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4. POSTNA NEDELJA

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Bog je svet tako ljubil

Nikodem je bil profesor bogoslovja, poslanec v velikem zboru in visok funkcionar v farizejski stranki. Bil je poštenjak in skriven Jezusov privrženec. Kasneje je Jezusa pred velikim zborom previdno branil, češ da naj ga prej zaslišijo, če ga že nameravajo obsoditi, po križanju je pa skupaj z Jožefom iz Arimateje poskrbel za njegov pokop.

Prišel je k Jezusu na pogovor ponoči, da bi se ne dajal brez potrebe farizejem v zobe. Hotel se je seznaniti z njegovim naukom, saj je bil prepričan, da je Jezus poseben Božji odposlanec. Pri tistem večernem pogovoru ga je vprašal, kaj naj stori, da bo po smrti prišel k Bogu. Jezus mu je odgovoril: »Sin človekov mora biti povzdignjen, da bi vsak, ki vanj veruje, imel večno življenje.« Misel je potem pojasnil z dogodkom iz Sinajske puščave. Ko so bili Izraelci že nekaj let na poti iz egiptovske sužnosti v obljubljeni deželi, so se začeli Mojzesu upirati in pritoževati nad Bogom. Bog je poslal nadnje strupene kače, ki so mnoge pomorile. Ko je postala ta kazen že nevdružna, je Mojzes dal po Božjem naročilu narediti bronasto kačo in jo obesiti na drog. Kogar je kača pičila in se je ozrl na to bronasto kačo, je ostal pri življenju. Tudi Jezus bo povzdignjen na križ. Vsak človek je zastrupljen od greha. Kdor se v veri ozre v Kristusa, bo rešen.

»Bog je svet tako vzljubil, da je dal svojega edinega Sina, da bi vsak, ki vanj veruje, imel večno življenje.« Po mnenju poznavalcev je to najlepši stavek v svetem pismu. Bog je dal za nas največ, kar je svoji neskončnosti sploh mogel - svojega edinca. Križ s pribitim Kristusom govori, koliko je v Božjih očeh vreden človek: vreden je življenja Božjega Sina.

Bog ni poslal svojega Sina na svet za sodnika, ampak za rešitelja. Kot sodnik bo nastopil na koncu časov, ko bo potrdil sodbo, ki si jo je vsakdo sam napisal s svojim življenjem. Kdor vanj veruje, se mu ne sodi. Kdor pa ne veruje, je že sojen. Verovati v Jezusa pomeni živeti po njegovih zahtevah. Kdor Jezusa pozna, pa ne živi, kot on hoče, si že sodi. Kdor pa ga ne pozna, a živi po svoji vesti, ki je Božji glas v nas, dejansko veruje v Jezusa in ni sojen. Luč je prišla na svet, Jezus, luč sveta, Božja resnica, Božje življenje.



St. Joseph's 2018 Banquet

18. marec 2018

Kosilo/Dinner @ 12:00 - noon

Organizator: Slovensko društvo sv. Jožefa

Featuring: »Special Guest«

Kratek kulturni program: Lipa Park Drama Club

V dvorani župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega,
125 Centennial Pkwy N., Hamilton, ON L8E 1H8

Entrance:

Adults: \$25.00

Students: \$10.00

Children (12 & under): Free

Draw

for door

prizes

Please contact Peter Novak 905 928-9984 for tickets.
Tickets can be purchased on Sundays before or after mass or Tuesday nights in
the Villa. Deadline for tickets is Friday March 16th. No sales at the door!!!

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018

ONE MASS

Time: 10:00am

FOLLOWED BY:

OBČNI ZBOR

Time: 11:15am

**Starting with light refreshments
Following the Annual General Meeting
A complimentary Light Lunch will be provided**

KATOLIŠKA ŽENSKA ZVEZA - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BAZAAR, MARCH 4, 2018

If you would like to know what the word "bazaar" means a textbook definition would be a fundraising sale of goods, typically for charity. If you ask our CWL members and community you will hear: enjoyment, noodles, krofe, štrudel, pecivo, a tasty lunch, attention to detail, blue lottery tickets, donations, prizes, raffles, a penny sale, a children's centre, fun, family time, friendship, sharing, laughter, photographs and lasting memories! All of this with an emphasis on upholding our Slovenian culture and traditions and doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

Our March 4th bazaar was a remarkable parish endeavour which bears testament to the fact that 'Many hands make light work!' or 'V slogi je moč!' Your attendance, donations and support was outstanding! In recognition of our 50th year as a CWL we awarded several special prizes and invited everyone to join us for our 50th Anniversary celebration which will take place on Sunday, November 25th, 2018. Save this date!

