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**6. VELIKONOČNA
NEDELJA**

**6TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

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Odkriti Boga v sebi in v bližnjem

»Kot je Oče ljubil mene, tako sem tudi jaz vas ljubil. Ostanite v moji ljubezni.« To je Jezusovo naročilo apostolom pri zadnji večerji.

Ljubezen prihaja od Očeta, gre preko Jezusovega srca in pride vse do nas. Pravi studenec ljubezni je Bog.

V drugem berilu nam Janez zatrjuje, da je »Bog ljubezen«. Sveto pismo govori o Bogu, ki je ljubezen, popolna velikodušnost in neskončna dobrohotnost. Jezus ne trdi, da je on studenec ljubezni. Zaveda se, da prejema ljubezen od Očeta in je zgolj posrednik te ljubezni. V tem je zelo dejaven, saj sam pravi: »Nihče nima večje ljubezni, kakor je ta, da da življenje za svoje prijatelje.«

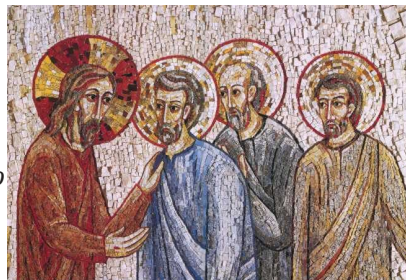
Jezus se je pri zadnji večerji se je zahvalil Očetu, ki je v njegovo srce položil neskončno ljubezen, in te ljubezni se je Jezus oklepal z vsem človeškim in božjim bistvom. Tako je lahko podaril svojo ljubezen vsem, ki jih je ljubil: ne samo svojim učencem, temveč vsem ljudem.

Tudi mi naj bi sprejeli Očetovo ljubezen z veliko hvaležnostjo in ostali v njej - po Jezusovi zapovedi: »Ostanite v moji ljubezni.«

Jezus nam daje spoznanje, da naša ljubezen ne sme biti samo čustvena, temveč dejavna, ki se kaže v spolnjevanju njegovih zapovedi. »Če boste spoštovali moje zapovedi, boste ostali v moji ljubezni.« Ljubezen se mora pokazati v konkretnem krščanskem življenju, v dejanjih; sicer je le navidezna. Jezus zahteva spolnjevanje njegovih zapovedi, ki so povzete v eno samo zapoved: »Ljubite drug drugega, kot sem vas jaz ljubil.«

Jezus nas je ljubil, zato imamo tudi mi dolžnost ljubiti tako, kot nas on ljubi. Da pa bi ljubili tako, kot nas ljubi on, moramo sami sprejeti njegovo srce. Evharistija ima namen položiti v nas Jezusovo srce - in sicer tako, da bo to v našem življenju resnično učinkovito in ga bo vodila njegova velikodušnost. To je krščanski ideal.

Jezus nam kaže, kako je njegova ljubezen polna nežnosti in velikodušnosti: »Vi ste moji prijatelji (...). Ne imenujem vas več služabnike(...),



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temveč sem vas imenoval prijatelji.« Jezus še dodaja: »Vse, kar sem slišal od Očeta, sem vam dal spoznati.« Krščansko življenje je življenje zaupanja Jezusu, in tudi to je nekaj čudovitega. Jasno je, da moramo biti z naše strani pozorni, da bomo lahko prejeli razodeto ljubezen, ki nam jo želi posredovati. Če ne molimo in ne premišljujemo, ne moremo v vsej polnosti prejeti vsega tistega, kar nam Jezus hoče povedati.

Živeti v tej povezanosti z Jezusom, vedeti to, kar on hoče, da naredimo, živeti dejansko ljubezen, dovoliti, da nas Jezus vodi - vse to je res nekaj izrednega. »To sem vam povedal, da bo moje veselje v vas in vaše veselje bo popolno.«

Jezus nas hoče naučiti živeti v stalni, zvesti in velikodušni ljubezni, ki razodeva našo poklicanost. Bog je namreč ljubezen in naredil nas je sposobne, da lahko sprejemamo njegovo ljubezen, da znamo živeti v njegovi ljubezni in pravem veselju, popolni sreči, brez vsakršne sence greha in sebičnosti.

