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**14. NEDELJA
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**14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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Ponižnost , drža in krepost

Ponižni spreminjajo zgodovino - Papež Janez XXIII., ki je bil začetnik koncilске prenovе v Cerkvi, je dejal: »Ubog človek sem. Počutim se kot prazna vaza, ki je vanjo Bog položil svoje rože. Položil jih je vanjo, ker jih je bila pripravljena sprejeti. To je vse.«



Sveti Janez Pavel II. pa je v svojo duhovno oporoko zapisal: »Vse prosim odpuščanja. Prosim pa tudi za molitev, da bi se božje usmiljenje izkazalo za večje, kot sta moja šibkost in nevrednost.«

Jezus pravi: »Slavim te, Oče, Gospod nebes in zemlje, ker si to prikril modrim in razumnim, razodel pa otročičem.... Učite se od mene, ker se krotak in v srcu ponižen, in našli boste počitek svojim dušam.«

Ponižnost, skromnost, preprostost so danes pogoj za preživetje. Če se človeštvo ne bo razvijalo v to smer, se bomo zadušili v lastnih odpadkih in onesnaženosti, ki jo povzročata človeški napuh in njegova nenasitnost. Prava ponižnost ni zaničevanje samega sebe in lastno omalovaževanje, ampak je zavest, da smo enkratni in veliki zato, ker smo božji otroci. Prava ponižnost ne povzroča kompleksa manjvrednosti, ampak veliko hvaležnost do Boga, od katerega prihaja vse dobro.

Jezus obljublja ponižnim, da bodo našli počitek svojim dušam. Veliko mirnejši bomo takrat, ko se ne bomo pehali za prva mesta. Človek, ki zmore biti zadovoljen tudi v skromnih okoliščinah, je srečnejši kot nenasitnež, ki mu nikoli ni dovolj. Z napuhom je kot z opitostjo. Kdor se ne zadovolji s kozarcem vina, ne bo potešen niti takrat, ko je vase zilil dva litra žlahtne kapljice.

Ponižen človek spoštuje sebe, a spoštuje tudi druge. Ne čuti potrebe, da bi druge poniževal in sebe poviševal.

14TH SUNDAY IN OT

Ponižnost je potrebna tudi v mednarodnih odnosih. Na začetku obeh svetovnih vojn v dvajsetem stoletju je bil napuh narodov in posameznikov, tisti napuh, ki je že prvima človekoma prišepetaval: ne poslušaj Boga, bodi sam svoj Bog.

Svet se danes vse bolj globalizira. Vedno bolj smo med seboj povezani pa tudi drug od drugega odvisni. Zato je še toliko bolj potrebno, da smo trdno zakoreninjeni v svojem narodu in kulturi, obenem pa odprti in spoštljivi do drugih narodov in kultur.

Prava ponižnost je tudi to, da smo ponosni na svoj narod in svojo kulturo, obenem pa spoštljivi do ljudi drugih narodov in kultur in odprti za vse dobro, ki ga odkrivamo po vsem svetu.

Jezusova molitev v tretji kitici postane klic, naslovljen vsem šibkim, stiskanim in zadnjim na svetu, da bi stopili na Kristusovo pot. Zanimivo je, da je podoba »jarma« v judovski tradiciji uporabljena za označitev Postave in njenih zahtev, ki jih je Izraelu naložil Gospod.

Jezus predloži to znamenje, a mu odvzame vidik teže, vsiljenosti in zmagoslavja ter ga naslika v drugi, »sladki« razsežnosti, pa zato ne manj zahtevni. Kajti množica mnogovrstnih prizadevanj na področju vere in morale je omejenih na eno samo popolno prizadevanje, na jarem ljubezni.

Odnos do Boga nič več ne urejuje hladna dolžnost in strah pred sodbo; nasprotno, utemeljen je na sinovski in spontani ljubezni, pa zato toliko bolj poln in zahteven. Skupnost »malih«, ki je odkrila skrivnosti Kraljestva, se mora sedaj napotiti na to pot luči, na lepo pot: kdor hodi po njej, najde mir svojim dušam (prim. Jer 6, 16).