We are blessed to have the support of Fr Drago Gačnik, our parish council, and community. A profound thank-you to all our volunteers, sponsors, and congratulations to our prize winners!

If per chance your name has been omitted from lists below know that this was done unintentionally and that your contribution is most valued.

Še enkrat prav lepa hvala vsem!

Blue Lottery ticket winners:

Gertrude Korošec - \$50

Kathy & Joe Prša - \$75

Paul Bellemore - \$75

Mary Spencer - \$100

Vera Fedorik - \$100



Lottery ticket sales

Milka Ferko, Sidonia Poppa, MaryAnn Demšar

Luncheon ticket sales/seating plan

Terezija Sarjaš, Pamela Gosgnach

Kitchen staff Linens

Milena & Ivan Krušič; Magda & Vinko Benc;
Anica & Bruno Grabar; Dragica Ferenčak

Dishwashing assistants

Danny Demšar, Alyssa Sebben, Majda Lukežič, servers

Servers

Lily & Fiona Bechtold; Nicholas, Vanessa &
Olivia Scarcelli; Amalia & Nikola Lukežič;
Emma Letnik.

Bar staff

Tony Horvat, Eric Škerl, Clark Novak

Noodles

Terezija Sarjaš, Heidy Novak, Milka & Karol
Ferko, Francka Antolin, Majda Lukežič, Albina
Antolin, Pamela Gosgnach, Dragica Ferenčak
Sold by Mary Miklavčič, Joe Gosgnach

Štrudel

Terezija Sarjaš, Tončka & Franc Smodiš, Vera
Gonza, Dragica Ferenčak, Milka & Karol Ferko,
Milena Krušič, Pamela Gosgnach, Terezija
Pučko, **Sliced by** Heidy Novak

Krofe

Jožica Vegelj, Pamela Gosgnach, Nancy
Dundek-Taylor, Gizela Hauzar, Zorka Rev

Pecivo table

Milka Ferko, Angela Antolin, Majda Lukežič,
Francka Antolin, Albina Antolin

Purchasing supplies

Kitchen staff, Tony Horvat, Sidonia & Bob
Poppa, Heidy Novak, Mary Miklavčič, Milka &
Karol Ferko, Vera Gonza, Tončka & Franc
Smodiš



Printing, advertising, signage, announcements

Fr Drago Gačnik, MaryAnn Demšar, Heidi Novak

Photography

Fr Drago Gačnik, Angela Kobe, Mr. Boris Lukežič, Dan Labricciosa

Penny sale, 50/50

Sidonia Poppa, Frances Scarcelli, Elka Peršin, Sonya Podrebarac

Raffle table

Daniela Pavlič, Tončka Smodiš

Children's Centre Rosary table

Alyssa Dundek-Taylor, Mary Ann Demšar, Heidi Novak, Amanda McSkimming, Vanessa, Olivia, Nicholas Scarcelli

Set up/clean up

Fr Drago Gačnik, Dragica & Lojze Ferenčak, Albina & Joe Antolin, Sidonia & Bob Poppa, Elka Peršin, Sonya & Anthony Podrebarac, MaryAnn Demšar, Heidi Novak, Terezija Sarjaš, Pamela Gosgnach, Nancy Dundek-Taylor, Milka & Karol Ferko, Majda Lukežič, Francka Antolin, Sam & Daniela Pavlič, Mary Miklavčič

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Looking forward to seeing you at our CWL jubilee celebration on Sunday, November 25th and at our next bazaar in 2019!





ŽELIMO SE POVEZATI

Poročilo odbora Ženske Zveze

Zbrale smo se tudi me **22. februarja prvič**. Tedaj je bila udeležba skromna, a prišle so le. Drugi sestanek je bil pa zelo lep. Vršil se je **11. marca**. Otvorila ga je gospa Frkulova iz Toronta. Lepe ideje nam je dala, odprla nam je vrata v novi svet. Namen naše združitve je, da bi pomagale vsem za katere koli bi zvedele. Predvsem imamo v mislih: otroke in bolnike. Rade bi jih vsaj z dobro besedo opogumile za življenje, če jim že materjalno ne bi mogle.