Da bi mogli vse to tudi uresničiti, Bog ni odlašal dati svojega Sina. »V tem je ljubezen: nismo mi tisti, ki smo začeli ljubiti Boga, temveč je on tisti, ki nas je ljubil in poslal svojega Sina kot orodje odpuščanja za naše grehe.«

Pri krstu nas Bog očisti s krvjo svojega Sina. V zakramentu sprave Jezus poseže kot naš zagovornik, da nas brani in očisti grehov, ki smo jih storili po krstu; naredi nas sposobne vztrajati v zvestobi v ljubezni, ki prihaja od Boga.

V Stari zavezi bi lahko imeli vtis, da je morda božja ljubezen omejena na izvoljeno ljudstvo. Dejansko pa je Bog hotel, da privilegij judovskega ljudstva ne bi ostal nekaj izključujočega, temveč da bi se razširil na vsa ljudstva. Že vse od poklicanosti Abrahama je bilo rečeno: »V tebi bodo blagoslovljene vse družine na zemlji« (1 Mz 12,3). Njegov načrt je univerzalni, ki se uresničuje z velikonočno skrivnostjo Jezusa, po njegovi skrivnosti smrti in vstajenja od mrtvih.

Božja ljubezen se obrača na vse ljudi, brez omejitve. Dovolj se je v veri pridružiti Kristusu, sprejeti božjo ljubezen, ki nam jo podarja po Kristusu; vse to, da bi bili rešeni grehov in bi tako lahko živeli v popolnem veselju v skupnosti ljubezni, skupaj z Bogom.

Zahvaliti se moramo Gospodu, da nas napravlja deležne pri svojem načrtu ljubezni, da se zavedamo, da moramo nenehno napredovati v ljubezni.

- (prim. Oznanjevalec 2009, št. 2)

Response: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

First reading Acts 9:26-31

Saul preaches fearlessly in the name of the Lord on his return to Jerusalem.

First reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

We are all invited, regardless of our background, to discover a life of love in God.

Second reading 1 John 4:7-10

Everyone who loves knows God because God is love.

Gospel John 15:9-17

Our joy comes from knowing that we have been chosen, called, and sent.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.”



Illustration

Many years ago, a film based on a true story portrayed a young South American, Miguel, who sang a song that was infectious and spread to everyone who truly listened to its words. It told of life, love and freedom beyond the poverty and oppression that his people were experiencing, but the beautiful music of hope angered those in authority who dreamed of power and wealth. Before long, they arrested Miguel, promising him imprisonment and death if he refused to stop singing. He rejected their threats.

As he stood before the firing squad, the officer asked Miguel for his last words. Instead of speaking, he sang. As he died, his fellow prisoners, watching silently from their cell windows, started to sing Miguel's song, at first quietly and

then ever more loudly. The song could not be destroyed. Miguel's music soared beyond the prison into the surrounding countryside, where the peasants working in the fields joined in the melody.

When the film was created, it was too risky to identify the Mexican Jesuit, Blessed Miguel Pro. At his execution on 23 November 1927, Miguel asked if he could briefly kneel and pray. Refusing a blindfold, he stood, forgave those who would kill him and extended his arms as though on the cross. He cried out "Viva Cristo Re!" – or, in English, "Long live Christ the King!" – and with those words, Miguel died. Forty thousand people lined the route of his funeral procession. Another twenty thousand waited at the cemetery, where no priest was allowed to conduct the burial. His song continues!