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2005, Prof. Ivan Albrecht, Dornberk)

Response: I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The Messiah's coming makes our hearts and souls rejoice, for he humbles himself to share our life.

Second Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13

We are spiritual people who belong to Christ and are filled with his Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

The Lord calls us to come to him, that we may find rest for our souls.

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened."



Illustration

"Shoulder my yoke," says Jesus, and perhaps few of us have ever seen a yoke unless we have been to an agricultural museum. They look like instruments of torture, and that is more or less what they are. There are different kinds. There is the heavy wooden bar used to "yoke" or couple two oxen together to pull a huge cart or plough, still used in some societies today. Oxen are not called "beasts of burden" for nothing. Even more terrible are the yokes used for shackling slaves. The word "yoke" has become a metaphor for something oppressive: the "yoke of slavery" and servitude.

But there is a better kind of yoke designed to make it easier to carry heavy loads. They are carrying -poles, not too heavy, used by explorers and adventurers on long expeditions, fitting across the shoulders around the back of the neck, allowing two bags to be hooked on and carried at each side. Wearing a

yoke voluntarily, because it is helpful, is very different from forcing slaves to bear a yoke and carry terrible burdens.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus uses the word “yoke” in both senses. He is concerned about people “who labour and are overburdened”. He had in mind some of the strict followers of the Jewish faith, whose religious life had become a burden. Scholars enumerated 613 laws which they enjoined people to keep. The idea was that by striving to keep all these laws you made yourself pleasing to God. Jesus spoke harsh words about those scribes and Pharisees who “tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they!”

The overburdened people awaited a saviour. And Jesus, who, in the words of the prophet Zechariah, would come “triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey” (a mystical way of describing the incarnation, his sharing of our human life), invited those overburdened people, who had no hope of observing all the laws, to “Come to me”. Come to me and follow me, rather than all those rules and regulations devised by the religious leaders. “Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Those beautiful words sum up the ultimate purpose of our Catholic life; it is to find rest for our souls. And to underline it, Jesus adds, “Yes, my yoke [with the emphasis on ‘my’] is easy and my burden light.” His yoke is not the heavy yoke of innumerable laws, but the easy yoke of joyfully following him to do his will.



Application

Shouldering Christ’s easy yoke, and learning from him, is what he tells us to do. And we can do this in all sorts of ways. First of all by experiencing his gentleness and humility so that we can love him and realise his love for us. He does not want life to be a burden. He may suggest we let go in some ways, changing our priorities; maybe like Jesus who, when he was burdened with the heavy cross, did not insist on carrying it alone but was glad to have someone to help him: Simon of Cyrene. Sometimes it may just mean talking to someone. “Trouble shared is trouble halved” is a proverb

attributed to Dorothy Sayers. Going to confession relieves the burden of sins and guilt, and offers the opportunity to talk confidentially to a priest, who can offer words of encouragement.

Sadly there can be periods in life when little can be done to reprioritise, still less to put down or even share our burdens and responsibilities. Perhaps in saying “shoulder my yoke” Jesus is offering to help us with our burdens. Far from the Lord imposing burdens on us, he asks us to come to him. “The Lord is kind and full of compassion,” as the psalmist says. “Come to me,” Jesus says, “I am gentle and humble of heart.” “Come to me,” rather than seeking solace or relief in the ways of this world, for, as St Paul says in today’s second reading, “your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual”. Jesus answers our prayers when we ask his help, and he gives us the strength to carry on with a peace that comes from the Spirit of Christ living in us.



There have been many challenges and sacrifices due to COVID 19 - but there have also been many moments of joy, generosity, and a renewed sense of appreciation for nature, our family & friends, and God's gifts to us all.

