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22. NEDELJA

MED LETOM

**22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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Prvi sedeži

Prilika o prvih sedežih nam odkriva pomembno resnico: Gostitelj mora vedno spoštovati povabljene in jih temu primerno tudi razvrščali. Ljudje smo še posebno pozorni na dodeljeni sedež za mizo. Mnogi se zapro, umolknejo takoj, ko je ranjen njihov »ponos«. Med vrednotami, ki jih naštevajo različne knjige, je le ena resnično vredna: spoštovanje in hvaležnost Bogu. Knjige naštevajo dolge sezname grehov, toda velik je greh napuha, samozagledanosti, ko človek sebe postavlja v os veselja.

Skromnost izvira iz hvaležnosti. Bog je človeku vse podaril. Skromnost korenini v spoštovanju. Skromnost črpa iz izkustva odpuščanja grehov. Ali lahko prosimo še za kaj večjega? Skromnost hvali Boga. In nihče ni bolj kot skromni osupel, ko ga Bog povabi k sebi, pod okrilje milosti. Dante je v raji slišal peti: »Blagor ubogim v duhu.« Ponižni, ki so prepevali, gotovo niso razumeli, zakaj so zaslužili nebesa.

Bog je gostitelj. Jezus nam razodeva, da ima svoja merila. Zakaj naj bi žena, ki ni prinesla s sabo nobenih daril, razen molitve in skesanosti zaradi grehov — zakaj naj bi sedela na prvem sedežu? Bog nam odgovarja: »Na božji gostiji bodo sprejeti skesani in ponižni.« Jezus ne graja družbenega združevanja. V človeški naravi je, da pogosti in razveseli prijatelje in sorodnike. Jezusove besede so širše: »Ne vabi iz navade le svojih prijateljev!«

Prerok Nehemija pravi: »Pojdite, jejte tolste jedi in pijte sladke pijače in pošljite deleže tem, ki nimajo nič pripravljenega« (Neh 8,10). Bogate, prijatelje vabimo zaradi sebe, svojih problemov in razlogov; vabiti nevredne, grešnike... pa pomeni svetu oznanjati, da Bog sprejema vse ljudi in izkazuje ljubezen najprej in posebno potrebnim. Prijazno sprejemanje bogatih, bližnjih je pogosto le pričakovanje skorajšnjega povračila. Kdor pa gosti drugo skupino, zaupa v božjo naklonjenost in pomoč; svoje dejanje utemlji v veri. Bog, kot vedno gleda v človekovo srce in razgalja družbeno častihlepnost. Vsaka Jezusova beseda je preobrat — in blagoslov.

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 2016 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 9th, 2016.

All scholarships and bursaries will be awarded at a special luncheon (also a fundraiser) on **Sunday October 23rd, 2016**. We hope to see everyone there, as we will be celebrating our 20th year awarding scholarships and bursaries to our youth of Slovenian descent.

For Tickets, please contact any one of the following:

Karl Ferko - 905-578-5890
Rosemary Pavlič - 905-643-7394
Ed Kodarin - 905-309-4050
Andy Habjan - 905-899-3876
Irene Glavač Petrič - 905-379-3667

Please note: Memorial Donation Cards for the Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foun-

ation 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 glavacpetric@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

Board Members

Karl Ferko (Co-Chair), Andy Habjan (Co-Chair), Jerry Ponikvar, Ed Kodarin, Teresa Zupančič, Rosemary Pavlič, John Doma, John Kranjc, Mariane Mallia, Frank Gimpelj, Irene Glavač-Petrič.

SAVA BRESLAU - PIKNIK

V nedeljo 21. avgusta smo imeli pri društvu Sava sveto mašo in po maši je sledilo dobro kosilo, po kosilu pa družabno srečanje ob glasbi slovenskega ansambla KOLOVRÁT. Kljub temu, da je bilo vroč poletni dan pa je bilo v dvorani prijetno in domače vzdušje. Dobra postrežba, prijetno razpoloženje je pripomoglo, da so mnogi tudi zaplesali, nekateri pa uživali ob prijetni glasbi.