Gospel reading

Before ever Miguel began singing, Jesus showed "the power of one" and raised his voice with his message of undying love. Today's Gospel is Jesus' love song, taken from his words at the Last Supper, a moment when he knew that those closest to him would deny him and would hide in fear lest they suffer the same fate. Jesus did not condemn them for their betrayals and cowardice. Instead, he talked of love, aware that, within a very short time of speaking, he would be arrested and, rather than accept a life of silence, would sing his love song to Calvary. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." These lyrics accompanied his every breath, every step, until he had nothing left to give – and even then, he gave blood and water as the soldier's lance pierced his heart.

Jesus described his oneness with his Father, although, on the cross, he would cry out in agony, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" Yet Jesus had, on an earlier occasion, said that his strength was

made perfect in weakness. At the very moment of seemingly utter degradation, Jesus showed what "the power of one" can do. That is why Good Friday led to

Easter Sunday. His resurrection made sense of the non-sense.

We are still in the Easter season. Calvary, the tomb and the resurrection are staging posts on our journey, but the link between them all is love that never dies and never ends.

Application

Aren't we crazy if we underestimate "the power of one"? It only takes one person with an idea, a message, a thought – a song – to touch the hearts of others and kindle a small flame. Sadly, we've often seen in the media the terrible results when love is in short supply, but we also witness the consequences when one person reaches out to another in love. It's like a pebble thrown into a pool of water, the ripples spread wider and wider. Without the pebble, the ripples would remain unborn. Without the power of one act of kindness, compassion, mercy or friendship, others wouldn't happen.

When the world in which we live is so hungry for love, why is it that we so often feel helpless and unable to do something to change things? Miguel Pro sang his song of hope at a time when his life was in danger and, by so doing, he gave others the courage that they needed to see the light at the end of the tunnel of hardship and oppression.

We have a proverb, "mighty oaks from little acorns grow". Could I be the acorn which gives rise to the oak tree? I might not see the results of my act of kindness, but Miguel Pro did not know that his song and his death would inspire countless others to see Jesus' undying love. "The power of one" is all it takes to provide a lifeline to someone else.

Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your love.





Mothers Day Materinski Dan Banquet

and Slovenian School Graduation

Sunday May 12th

**MASS: 10AM
LUNCH: 12PM
SHORT PROGRAM: 2PM**

**ADULTS (14+): \$30
CHILDREN (4-13): \$15
UNDER 4: FREE**

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE
SLOVENIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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IN THIS HOUSE WE GO TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

I'm certain that half of the Catholic parents who go to church on Sunday face challenges with their kids about going to Mass: "None of the other kids I know go to church!" or "I want to go with my best friend Chloe and her parents to their lake house for the weekend." And you say, "What about church on Sunday?" And your child says, "I only miss Mass once in a while – what's the big deal?" What should you do, let her go?

The right to have individual choice and freedom to make one's own decisions about "who I am", "what I do" and "where I'm going" is drilled into young minds in today's world. This has led them to question just about everything, not least of which are the Christian values and practices of their family. Regarding Sunday worship – If you are not firm with them (and with yourself first and foremost), it's probably going to be "game over" for faith life in your family. The culture is telling our young people that worship, religion and spirituality are very low on the priority list. Secularism is in the air we breathe. So be aware of what is going on. When you tell them that Mass is optional, it will remain very optional for them. When you compromise on this, you lose. And we all lose. We lose the faith.

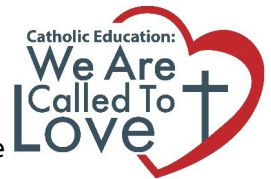
But wait, you say – forcing religion doesn't work. You think, "Many people whose parents were overbearing have dropped out of faith practice." (The old story of the preacher's daughter being

the most rebellious adult.) You also fall for this type of thinking: Isn't the autonomy we allow our children good for their development regarding core values and faith? Won't it help them mature into adulthood by making a personal choice for a faith life while not forcing a commitment to religion on them? I say no. In the formative years the demons of arrogance and laziness will lead to abandonment of God faster and deeper than strictness.