Vse druge ste iskreno vabljeni na naše sestanke in katera hoče, vsaka lahko postane članica. Voditi hočemo same vse in od vsake bo predlog dobrodošel, saj s tem se bomo tudi med seboj bolj spoznale. Gospod župnik nam bo rad dal prostore, a sodeloval ne bo, ker to je naša ženska stvar. Ako ga bomo vprašale za nasvet, vem da nam ga ne bo odrekel. Glede sestankov smo soglasno sprejele predlog za vsak prvi ponedeljek v mesecu.

Torej naslednji sestanek bo 1. aprila ob 7.30 zvečer, čeprav je razvno na prvega aprila. Vabljeni vsaka, ki hoče priti.

Na zadnjem sestanku nas je bilo okrog 30 navzočih. Na nasvet gospe Frkulpve smo kar takoj izvolile prvi odbor. Izvoljene so bile sledeče gospe:
 Predsednica: Jožica Šuštaršič - Podpredsednica: Pavla Pelcar - Tajnica: Marija Vode - Blagajničarka: Marija Brancelj - Svetovalke odbornice so pa: Elizabeta Ferko - Elizabeta Ftičar - Elizabeta Farkaš - Lojzka Saje - Elizabeta Tanko - Marija Žerdin - po alfabetnem redu.

Vse želimo novemu odboru uspeha pri vodstvu slovenskega ženstva v Hamiltonu.

Lep pozdrav vsem drugim od prvih članic Ženske Zveze z željo, da se nam pridružijo na prihodnjem sestanku v čim večjem številu.

Za odbor Ž.Z. Tajnica Marija Vode

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Response:

Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Despite the rejection of God by the leaders of the people, God engineers their return after exile through the unexpected agency of the Persian king, Cyrus.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God's love is so great that even when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life in Christ.

Gospel John 3:14-21

A simple statement says so much: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

"God loved the world so much."

Illustration

Ancient Israelites were fascinated by the colour red. This came from the importance they gave to blood. They knew that blood was essential for life and they believed that life was somehow contained in blood. Loss of blood meant loss of life. The colour red therefore became symbolic of life and, occasionally, death. Thus Aaron, Moses' brother and first high priest, sprinkled the people with water (another life-giving symbol), using red wool.

The background to the image used in today's Gospel is a story from the book of Numbers, about the rebellious Israelites in the desert. When bitten by serpents, they were cured of fatal injuries by gaz-



ing upon a bronze representation of a fiery serpent. The story is unusual because it is about graven images, which were strictly forbidden in Jewish culture. That aside, their healing of those who had been bitten by real serpents most likely draws on bronze being a red metal – well, almost red. Today's Gospel draws heavily on that image. The connection may not seem obvious to us, but people in Jesus' own time would have easily understood the imagery. Of course, Jesus refers first and foremost to himself. He, the Son of Man, must be lifted up, just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and an expert in the scriptures, would most certainly have understood Jesus' point.

Gospel Teaching

All three readings today bear witness to what the Ephesians passage calls God's generous mercy: "when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ". It speaks of God's action in transforming humans. The letter is short on detail, but the first reading, from the second book of Chronicles, provides plenty. The two books of Chronicles figure rarely in our Sunday and feast day

liturgies – there’s one passage apiece from these two books. This passage describes the successive infidelities of the Israelites, from the heads of the priesthood to the most ordinary of people, until there was nothing to distinguish them from other nations. It was only a matter of time before the Temple was destroyed and the people taken into exile. It all looked hopeless – until God took the initiative and restored God’s people to a new life, with a reconstructed Temple. The real surprise, however, was that God’s chosen agent in this was a Gentile, King Cyrus of Persia.

Ephesians’ arguments may be difficult to digest; Chronicles’ story may appear remote, set in a past we can scarcely glimpse; but Jesus’ words are neither remote nor dense. Jesus likens his own lifting up to Moses lifting the bronze serpent, and says that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life; and then he drops the bombshell: “God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.”

