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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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»Živa voda«

Današnji evangelij nam govori o živi vodi. Spominja nas na krst, ki smo ga prejeli. Ko bomo prisluhnili božji besedi, se spomnimo na besed sv. škofa Ciprijana: »Vsakokrat, kadar sv. pismo govori o vodi, je mišljen krst«. Mi smo po krstu vse drugače povezani s Kristusom, kot so bili Izraelci. Pa nas razjeda slabotna vera in dvomimo tudi mi: »Ali je Gospod med nami ali ne?« Zato odprimo svoja srca božji milosti.

Utrujen od poti je Jezus sedel k studentu. Tedaj je prišla neka žena, da bi zajela vodo. Jezus jo je pogledal in spregovoril: »Daj mi piti!«

Mnogi danes ne sprejemajo božjih dobrot. Prepričujejo se, da Bog vedno le prepoveduje in zahteva. Globoko v sebi pa čutijo njegov pogled. Vedo, da jim je pripravljen priskočiti na pomoč. Ob njegovem klicu vztrepetajo, ker ne vedo kako odgovoriti.

In kristjani? Kaj storimo za osamljene, za preizkušane in trpeče brate in sestre? »Resnično povem vam: karkoli ste storili enemu izmed teh mojih najmanjših bratov, ste storili meni« (Mt 25,40).

Tudi Jezusovi učenci so si morali hrano priskrbeti sami, zato so odšli v mesto, da bi nakupili živež. Bog pomaga tistemu, ki se najprej sam potruди. Vendar so mnogi pričakovali in pričakujejo, da se bodo izognili napornemu iskanju in napredovanju proti cilju. Upajo, da bodo postali »strokovnjaki v molitvi« in zato večkrat in prej uslišani ... Jezus je pomočnik, utrjen zid pred sovražnikom, prijatelj, ki nam pomaga - vendar človeka ne razvaja in ne pomehkuži.

Jezus je ženi, ki je vse življenje iskala resnico in srečo, rekel: »Ko bi me poznala in me prosila, da bi ti dal žive vode.« Koliko gorja doleti človeka v življenju, ker ne pozna božjega daru? Mnogi se izgube na križpotju življenja, daleč proč od Boga delajo velike napake. Ne morejo pravilno oceniti sveta, ker ne poznajo resničnih vrednot. Kopičijo si zaklade, iščejo srečo, pot pa se vije v global vedno večjega gorja. Jezusu ne nasprotujejo, ker ga ne poznajo. Ko bi poznali resnico, ko bi svet presojali drugače.



"POTICA" Cooking Session

V soboto, 11. marca 2017, se je v spodnji dvorani zbrala kar lepa družina tistih, ki bi se radi naučili, kako se pripravi dobra slovenska potica. Pod organizirjo Heidy Novak in budnim očesom njene mame Jože Šušteršič, so udeleženci odkrivali skrivnosti priprave dobre potice. Ob koncu tečaja je imel vsak udeleženec potico v modelu, potrebno je bilo samo še postaviti v peč, da se speče, to pa so storili doma. Hvala Heidy za organizacijo.





HOW TO FAST

- Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
 - Fast from apparent darkness;
 - Feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from pessimism;
Feast on optimism.
 - Fast from thoughts of illness;
 - Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on phrases that purify.
 - Fast from anger;
 - Feast on patience.
- Fast from worry;
Feast on Divine Providence.
 - Fast from unrelenting pressure;
 - Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from negatives;
Feast on positives.
 - Fast from complaining;
 - Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from hostility;
Feast on non-resistance.
 - Fast from bitterness;
 - Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from anxiety;
Feast on hope.
 - Fast from yourself;
 - Feast on a silent heart.

Author Unknown

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Response:

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

This is one of several stories about the Israelites complaining to Moses, in this case about being thirsty. God instructs Moses how to provide water for them.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, giving us faith and hope.

Gospel John 4:5-42

The encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well, where he reveals his true identity to her and offers her living water.

"Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world."



Illustration

Mother Teresa, now canonised by the Church as St Teresa of Calcutta, felt that our greatest suffering is not our need or weakness itself, but the feeling of uselessness, of being worthless, unappreciated and unloved. She felt there is a voice in our culture that insists that only the beautiful and "successful" are loveable. She loved the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, feeling that the Samaritan woman symbolises our human poverty and yet the possibility of salvation. As a Samaritan the woman was an outcast and she was also a public sinner, losing her dignity as a person, and yet she had a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

In a letter to her Missionaries of Charity at Easter 1993, referring to the story of the Samaritan woman, Mother Teresa wrote:

“Jesus wants me to tell you again how much is the love he has for each one of you – beyond all you can imagine. Not only that he loves you; even more – he longs for you. He misses you when you don’t come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don’t feel worthy. Why does Jesus say, ‘I thirst’? What does it mean? It is something so hard to explain in words. ‘I thirst’ is something much deeper than just Jesus saying, ‘I love you’. Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you, you can’t begin to know who he wants to be for you. Or who he wants you to be for him.”