On the day we were baptized we were drawn out of the isolation of sin and into the community of Christ – the Church. Grace is poured into our hearts through the sacraments and through participation in worship. Habits and attitudes of prioritizing loving God and being loved by God, are gained by being at Mass. Our call to holiness – to live as Jesus lived and to love as Jesus loved – is furthered greatly by going to Mass. We need Mass to feed on His Word and to feed on His Body. Try this with your kids: **"In this house, we go to church on Sunday."**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Catholic Education Week 2024 begins on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The Catholic schools in our parishes will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible.



This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love", and is grounded in our Holy Scriptures: "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12). With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future.



LETNI OBČNI ZBOR - AGM

V nedeljo, 28. aprila, po maši ob 10h, se nas je nekaj zbralo na letnem občnem zboru. "Minutes" od lanskoletnega občnega zбора so bila natisnjena v Vestniku, zato smo na srečanju samo prebrali nekaj poročil različnih skupin, potem pa pregledali finančno poročilo in nekaj odzivov. Heidi je tudi predstavila nekaj planov za naprej in za obhajanje 60 letnice župnije, ki bo v nedeljo, 22. septembra 2024.

THE NATIONAL WEEK OF FAMILY AND LIFE is celebrated in Dioceses across Canada next week, from May 13-19. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things", is inspired by the words of Saint Paul the Apostle: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". (1 Corinthians 13:7) A variety of resources, for use at home, in schools, and parishes, emphasizing the joy and beauty of family and life are available on our website under Upcoming Events. Take a look and engage with your family. For Priests and Deacons, a homily idea and suggested Prayers of the Faithful are offered! Prepare well.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY! On May 1st, Archbishop Francis Leo, a noted Marian scholar and a devotee of the Blessed Mother, published a Pastoral Letter to the Metropolitan Province of Toronto (which includes the Diocese of Hamilton) on The Month of the Blessed Mother. The entire text of the letter can be found [here](#). "Mary is THE way to get closer to the Saviour and when we have a deep, authentic and personal relationship with her, she leads us, without fail, directly to Him. This is her vocation, her mission, her calling as willed by the Lord's loving providence." His letter is a good guide for our reflection during this special month!

THE 2024 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS is fast approaching, and there is still time to register. If you celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2024, we would love to see you at this wonderful celebration. The 2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass takes place on Sunday, May 26th, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Register [here](#), or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Slovenski Park
Presents

2024 ANNUAL GOLF *Tournament*



WITH
BUFFET DINNER
AND
PRIZES

SATURDAY
JUNE 1ST

SHOTGUN START
1:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Registration Per Golfer - **\$150**

Includes: Golf, Cart Rental, Sandwich
or Hotdog or Sausage at the turn,
Dinner, Prizes, & Starter's Package

DINNER ONLY - \$30

Dinner will be served promptly
at 6:30 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

Cambridge Golf Club, 1346 Clyde Rd.,
Cambridge, ON. N1R 5S7
15 minutes from Slovenski Park

SLOVENSKI PARK

4408 Sideroad 25 N, Cambridge, ON
N3C 2V4

DONATION OF PRIZES
WOULD BE APPRECIATED
Please contact Travis Blackwell

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V soboto, 4. maja 2024, je bila sveta maša v mavzoleju pokopališča Our Lady of the Angels. Sveto mašo je daroval za pokoj vseh pokojnih na tem pokopališču naš škof Douglas Crosby. Ob njem smo somaševali še trije duhovniki. Kot vidite is slik se je proctor lepo napolnil.