This last weekend was an example of the goodness that has come out of Covid 19. Although we can no longer have public events at Slovenski Park, we can now have physical distancing member celebrations. Although we could not have the regularly planned Slovenski Dan Festival, or Canada Day Festivities, we were able to find new ways to celebrate together/apart. And what a great weekend we had at Slovenski Park! The weather was magnificent. It was awesome to see so many members up at the Park - enjoying the grounds, swimming, kids catching frogs or riding on bikes, and everyone following Covid 19 regulations, celebrating the best we could.

Thank you to Father Drago for celebrating Mass with us on Sun Jun 28 - and through the "magic of technology" and the expertise of Father Drago, Kristijan & Joe, we were able to live stream on our Facebook Page and on the St. Gregory Church Facebook Page. Thanks to the readers who proclaimed the Lord's Message in both English and Slovenian. Many members attended mass at our Slovenski Park Chapel, in their social circles, including many young people, as well as many more views on-line. We will be celebrating mass again - so please join us live on-line on Facebook for



the July and September long weekends - Aug 2 and Sept 6 live on-line at 1:00pm.

After mass we tried our very first Pečenka take-out, Covid 19 style. Members pre-ordered, pre-purchased their dinners, were given a time to pickup, following physically distancing lines, and were able to enjoy delicious pečenka meals with their families back at their trailers. Thanks to the amazing ladies in the kitchen, Marianne, Heidi, Liz, Eva, Martina, and the talented roasters and carvers for making it so delicious and to the dedicated organizers for making it run so smoothly.

We even tried a 50-50 draw which was well received. We collected \$525 from our members. We thank Marjan for his donation of \$200 to bring the total to \$725. Congratulations to Janko for winning the 50/50 who then donated \$150 back to Slovenski Park. We thank you all for purchasing tickets in support of the Park.

Thank also to all the members who showed up over the last few weekends to help put up the fence. We now have a 6ft fence that stretches from the creek to the highway. You worked hard in the heat and your efforts are appreciated.

Thank you Boris B. for refurbishing the children's playground. With the sanding and fresh coat of paint it is ready for children and parents to enjoy as soon as government regulations give us the go-ahead.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you Boris G. and his crew of young men, Dylan Žunič, Ethan and Evan Ryall, Aaron and Lucas Grdadolnik, and Mathew Kajin for cleaning up and refurbishing the basketball courts. Super job boys! It is great to see our young members take such interest in our Park.

Thank you to the members of the Board and Executive for organizing and executing the event, and to the unsung dedicated members for cleaning the grounds, the bathrooms, the lake, the chapel, etc to make the Park - our home away from home - beautiful and clean. Thanks to all for following pandemic regulations to keep us safe. We hope to have a few more member events this summer and we look forward to the time when the pandemic is over and we can invite other Slovenians and friends to join us at our lovely park. - Mary Ann Demšar



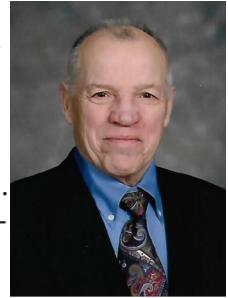
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POKOJNI

V petek, 3. julija 2020, na praznik apostola Tomaža, je Bog poklical k sebi našega farana **Martina Simončiča**. Skoraj bi dopolnil 86 let. Pokojni bo ležal v nedeljo, 5. julija, od dveh do šestih zvečer v Smith's Funeral Home (Stoney Creek). Glede na sedajšnja pravila, se morate prijaviti na telefonsko številko (905-664-4222) in vam bodo povedala čas, kdaj se lahko pridete posloviti od pokojnega Martina.



Pogrebno sveto mašo bomo darovali v naši cerkvi v ponedeljek, 6. julija, ob 11:00 dopoldne. Glede števila ljudi v cerkvi pri pogrebni maši veljajo enaka pravila kot za vsako drugo mašo: 30% kapacitete cerkve, to je za našo cerkev približno 90 do 100 ljudi.

Pogreb bo takoj po maši na slovenskem delu pokopališča Gate of Heaven.

Iskreno sožalje ženi Kathy ob izgubi moža in vsem sorodnikom. Pokojni Martin pa naj uživa večni mir in pokoj.