Gospel Teaching

We don’t know her name, but the Samaritan woman in today’s Gospel has the longest conversation recorded between Jesus and any person. It was noon on a hot day. Jesus, tired from travelling, chose a rest stop – Jacob’s well, outside the town of Sychar – while waiting for his disciples to fetch food. The woman who joined him at the well was an outcast, looked down upon by her own people. She came alone to draw water from the community well when, during biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the well was the social highpoint of many women’s day. But this woman was ostracised and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

When this unnamed woman appeared with clay jar in hand, Jesus made a simple request: “Give me a drink.” But Jews weren’t supposed to speak to Samaritans. Men weren’t permitted to address women without their husbands present. And rabbis had no business speaking to shady women such as this one. Jesus was willing to ignore the rules, but the woman reminded him: “You are a Jew and you

ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?” She focused on the laws of respectable society; Jesus focused on grace. Jesus let her know he was aware of the suffering in her life. And then to this woman Jesus revealed that he was the Messiah, offering the living water. She forgot about her own need to fetch water, and ran to tell others about Jesus. She became a powerful evangelist.

Application

Jean Vanier, founder of L’Arche, which reaches out to vulnerable people, agrees with Mother Teresa that we have much to learn from today’s Gospel. The Samaritan woman represents each one of us. Jean Vanier says, “We are all this Samaritan women for we are all wounded in some way in love, and have a history of broken relationships.” Whenever we feel left out, mistreated, passed over, not chosen, rejected, unsafe; whenever we feel judged, condemned, or bad about ourselves, then Jesus comes to us and gives solace.

Jesus’ ministering to the outcasts of Jewish society reveals that all people are valuable to God and that Jesus desires that we demonstrate love to everyone, including even our enemies. Jesus’ mission to those who are lost is a radical commission: it means leaving our comfort zone and making ourselves vulnerable in order to love people who are different from us. And great insights can come from those at the margins of society, who receive God’s message with humility, trust and joy. The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves every one of us, especially those of us who feel ourselves undervalued and even worthless. God values us all enough to actively seek us and engage with us. The Samaritan woman understood what this means – to be wanted, to be cared for when no one, not even herself, could see anything of value in her.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKE VAJE

Naslednje pevske vaje za mešani zbor bodo v četrtek, 23. marca po večerni maši. Zbor bo pel na cvetno nedeljo, 9. aprila, pri 9:15 a.m. maši.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- 19. marec: **Društvo sv. Jožefa** - maša **10:00 a.m.**;
Banquet in praznovanje 80 letnice društva - igra ansambel **VIŽARJI iz Slovenije**
- 26. marec: **Lipa park** - 1:00 p.m. kosilo in koncert ansambla **VIŽARJI iz Slovenije**
- 2. april: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki** - Občni zbor: 3:00 p.m.
- 9. april: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki - Cvetna nedelja** - Slovenska maša ob 9:15 a.m. - blagoslov zelenja
- 14. april: **Slovenska šola** - Veliki petek - Good Friday: **FISH FRY** (4:30 p.m)
- 23. april: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki** - Spomladanski banquet - maša ob **10:00 a.m.** - po kosilu: **veseloigra** (dramska skupina iz Slovenije - Celja)
- 14. maj: **Slovenska šola** - maša ob 10:00 a.m. - po maši: **Materinski dan - Mother's Day**
- 28. maj: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki** - **Prvo sveto obhajilo - First Communion** - maša ob 10:00 a.m.

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

- ♦ 19. marec, 10:00 a.m.: **Maks & Jožica Pavličič**
- ♦ 26. marec, 9:30 a.m.: **Ignac & Terezija Sarjaš**
- ♦ 2. april, 9:30 a.m.: **Toni in Marija Franc**
- ♦ 9. april, 9:15 a.m.: **Zorka Rev in Sonja Peternel**

SV. JOŽEF

Annual Banquet and celebration of the **80th Anniversary** (1937-2017) of Slovenian Society of St. Joseph and the **25th Anniversary of Villa Slovenia** will take place on Sun-

day, March 19, 2017, first with the Mass at 10:00 a.m. and then celebration at the St. Gregory the Great Hall. Dinner will start at noon. Ansambel Vižarji, from Slovenia, will play on the stage.