**Blessed
Teresa
of Calcutta
will be
proclaimed
a saint on
September 4th
2016.**

On Thursday, December 17th, 2015 Pope Francis authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate a decree regarding a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa. The Pope's approval for these decrees came during a private audience with Cardinal Angelo Amato SDB, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Blessed Teresa, known around the world as Mother Teresa was born August 26, 1910 in Skopje, then part of the Kosovo Vilayet in the Ottoman Empire, into a Kosovar Albanian family. She was the foundress of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity. It's been almost nineteen years since Mother Teresa suffered a heart attack and died at 87 years old on September 5th, 1997 in Calcutta.

Mother Teresa was proclaimed blessed by her friend, St. John Paul II, on October 19th, 2003. A crowning gift of the Jubilee of Mercy will be Mother Teresa's canonization by Pope Francis in 2016.

Let us ask this great woman of faith to intercede for a world at war, nations filled with fear, terror and dread. May this tiny woman and towering spiritual giant help us to open the doors of our nations, communities, homes and hearts to welcome strangers and offer them hospitality and love.



Ekipe pred začetkom tekmovanja



BOCCE TOURNAMENT 2016

Društvo svetega Jožefa že 19 leto organizira jesenski turnir v balinanju. Letos so si lahko sami izbrali člane ekipe in prijaviilo se je pet ekip. Vstaka ekipa je igrala z vsako drugo in nato so igrali še za 3. mesto in 1. in 2. mesto. Lepo vreme je privabilo tudi precej gledalcev. Igro so začeli ob desetih dopoldne in končali ob dveh popoldne, potem pa je bilo na vrsti kosilo v prostorih svetega Jožefa. Kosilo je še posebej teknilo, saj je preteklo že kar nekaj časa od zajtrka, igra pa je tudi vse dodobra izmučila.

Prvo mesto je zasedla ekipa »Pavlakovič«, drugo mesto ekipa »Benc« in tretje mesto ekipa »Recek«. Iskrena hvala gospodu Jerryju in članom odbora, ki so organizirali, prav tako kuhinji za dobro kosilo.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA
BOCCE TOURNAMENT-2016
1 TEAMS-

<p>RECEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *John Recek *Cindy Recek *Whitney Recek *Matt Dean 	<p>PAVLAKOVIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Frank Pavlakovic *Ignac Horvat *Drago Horvat *Steven Horvat
<p>ERZAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Frank Erzar *Jozica Erzar *Joze Groznik *Jozica Groznik 	
<p>SKERL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Frank Skerl *Ivan Miketic *Eric Skerl *Leah Skerl 	<p>BENC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Vinko Benc *Magda Benc *Frank Mramor Jr. *Matthew Mramor









DRUŠTVO BLED - PIKNIK

Društvo Bled Vas v ponedeljek,

5. septembra 2016, vljudno vabi na zadnji piknik v tej sezoni in tekmovanje v balinanju. Zabaval vas bo ansambel "KOLOVRAT" iz Slovenije!

Registracija za tekmovanje bo med 9. in 10. uro zjutraj. Čimprej se prijavite!

Prijave sprejemata:

Lojze Lesica: 905-520-1526

Dave Kompare: 905-531-1520



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Response: **In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy!**

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

The sage advises humility as a way of treating our neighbour well and pleasing God.

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

The author presents us with a powerful and beautiful vision of our final end: eternal life with God and all the angels and saints.

Gospel Luke 14:1. 7-14

Jesus tells a parable and adds teaching to show two things: that there will be a general resurrection and that God invites us all to the wedding banquet of eternal life.

"Repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again."

Illustration

In many human societies throughout history honour and status played important roles. To be seen to be important was half the battle in actually being important. Any perceived or actual slight to one's honour or status could mean loss of reputation and public humiliation. One interesting and amusing example of this was a game invented by the courtiers of the great Spanish king Philip II. This was a board game described as a cross between Snakes and Ladders and Monopoly. The game was called "The Courtier's Philosophy" and represented the ups and downs of being in favour at the royal court. You could land on a square called "the step of hope", or "the house of the favourite", if you were doing well. Otherwise, you might land on a square called "the well of forgetfulness", or "your patron

dies". Much of your success at court depended upon reputation and honour, as well as any actual talents you might have.

