He must increase, I must decrease."

Pride and its consequences, dislocation and violence, are at the heart of humanity's rebellion against God. Pride, dislocation and violence have become the inherited spiritual traits of the human race. Only God has the power to heal such a disaster, and only someone fully human could do it meaningfully. It was to heal us from the inside, as it were, that Jesus took on our humanity and suffered such a

terrible death. God could have restored and healed everything by a simple act of will, but out of love for us, what can be termed solidarity, God became one of us and lived out the consequences to the full.

Application

We might hesitate to consider the application of all this to our own lives. However, Jesus makes it clear in his teaching what the application is: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Left to ourselves, this would be a daunting, even impossible, task. However, through the help of grace we can respond generously to this challenge. The sacrament of baptism conforms us spiritually to the cross and death of Christ, so we already have a disposition to follow him. The Eucharist makes present his sacrificial death on Calvary, so that we can be strengthened by the power of Christ himself. Through his victory over suffering and death, we are given the strength to bear our own cross. When we fail in this calling, the sacrament of reconciliation is there to heal us and restore us.

Does this mean we should seek out suffering and sorrow? Surely not. We are here to flourish, but in doing so suffering will inevitably come our way. It is how we react to it that is crucial. We can accept and integrate it as part of our vocation to be fully human, or we can try to avoid it and resent it. In trying to become a fully good person we will come up against many difficulties. Some will be rooted in our own sins, others will be external temptations and difficulties. However, it is to this great vocation that Jesus is summoning us today.

SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

"The Foundation was established to encourage youth of Slovenian descent to pursue academic excellence in post-secondary college and/or university studies and to encourage them to exemplify pride in their rich Slovenian cultural roots and traditions as Canadian citizens in leadership roles of the future." (Mission Statement)

The **2017 Scholarship/Bursary Application Form** is now available for eligible candidates. A paper copy can be obtained from St. Gregory the Great Parish, Bled Hall or Lipa Park. If you need further information, or a downloaded copy of the application form, please contact Teresa Zupančič, Slo./Can. Board Member at 905-930-7545 or at t_zupancic@hotmail.com. The deadline for submission is September 8th, 2017.

All **scholarships** and **bursaries** will be awarded at **St. Gregory's Fall Banquet on Sunday, September 24, 2017**. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate the achievements of our youth.

Please note: **Memorial Donation Cards** for the Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation are now available in three funeral homes: Donald Brown in Stoney Creek, Smith's Funeral Home in Stoney Creek and Markey-Dermody Funeral Home in Hamilton. We hope to include Patrick J. Darte Funeral Chapel in St. Catharines in the next coming month. If you have any questions regarding the donation cards, please contact the funeral director at the above – mentioned funeral homes, or contact Irene Glavač-Petrič, Slo./Can. Board Member at 905-379-3667 or at glavac-petric@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

Board Members

Karl Ferko (Chair), Jerry Ponikvar, Ed Kodarin, Teresa Zupančič, Rosemary Palvlič, John Doma, John Kranjc, Irene Glavač-Petrič, Frank Gimpelj.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 4. september: **Bled** - Picnic & Bocce Tournament. Igra ansambel »NOVI SPOMINI«.
- ◆ 8. september: **romanje v Marmoro**
- ◆ 9. september: **Triglav** - Golf at Bear Creek, Strathroy.
- ◆ 10. september: **Triglav** - Picnic, Mass at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ 17. september: **St. Gregory the Great** - Summer Camp BBQ for everyone.
- ◆ 24. september: **St. Gregory the Great - FALL BANQUET- SCHOLARSHIP**; Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ 30. sept.-1. okt. - **Bled Planica & Slovenski Dom of Toronto** - POLKAFEST
- ◆ 1. oktober: **Sava** - Maša ob 1:00 p.m.

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

- ◆ 3. september, 10:00 a.m.: Max & Jožica Pavličič
- ◆ 10. sept., 9:30 a.m.: Karol & Milka Ferko
- ◆ 17. sept., 9:30 a.m.: Lojze & Peter Grebenc
- ◆ 24. sept., 10:00 a.m.: Adam in Heidy Novak z družino
- ◆ 1. okt., 9:30 a.m.: Zorka Rev in Sonja Peternel

ROMANJE V MARMORO

V petek, 8. septembra 2017, zjutraj ob 8:00 a.m. se bodo romarji za Marmoro udeležili sv. maše, nato pa se ob 9:00 a.m. odpeljejo na romanje v Marmoro.

Vse informacije dodatne dobite pri Angeli Kobe, tel. 905-930-7442 ali pri

Catharine, tel. 905-318-2242.

TRETJA KONVENCIJA SLOVENCEV V KANADI

V soboto, **9. septembra 2017**, bo v **dvorani slovenske župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega v Hamiltonu**, z začetkom ob 12:00h, potekala Tretja konvencija Slovencev v Kanadi.

Po registraciji delegatov, predstavnikov in gostov bo sledil program po dnevnem redu, ki je bil poslan društvom. Poleg sestanka bo tudi volitev predstavnika/predstavnice Slovenske skupnosti v Kanadi.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY

Villa Slovenia Bingo will start up on Monday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. Frank Erzar & Slava Gomboša are looking forward to seeing you. A great way to spend a fun Monday afternoon!