Application

God’s purpose is revealed: to save, not to destroy the world. We must be careful about the phrase “God sent his Son”. This cannot mean that God commanded his Son to die a horrible death. What kind of God could do so? The Gospel, however, does not say that the Father sent his Son: rather it says “God sent his Son”. The Son is God, the Father is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. So the phrase “God sent” is the collective commitment to humanity that God – Father, Son and Spirit – made: to enter human existence as God in human form. So Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary, is the visible expression of God who saves the world.

Lent is often thought of as a mournful season – but it can be a season of joy too. Today’s readings

make clear why this is so. It is about reflecting more and more deeply on God’s infinite love, directed at our salvation, at our living the life of God to its fullest. Now that’s a cause for joy. It is, of course, a season of penance. This too can be something positive. We do not try to win God’s favour, or persuade God that we deserve God’s love, because we can never deserve God’s love. Our Lenten penances can draw us more fully into that great mystery of God’s love. We can be positively bursting with joy at the thought that God, Father, Son and Spirit, loves us so much that God is prepared to go to such great lengths to give us life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DIOCESE

Mass of Chrism

All are welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Crosby at the annual Diocesan Mass of Chrism on **Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. During this Mass Oil for the Sick and for Catechumens will be blessed. Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. All Priests present for the Mass will renew their Priestly Commitments in the presence of the Bishop and the lay faithful of the Diocese.

Is your child preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year?

Wondering how you can help them at home? Visit www.hamiltondiocese.com and find Information for Parents under “Catechesis Office”. We have videos with practical suggestions and helpful info for parents of children with special needs. We’re here to help!

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKJE VAJE

V četrtek, 15. marca, so pevske vaje za župnijski mešani pevski zbor in sicer po večerni maši. Peli bomo pri maši, 18. marca ob 10:00 a.m. skupaj z angleškim zborom.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ **March 11 - Sunday: St. Gregory the Great - Mass at 10:00 a.m. (CHANGE!) and Občni zbor** after Mass, at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish upper hall.
- ♦ 18. marec-nedelja: **Triglav** - Annual Membership Meeting
- ♦ 18. marec-nedelja: **Društvo sv. Jožefa - Banquet**; Maša ob 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ 25. marec-nedelja: **Sava** - 12:00 maša
- ♦ 25. marec-nedelja: **Triglav** - maša ob 4:00 p.m. v cerkvi St. John the Divine

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ♦ 11. marec 10:00 a.m.: Maks in Jožica Pavličič
- ♦ 18. marec 10:00 a.m.: Peter Novak, Danny Demšar

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - OBVESTILA

St. Joseph Society 2018 membership is now due. The new membership Convenor is Tony Ferko and he will be available at Sunday Mass to accept our \$15 membership fee and issue your card. New members are welcome!



Annual St. Joseph's Banquet will be held Sunday, March 18th. Please contact **Peter Novak 905 928-9984 for tickets**.

Tickets can be purchased on Sundays be-

fore or after mass or Tuesday nights in the Villa. Deadline for tickets is Friday March 16th. **No sales at the door!!!**

FISH FRY - GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 30TH

Obveščamo Vas, da bomo, na Veliki petek, 30. marca 2018, po obredih v cerkvi, učiteljice in otroci slovenske šole v zgornji župnijski dvorani prodajali pohane ribe in krompir. Prosimo, da čimprej kupite »karte«, ker bo pri vhodu na razpolago samo omejeno število kart. Karte (tickets) boste lahko kupili ob nedeljskih mašah ali pa si jih rezervirate tudi po telefonu: Sandy Ferletič (905-977-8464) ali po elektronski pošti: sferletic@gmail.com. Cena paketa (ribe, krompirček in pijača) je **\$15**. Vljudno Vas vabimo, da pridete in se pogostite. S tem boste pomagali našim učencem zbirati potrebna finančna sredstva za šolo.



The teachers and students of Slovenian School will be selling fish and chips in the upper hall after the Good Friday Service on March 30th. Limited tickets available at the door so please get your tickets as soon as possible! We sell out every year so make sure you reserve early!!! You will be helping our school children raise funds for their school.

The best way to ensure you get your tickets is by contacting Sandy Ferletic by email at sferletic@gmail.com or by phone at (905) 977-8464. Tickets are \$15 and include one drink. We will also be selling tickets after some Masses.

We thank you in advance for your

generosity and cooperation. We hope to see you soon on Good Friday!