DAROVİ - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

- Ivan in Minka Šemen z družino: \$50 v spomin na + Joe Prša in \$50 v spomin na pok. Maksa Pavliča.

- \$50 Jožica Vlačič z družino

- \$150 Štefan in Monika Gašpar v spomin na pok. Joe Lackovič.

Hvala vsem za vaše darove. Bog vam bodi bogat plačnik.

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

Letnik	Anton	July 7, 1992
Žekš	William	July 8, 1985
Zrim	Marija	July 8, 2009
Berkopec	Joseph	July 11, 1980
Uduč	Joseph	July 12, 1981
Žvan	John Janez	July 12, 2006



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 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 of the 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 with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

DON BOSCO

od 05. 7. 2020
do 12. 7. 2020

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

14. NEDELJA MED LETOM 5. JULIJ 14. SUNDAY IN OT <i>Ciril in Metod, slov. apost.</i>	† Za žive in rajne župljane † Joe Lackovič †† Pokojni iz družine Zelko † Maks Pavlič † Ivan Zupančič, obl. † Sonya Rosmus † Maks Pavlič †† Pok. stari starši Šerbec in Mirt	10:00 A.M. ----- Žena in družina Matilda Bratuž Marina Štefanec Žena in družina Mama Matilda Zupančič Žena Milka z družino Zinka in Martin Mirt
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 6. JULIJ <i>Marija Goretti, muč.</i>	† Martin Simončič †† Pok. iz družine Kastelic † Ivan Kirec † Joe Prša Po namenu - na čast Kristusovi krvi	11:00 A.M. Pogrebna maša 7:00 P.M. Jožica in Ivan Vegelj Ivan in Mary Horvat (London) Emilia Mertuk Ana Tadić
TOREK - TUESDAY 7. JULIJ <i>Vilibald, škof</i>	† Tony Letnik, obl. Za zdravje † France Bajuk, obl. †† Milka in Andrej Burda	7:00 P.M. Žena Anica z družino Marija Bajuk Sestra Marija Bajuk Stanko in Elizabeth Petek
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 8. JULIJ <i>Gregor Grassi, škof</i>	Za zdravje † Joe Prša † Joe Prša † Joe Prša	7:00 P.M. N.N. Marija Korošec z družino Marta in Steve Magdič Manja Erzetič
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 9. JULIJ <i>Hadrijan III., papež</i>	†† Ivan in Ana Kovač † Franc Kociper, obl. †† Marija in Martin Ternar † Jerry Ponikvar	7:00 P.M. Marija Korošec z družino Ivan in Angela Antolin Terezija Zadravec Društvo sv. Jožefa (5)
PETEK - FRIDAY 10. JULIJ <i>Amalija, redovnica</i>	† Branko Ježovnik, obl. † Steve Horvat (London) Zahvala Bogu in Mariji pomagaj † Karl Volf	7:00 P.M. Žena Dorothea Mary Hanc z družino Julija Sagadin Žena Marija
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 11. JULIJ <i>Benedikt, opat</i> <i>Olga Kijevska, kneginja</i>	† Ivan Kirec † Ivan Kirec † Marija Bukvič †† Pok. iz družine Sobočan † Ante Čule † Maks Pavlič † Elizabeta Ferko	5:30 P.M. Sestrični Agnes in Sabina Matilda Prša Martin in Kathy Simončič Marija Hočevar Žena Rozalija z družino Martin in Regina Nedelko Mož Toni z družino
15. NEDELJA MED LETOM 12. JULIJ 15. SUNDAY IN OT <i>Mohor in Fortunat, muč.</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane †† Marija in Jože Petek † Štefan Zadravec † Anica Cerjak † Joe Lackovič †† Verona in Štefan Prša †† Paula in Franc Pelcar	10:00 A.M. ----- Stanko in Elizabeth Petek Terezija Zadravec Sestra Jožica in Stanko Vegelj Ivan in Mary Horvat Jože in Marija Magdič z družino Stan Pelcar, Josie Dubé z druž.