St. Joseph's Kitchener **Octoberfest Bus** trip @ Sava Club - Saturday, October 14th Details to follow!!

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - SLOVENIAN SCHOOL 2017/2018

Dear parents,

September is almost here and the school doors will soon open for another year. This means that it will also be time for SLOVENIAN SCHOOL!

If you have a child in Kindergarten or older in English school, he/she is eligible to enroll in Slovenian School. Be proud of your culture and heritage! As descendants of our small Slovenian nation, let's make it possible for our

children to become acquainted with their ancestral homeland and learn Slovenian. One day they will thank you for having the foresight and the interest in sending them to Slovenian school. We all feel the need to offer our children extra curricular activities in sports, music, dance, etc. Don't you think that it is just as important to offer them the opportunity to broaden their intellect by learning the language of their parents or grandparents? We urge you to think about it and send your children to SLOVENIAN SCHOOL!

Our programs are easily comprehended and are geared towards the ability of the children. They are made along the lines of the ones used in English schools so that they can be easily followed and understood. We also prepare the children of our parish for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registration for SLOVENIAN SCHOOL is on September 9th, 2017, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the classroom behind the upper hall.

Regular classes will start on September 16th, 2017, at 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Although our goal is to teach the children to read, write and speak Slovenian, more importantly, it is to instill into them a Slovenian identity, a feeling of love and pride towards their Slovenian roots and their cultural heritage. Because our Slovenian School is a part of the Slovenian community, it also gives the children a sense of belonging. It is a place where they make lasting friendships.

Our children are the guarantee for the continuance of our Slovenian identity. It is important that we work together to keep their interest alive. Slovenian School has been a rite of passage for so much of our Slovenian youth and we would like to keep this tradition going! Please give SLOVENIAN SCHOOL your full consideration and register your children on September 9th. If you have friends, who are of Slovenian background and this notice does not reach them, please tell them and encourage them to send their children to our school.

The cost is \$75 for one child, \$140 for two children, and \$210 for 3 children.

Be proud that you are Slovenian and give your children the same opportunity! We look forward to seeing you!

Sandy Ferletič, Head Teacher
Slovenian International Language School

PEVSKÉ VAJE ZA MEŠANI ZBOR

V četrtek, 7. septembra, bomo zopet začeli s pevskimi vajami za mešani pevski zbor. Zbor bo pel za jesenski banket.

CWL - KŽZ

We hope everyone is having a good summer! Our executive have had to make the decision to move our GENERAL MEETING SOCIAL and ELECTIONS to OCTOBER. As soon as that date is confirmed it will be posted in the Vestnik.

Enjoy our final days of summer. We hope to see everyone at our meeting in October.



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 8:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slovenian), 11:00 A.M. (English); From Long weekend in July to the Long weekend in September Sunday Mass is only at 10:00 A.M. (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 (person counselling) with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Od 3. 9. 2017
Do 10. 9. 2017

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

22. NEDELJA

MED LETOM

3. SEPTEMBER

*Gregor Veliki, pp.c.uči.
Angelska nedelja*

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Mary Hochevar

10:00 A.M.

Hči Mia z družino

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

4. SEPTEMBER

Rozalija (Zalka) dev.

†† Za duše v vicah

8:00 A.M.

Tone in Marija Bukvič

TOREK - TUESDAY

5. SEPTEMBER

Mati Terezija, redovnica

† Ernest Zrim

7:00 P.M.

Gizela Hauzar

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

6. SEPTEMBER

Zaharija, prerok

† Drago Kornhazer
Po namenu

7:00 P.M.

Gizela Hauzar
CWL - KŽŽ

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

7. SEPTEMBER

Regina, mučenka

†† Pavel in Paul Richard Novak

7:00 P.M.

Milena Volčanšek

PETEK - FRIDAY

8. SEPTEMBER

*ROJSTVO DEVICE
MARIJE - Mala maša*

† Italo Marcela

8:00 A.M.

Romarji za Marmoro

† Milica Kline
Bogu v zahvalo
V čast sv. Antonu

7:00 P.M.

Družina Volf
Jožica Novak
N.N.

SOBOTA

SATURDAY

9. SEPTEMBER

Peter Klaver, red.

† Peter Borštnik

8:00 A.M.

Žena Darinka z družino

† Tugomir Šribar
†† Rudi in Terezija Hajdinjak, obl.
† Franc Antolin, obl.
† Slavko Slbodnik, obl.

5:30 P.M.

Manja Erzetič
Dragica in Lojze Ferenčak
Družina Čule
Žena in otroci

23. NEDELJA

MED LETOM

10. SEPTEMBER

Nikolaj Tolentinski, spk.

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Janze Kosednar

9:30 A.M.

Žena z družino

†† Starši in brat Špiler

Marija in Mihael Špiler

† Ivan Mertuk

11:00 A.M.

Kathy in Joe Prša

†† Pokojni člani društva Triglav

2:00 P.M.

Dvorana društva Triglav