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE, OTTAWA, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

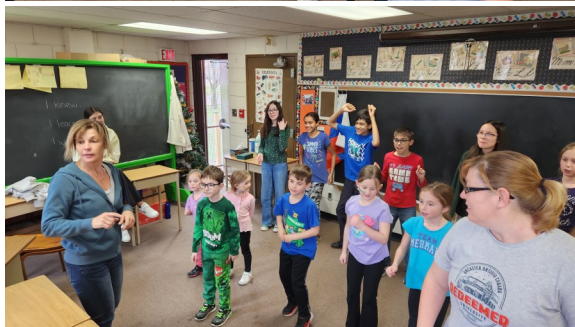
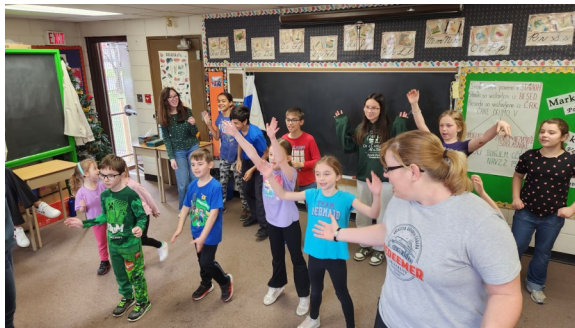


Hamilton Right to Life invites you to join thousands on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on **Thursday, May 9th** for the **2024 National March for Life**. Together let's remind our elected officials to **NEVER FORGET**: the child in the womb, the mother with an unexpected pregnancy, the person living with a disability or mental illness, or the senior who needs care.

One Day Round Trip: Sign up for a one-day trip on Thurs. May 9. Includes Rally & March on Parliament Hill. Snacks and bottled water included. Departs Hamilton at 6 am and departs Ottawa at 4 pm. Cost: free will offering.

Youth Package (13-29 ages): Sign up for a two-day trip which includes the Rally & March on Parliament Hill, Rose Dinner Gala and Youth Summit Conference. Includes overnight accommodation and two dinners. Departs Hamilton on Thurs., May 9 @ 6 am. Return to Hamilton on Fri, May 10 @ 11 pm. Cost: \$100/person.

For more info about both packages and to register, please visit our website: <https://bit.ly/HRTL-Events>.



Otroci Slovenske šole se že nekaj časa vneto pripravljajo na praznovanje Materinskega dneva. Sem prepričan, da boste vsi, ki pridete prihodnjo nedeljo v dvorano in prisluhnete njihovem programu, zelo zadovoljni.

Danes so celo »čistili traktor ...«

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **May 5th** - **Bled SCC** - Mother's Day Luncheon
- **May 11th** - **Bled SCC** - Park Clean up Day
- **May 12th** - **St. Gregory** - Mother's Day - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **May 16th** - St. Gregory - Ljutomerski oktet
- **May 17th** - **Slovenski Park** - Victoria Day Long Weekend - Mass with procession: May 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 20th** - **Lipa Park** - "Open House" Picnic
- **May 26th** - **St. Gregory** - First Communion & Confirmation - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **June 1st** - **Slovenski Park** - Golf tournament
- **June 2nd** - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- **June 16th** - **Bled** - Farther's Day Picnic - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **June 22nd** - **Lipa Park** - Slovenski dan
- **June 28 to July 1st** - **Slovenski Park** - Canada Day Long Weekend; Mass: July 1st, 1:00 p.m.
- **July 7th** - **Lipa Park** - Summerfest Picnic
- **July 20th** - **Slovenski Park** - Pečenkafest
- **July 21st** - **Bled** - Proščenje; Mass: 1:00 p.m.

BRALCI - READERS:

- Slovenian: Sue Augustin
- English: Nadia Miklavčič

GIFT BEARERS

- May 5th - Danny Fujs in Aranka Dundek
- May 12th - Josie Hapke & Mary Holder
- May 19th - Pamela Gosgnach & Mary Miketič

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- May 11th - Gosgnach team
- May 25th - Štefka Eržen team
- June 8th - Lojzka Novak team

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The First Communion and Confirmation will take place on Sunday, **May 26, 2024** during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Lorie Mramor will send out more information about the next steps in the preparation directly to the candidates. Preparations for First Communion will start in May. First meeting for Confirmation was on Saturday, May 4.