However, there is also a more positive side to human customs about status, courtesy, reputation and social standing. All societies require a certain structure, and given that we live in a fallen world, we will never realise the absolute equality some societies have tried to achieve. At their best, human customs and courtesy oil the wheels of society and lessen the chance of conflict. And as the Catechism says, everyone also has the right to their good reputation. So while our customs and mores can have a corrosive and ridiculous side, they can also have a positive side.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus seems to be concentrating on the positive side of the honour code of society in his time. In Mediterranean societies of Jesus' day public shame and public honour were of very great importance. His advice seems to be about how not to be shamed in public, and how to be wise enough so that you are more likely to be honoured. Don't sit in the top seat in case you're moved down, but do sit in the lower place so that you have the chance of being moved up. There is a certain practical wisdom being deployed. However, Jesus is surely saying much more than that.

Heaven is often compared in the scriptures to a wedding banquet, so we can assume Jesus is using this imagery here. The context is one of eternal salvation. So in the case of getting to the heavenly banquet, do not presume that you are worthy and better than everyone else. Presumption, St Thomas Aquinas says, comes from pursuing something beyond our powers. Authentic humility is necessary because without it we can never benefit from God's

grace. If we think we are self-sufficient, God will respect that, but we will never be able to enjoy the banquet of eternal life. Presumption is better than despair, better than false humility, but all should be avoided in favour of genuine humility.

Application

So how are we to be invited to the great wedding banquet of eternal life? First of all we are called to realise that there is absolutely nothing we can do to deserve, earn or buy an invitation. The invitation is entirely the free gift of God. That is the first reason why we should not presume to think we should even be there, let alone sit at the top place. Secondly, the invitation we have been given is always available through the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. The crucifixion is the real nuptial feast between God and humanity, foretold by the wedding feast at Cana. The superabundance of wine at Cana foretells the superabundant power of the blood of Christ shed on Calvary.

So how do we respond to the invitation? We can do so by participating in the sacraments. Through the sacrament of penance we show the necessary and fitting humility to accept the invitation. Then the Eucharist is the great feast in this world which anticipates the heavenly banquet. In the Eucharist, Christ is the host, the groom, the master of ceremonies and the feast itself. In the Mass, Jesus is the lamb of sacrifice, the high priest and the bread of life. In fact, in the whole sacramental system, we have a new way of conducting human affairs, a new way of looking at honour and customs. It is the renewal from within of our human interaction, with the added benefit that it also helps us interact with and be more closely united to God.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

3/4 september: **Slovenski park** - Labour Day Weekend Baseball Tournament; Mass on September 4th at 1:00 p.m.

5. september-ponedeljek: **Bled** - Labour Day Picnic and Bocce Tournament. Band from Slovenia: KOLOVRAT

10/11. september: **Triglav-London** - Golf Tournament at Bear Creek; Sunday, Holy mass at 2:00 p.m. and picnic after.

25. september: **St. Gregory the Great** - FALL BANQUET: Mass at 10:00 a.m. only. **Fr. Bogdan Kolar** will do the presentation of new book he wrote about the parish History.

KITCHENER OKTOBERFEST 2016 - DAYTRIP

St. Joseph Society once again is planning to attend Oktoberfest – **Sava Club – Breslau Saturday, October 15th**.

Departure: 12:00 Special package - \$65 includes: visit to St. Jacob Market and Outlets, Sava Club Admission, Family style dinner, Oktoberfest Band, German Dancers, Taxes & gratuities and comfortable Motor Coach transportation. All are welcome!

Registration: Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Society - contact: **Frank Erzar** (905-643-0285) or **Jerry Ponikvar** (905-333-5813).

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ♦ **28. avgust**, 10:00 a.m.: Emilija Mertuk in Elizabeth Gerič
- ♦ **4. september**, 9:30 a.m.: Vera Gonza in Teresa Pučko
- ♦ **11. september**, 9:30 a.m.: Albina in Jože Antolin

SVETE MAŠE - HOLY MASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Od 4. septembra bodo svete maše ob nedeljah zopet ob običajnih urah, slovenska ob 9:30 a.m. in angleška ob 11:00 a.m. Kot je že navada, pa bo za jesenski banket, 25. septembra, zopet ena sama maša ob 10:00h.

From **September 4th** on we are going back to the usual time for **Sunday masses: 9:30 a.m. Slovenian, 11:00 a.m. English**, exceptions are on the special days! Fall Banquet, September 25th will be only one mass 10:00 a.m. Fr. dr. Bogdan Kolar, from Slovenia will be our guest.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu septembru bo večna luč svetila po namenu družine Žvan za pokojnega Antona Vengarja.