MAJOR CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to all of the dedicated teams who volunteer to clean the church regularly. Your work is appreciated.

This spring, we will be completing a **major cleaning of the church on Saturday, April 8th**, starting at **9:00am**. We will be needing one or two parishioners willing to climb a ladder as well as people to do some fairly heavy lifting. We will focus on cleaning the high windows and ledges, lifting and cleaning under all seat cushions, cleaning the windows at the back of the church and the ones at the entrance as well as varnishing the tiles in the vestibule. You do not need to be part of a cleaning team to volunteer - if you can spare some time and energy to help with any of these tasks, please call Pamela at 905-304-8719.

60 LETNICA POROKE

V nedeljo, 12. marca 2017 sta naša farana, **Viktor** in **Olga Glavač**, praznovala **60 let** skupnega življenja. Čeprav je bila prava obletnica že v torek, sta slovesno praznovala v nedeljo. Ob koncu enajste maše jima je Father Frank Kelly podelil blagoslov, da bosta lažje vztrajala in še naprej dajala zgled mlajšim zakoncem. Naj ju spremlja tudi priprošnja Marije Pomočnice kristjanov na njuni skupni poti. Hvala za vso skrb pri krašenju cerkve.



Lipa Park 50th Anniversary



July 1967 - July 2017

Celebrating July 2 and August 6, 2017

LIPA PARK - JUBILEJNO LETO



V nedeljo **26. marca 2017** bo na Lipa parku **koncert Ansambla VIŽARJI** iz Slovenije v počastitev 50 letnice ustanovitve društva **Lipa park**. S tem koncertom se prične jubilejno leto praznovanja.

Vrata se odpro ob 12:00, ob 1.00 bodo postregli odlično slovensko kosilo, tudi jabolčnega zavitka in krofov ne bo manjkalo. Bar bo dobro založen.

Po kosilu bo koncert ansambla **VIŽARJI** iz Slovenije, nato pa družabno popoldne.

Vstopnice so po \$30 za člane, \$35 za nečlane in jih lahko naročite pri:

MaryAnn Barich tel: 905-945-3750

Francki Seljak tel: 905-735-5207

Pauli Kunej tel: 905-934-2557

Vsi ste prav lepo vabljeni!



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 19. 3. 2017
Do 26. 3. 2017

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

3. POSTNA NEDELJA 19. MAREC <i>Sv. Jožef,</i> <i>Jezusov rednik</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane †† Za vse pokojne Jožete †† Pokojni iz družine Seljak †† John in Terezija Halas, obl. † Florian Miklavčič, obl. BANKET DRUŠTVA SV. JOŽEFA	10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON	Elizabeta Gerič z družino Francka Seljak Alojz Sarjaš z družino Družina Miklavčič DVORANA
PONEDELJEK-MONDAY 20. MAREC <i>Klavdija, mučenka</i>	†† Pokojni iz družine Ftičar †† Pokojni iz družine Vaupotič	7:00 P.M.	Joe Ftičar Bojan Milosavljevič z družino
TOREK - TUESDAY 21. MAREC <i>Nikolaj iz Flue, muč.</i>	† Alojz Gačnik	8:00 A.M.	Žena Francka
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 22. MAREC <i>Lea, spokornica</i>	† Drago Kornhauzer	7:00 P.M.	Sestra Gizela Hauzar
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 23. MAREC <i>Alfonz, škof</i>	† Branko Ježovnik † Martin Glavač, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Dorothy Ježovnik Ivan in Minka Šemen
PETEK - FRIDAY 24. MAREC <i>Dionizij, mučenec</i> <i>Katarina Švedska, red.</i>	KRIŽEV POT † Alojzij Tomc †† Pokojni iz družin Vegelj in Zorčič † Frank Brajer Na čast sveti družini	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Slomškovo oltarno društvo Ivan in Jožica Vegelj z družino Manja Erzetič Ana Tadič
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 25. MAREC <i>Gospodovo ozanjenje</i> <i>Rebeka, sp. žena</i>	Po namenu †† Marija in Martin Ternar, obl.	9:15 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Maša otrok Slovenske šole Terezija Zadavec z družino
4. POSTNA NEDELJA 26. MAREC <i>Larisa, mučenka</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Martin Glavač, obl. † Frank Brajer † Pavel Novak	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Žena Marija Glavač in sin z družino Margaret Žagar Jakob in Lucija Truden