Next Saturday the meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. for both groups - First Communion and Confirmation.

DONATIONS DAROVI

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

- \$50.- Jožica Vlašič z družino
- Toni in Marija Franc \$200.- v spomin na pokojno Marijo Horvat (Cayuga)
- Angela Kobe \$50.- namesto rož na grob pok. Francke Cestnik
- Francka Kržišnik \$50.- v spomin na pokojno Francko Cestnik.
- Angela Škerl \$200.- v spomin na dobro dušo pok. Francko Cestnik

Iskrena hvala vsem za vaše darove.

SLOVENSKI PARK GOLF TOURNAMENT

Slovenski Park is hosting their **26th annual Golf Tournament** on Saturday June 1, 2024 at the Cambridge Golf Club with dinner at Slovenski Park. To register your team, please contact Travis Blackwell (905)783-0132 or at travisoblackwell@gmail.com



POKOJNI - DECEASED

V torek, 30. aprila 2024 je odšla k Bogu po večni plačilo naša faranka Frances Cestnik. Januarja je dopolnila 93 let. Od Nje ste se lahko poslovili v četrtek, med 2. in 4. uro popoldne in 6. in 8. uro zvečer v Dodsworth & Brown Funeral Home, Bur-



lington. Rožni venec smo molili ob 3:30 popoldne. Pogrebno sveto mašo smo za pokojne duše darovali v petek, 3. maja ob 10h dopoldne in jo nato pospremili k večnemu počitku na Gate of Heaven pokopališče, kjer počiva njen mož John Vinko.

Iskreno sožalje otrokom in njihovim družinam, pokojni Francki pa večni mir in pokoj.



V naši cerkvi bo Ljutomerski oktet nastopil v soboto, 18. maja. Peli bodo pri večerni maši ob 5:30 p.m., po maši pa bodo v kratkem koncertu zapeli še nekaj narodnih pesmi. Vabljeni, da prisluhnete lepemu petju.



V tem tednu so naslednje obletnice smrti faranov, ki so zapisani v naših knjigah:

Fujs	Maria	May 6, 1980
Staniša	Vera Ivana	May 6, 2013
Kirec	Ivan	May 6, 2020
Pučko	Alojz - Alex	May 7, 1987
Lauzon	Germaine	May 8, 2017
Petek	Ivan	May 8, 2021
Tompa	Jožef	May 8, 2023
Kočar	Avguština	May 10, 1972
Štefanec	Katarina	May 12, 1995
Gagnon	Leo H.	May 12, 1996

Svete maše - Masses

<p>6. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA</p> <p>5. MAJ <i>nedelja turizma</i></p> <p>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane</p> <p>† Max Pavličič</p> <p>† Deni Nedelko</p> <p>† Janez Kosednar, obl.</p> <p>† Florijan Miklavčič</p> <p>†† Angela in Alojz Kocmut</p> <p>† Botra Glažar</p> <p>† Elizabeth Bračak</p> <p>† Martin Sterle, obl.</p> <p>† Ivan Louise Sarjaš</p> <p>† Max Pavličič</p> <p>†† Steve in Vida Sajder</p> <p>†† Marta Raščan</p>	<p>9:30 A.M.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Jožica Novak z družino</p> <p>Milka Pavlič z družino</p> <p>Žena z družino</p> <p>Marija Miklavčič (Oakville)</p> <p>Hči Elizabeth Gimpelj</p> <p>Elizabetha Gimpelj</p> <p>Elizabetha Gimpelj</p> <p>Hči Sue Augustin z družino</p> <p>11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Alojz Sarjaš z družino</p> <p>Theresa Farbotko z družino</p> <p>Family Sajder</p> <p>Družina Milosavljevič</p>
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SV. MAŠE - MASSES: Mon. to Fri.: 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slo); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slo); 11:00 A.M. (Eng) - From July to Fall Banquet only 10:00 A.M. - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** By appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 to 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 with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971 or Cell: 905-520-2014

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