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden je prvi petek v mesecu. Obiskoval bom bolnike, zvečer ob šestih pa je priložnost za spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim in molitev rožnega venca. Tudi vsak dan pred mašo je lepo, da se zbiramo k molitvi rožnega venca. Vsi zato lepo vabljeni.

DAROVI

Za gradbeni sklad - streho so darovali: \$50 Joe in Olga Hanc; \$50 Romana Novak z družino v spomin na svaka Pavla Novaka in sestro Jožico Volk; \$500 za gradbeni sklad daruje A.M.F. V spomin na rajne farane; \$100 Marija Hanc z družino; \$200 Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak; \$200 Jože in Albina Antolin; \$100 Martin in Stanka Malevič. Za gradbeni sklad daruje Marija in družina Žvan \$50 ob smrti Pavla Novaka namesto rož. V spomin na

pokojno Tilko Vengar daruje Oltarnemu društvu za rože \$100 sestrična Marija z družino Žvan in Watson.

Vsem iskrena hvala za vaše darove in velikodušnost pri podpiranju naše cerkve. Bog vam povrne za vašo dobroto.

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - SLOVENIAN SCHOOL

Dear parents,

September is here and the school doors are 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. 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. Our Kindergarten and Level One programs are geared towards children who do not speak any Slovenian. Accordingly, they concentrate on vocabulary building by listen-

ing to stories, tapes, videos, games and conversation, etc. - with no formal reading and writing, to prepare them for level 2 where they will be eased into reading and writing in Slovenian only when they are ready for it.

Registration for SLOVENIAN SCHOOL is on September 10th, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00pm in the classroom behind the upper hall.

Regular classes will start on September 17th, 2016 at 9:00 AM to 12:30PM.

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.

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



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

Od 28. 8. 2016
Do 04. 9. 2016

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

22. NEDELJA MED LETOM

28. AVGUST
Avguštin, škof

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Marija Grebenc
† Darinka Ferletič, obl.

10:00 A.M.

Lojze in Peter Grebenc
Milan in Sandy Ferletič

PONEDELJEK-MONDAY

29. AVGUST
Mučeništvo J.Krstnika

† Darinka Ferletič, obl.
†† Starši in Darinka Ferletič, obl.
Po namenu

7:00 P.M.

Manja Erzetič
Julija Sagadin z družino
N.N.

TOREK - TUESDAY

30. AVGUST
Feliks (Srečko), muč.

Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo

8:00 A.M.

Ludvik Prevec

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

31. AVGUST
Pavlin, škof

†† Marija in Alojz Joželj
† Pavel Novak

7:00 P.M.

Sonja Langenfus
Marianne Kulteša

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

1. SEPTEMBER
Egidij, opat

†† Pokojni iz družine Kološa
† Alojz Zoko, obl.
† Zdravko Troha

7:00 P.M.

Majda Salajko
Milan in Sandy Ferletič
Danica

PRVI PETEK

FIRST FRIDAY
2. SEPTEMBER
Marjeta, devica

†† Za verne duše v vicah
† Alojz Zorko, obl.
† Anton Benkovič
† Kathy Zamora

7:00 P.M.

Tone in Marija Bukvič
Julija Sagadin z družino
Danica Golub
Manja Erzetič

SOBOTA

SATURDAY
3. SEPTEMBER
Gregor Veliki, papež

Po namenu
† Matija Vlašič
† Darinka Ferletič, obl.
† Ignac Balažic
† Olga Ros
† Pavel Novak

8:00 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

N.N.
Žena in otroci
Frank in Marica Majzelj
Olga Čulig
Olga Čulig
Olga Čulig

23. NEDELJA MED LETOM

4. SEPTEMBER
Angelska nedelja
Rozalija(Zalka), devica

Za žive in rajne župljane

† Franc Čurič, obl.
† John Tompa
† Mary Hochevar
†† Pokojni člani društva Slovenski park
† Janez Adamič

9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

1:00 P.M.

Žena Veronika
Sestre in družine
Hči Mia Goodfellow & family
Maša: Slovenski park
Družina Mramor