KITCHEN SECRETS

To all our Cooking enthusiasts - our next "Kitchen Secrets" cooking session is taking place on Saturday March 24. We will be making Pierogies and welcome those interested in participating. I have 4 spots left, so please contact me as I will be filling the class on a first come first serve basis. Also, we have had a lot of interest in making Krofe - this session will take place on May 26th and it too is almost full. You can email me directly at novakh@sympatico.ca if you are interested in attending, or if you have any recipe ideas you would like to see on our kitchen agenda. Remember, Eating is a necessity, but cooking is an art, and with us - a lot of fun! *Heidy*

KONZULARNE URE v TORONTU

Slovensko Veleposlaništvo obvešča, da bodo konzularne ure v Torontu, 747 Browns Line, II. Nadstrpje v sredo, **28. marca** od 3:00 p.m. do 6:30 p.m.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

V spomin za +Tereso Drvarič za gradbeni sklad daruje \$50 Jožica Recek.

Gertrude Korošec daruje \$50 za cerkev.

Hvala vsem za vaš dar. Bog vam povrni.

VELIKONOČNA POŠTA

Danes imate v kuvertah potrdilo za Income Tax, pismo in kuverto za Veliko noč,

prijavnico in kuverto za spomladanski banket. Če se vam zdi, da je kakšna pomota pri Inocme Tax mi sporočite; prav tako sporočite ali na nedeljski kuverti popravite, če ste morda v tem času spremenili svoj naslov ali telefonsko številko.

Za lanski Božič in Veliko noč sem opazil, da ste nekateri uporabili kuverto odpredlanjskega leta. Če bi vpisali vaše darove po številkah na kuverti, bi od marsikoga šla darovana vsota k drugemu, ker se številke kuvert menjajo vsako leto. K sreči sem opazil in potem sem moral vpisati vsakega po imenu in priimku, kar pa je precej bolj zamudno. Letos sem na nalepko napisal tudi letnico, da vemo, da je kuverta od letošnjega leta in ne kakšna iz prejšnjih let. Hvala za razumevanje.



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 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 11. 3. 2018
do 18. 3. 2018

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

4. POSTNA NEDELJA 11. MAREC Benedikt, škof	Za žive in rajne župljane † Janez Kosednar † Jože Pust Občni zbor - General Meeting	10:00 A.M. 11:15 NOON	Žena z družino Družina Pust Župnijska dvorana
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 12. MAREC <i>Justina, red.</i>	†† Francka in Gašper Karlin	8:00 A.M.	Jožica Novak
TOREK - TUESDAY 13. MAREC <i>Kristina, dev-muč.</i>	Po namenu (13/28) † Jože Hanc Po namenu	7:00 P.M.	Ana Tadič Marija Škrget (Montreal) Bortolotto
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 14. MAREC <i>Matilda, kraljica</i>	† Tilka Vengar, 2. obl. † Franc Raduha † Jože Hanc	7:00 P.M.	Rose Marie in Tony Vengar Frank Borovič z družino (Cle.) Družina Raduha
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 15. MAREC <i>Artemij, redovnik</i>	† Teresa Drvarič V dober namen Bogu v zahvalo	7:00 P.M.	Aranka Dundek Aranka Dundek Bortolotto
PETEK FRIDAY 16. MAREC <i>Frančiška rimska, red.</i>	Križev pot † Slavko Štern, obl. † Jože Hanc † Ignac Korošec Po namenu (28/30)	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Stations of the Cross Žena z družino Marija Korošec z družino Jože in Cilka Horvat Ana Tadič
SOBOTA SATURDAY 17. MAREC <i>Patrik, škof</i> <i>Jedrt, devica</i>	† Drago Kornhauzer † Franc Raduha † Franc Raduha † Franc Raduha † Jože Hanc † Jože Hanc	8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Gizela Hauzar Roza in Ante Čule Društvo sv. Jožefa (4) Ivan in Ana Nedelko Ivan in Ana Nedelko Joe in Vera Lackovič
5. POSTNA TIHA NEDELJA 18. MAREC Ciril Jeruzalemski, šk.	Za žive in rajne župljane † Slavko Štern, obl. † Florian Miklavčič † Jožef in Marija Heric † Jože Hanc BANKET DRUŠTVA SV. JOŽEFA	10:00 A.M. 12:00 NOON	Sonya Podrebarac z druž. Žena z družino Hčerka Franc in Vera Marič Župnijska dvorana