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**21. NEDELJA  
MED LETOM**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## Hoditi za Jezusom, naloga življenja

*Danes nam evangelij predstavi konec 6. poglavja pri Janezu, to je zadnje takte pogovora, ki je sledil Jezusovemu govoru o kruhu življenja. Konec pogovora nas razočara, ker ga mnogi učenci niso sprejeli in so se umaknili. Vendar pa je v njem tudi čudovita Petrova izpoved vere. Evangelij je pripravilo prvo berilo, ki govori o prizadevanju judovskega ljudstva, da ne bi zapustilo Gospoda, da bi sledilo drugim bogovom. Ob tej priložnosti se ljudstvo ne umakne, ampak se obveže. Drugo berilo, ki je vzeto iz pisma Efežanom, govori o odnosih med možem in ženo, za katere je značilna medsebojna podreitev in velika ljubezen.*



*Prvo berilo nam poroča, da je Jozue po zavzetju obljubljenе dežele zbral vse Izraelove rodove v Sihemu. Sklical je ljudstvo in ga postavil pred izbiro med služenjem Gospodu in služenjem drugim bogovom. Ljudstvo je odgovorilo: »Daleč od nas bodi, da bi zapustili Gospoda in služili drugim bogovom.«*

*Ko ljudstvo prizna, da ga je Gospod rešil, se obveže: »Gospod je naš Bog, on je izpeljal nas in naše očete iz egiptovske dežele, iz hiše sužnosti, in je pred našimi očmi delal ta velika znamenja, nas varoval na vsej poti, po kateri smo hodili.« »Tudi mi bomo služili Gospodu, kajti naš Bog je!«*

*Evangeljski odlomek nam predstavi bolj zapleten položaj, na koncu pa Peter izpove svojo izpoved vere: »Gospod, h komu naj gremo? Besede večnega življenja imaš in mi trdno verujemo in vemo, da si ti Sveti, Božji.« To je čudovita izpoved vere, obveza za zvesto hojo za Jezusom.*

*Toda prej jih veliko ni sprejelo Jezusovega govora o kruhu življenja; njegove besede so se jim zdele trde. Niso razumeli, da je bilo to, kar se jim je zdelo trdo, v resnici zahteva ljubezni. V nekem drugem odlomku je Jezus rekel: »Vzemite moj jarem nase (...). Moj jarem je prijeten in moje breme je lahko« (Mt 11,29-30). Jezusov jarem je jarem ljubezni.*

V govoru o kruhu življenja je izražena Jezusova velika ljubezen. Gre za ljubezen, ki zahteva, da jo vračamo z veliko zavzetostjo, kajti ljubezen je zahtevna. Vendar gre za zahteve, ki preskrbijo lepo, rodovitno življenje in dajejo globoko veselje.

Jezus z žalostjo pravi svojim poslušalcem: »To vam je v spotiko? Med vami so nekateri, ki ne verujejo.« Jezus ve, kdo ga bo izdal. Njegov dar ljubezni trči ob zaprtost, nasprotovanje in zavrnitev; toda on ne odneha. »Ker je vzljubil svoje, ki so bili na svetu, (je) tem izkazal ljubezen do konca« (Jn 13,1).

Zaradi tega mu Peter lahko reče: »Besede večnega življenja imaš in mi trdno verujemo in vemo, da si ti Sveti, Božji.« Kdor zapusti Jezusa, ne more najti drugega odrešenika, ampak je izgubljen, je v slepi ulici.

V drugem berilu Efežanom Pavel govori o odnosih v družini, zlasti pa o odnosih med možem in ženo: »Iz strahospoštovanja do Kristusa se podrejte drug drugemu.« To je kristjanova temeljna drža. Jezus, ki je postal pokoren do smrti, je za nas zasnoval pot velikodušne pokorščine. Ta medsebojna podrejenost ni suženjstvo prav zaradi tega, kar je vzajemno. Brez podrejenosti ni prave ljubezni, ker ta ni mogoča brez edinosti volje, če pa smo navezani na svojo voljo in nočemo popustiti, pomeni, da odklanjamo, da bi ljubili drugega. Zavedati se moramo torej lepote medsebojne podrejenosti, biti moramo pozorni na želje in potrebe drugih in sprejeti te želje in potrebe kot priložnost za rast v ljubezni.

Na začetku je ljubiti lahko, ker narava sama zbuja ljubezensko predanost. Po določenem času pa obstaja nevarnost, da se ta ljubezen zmanjša ali pa celo usahne. Nasprotno pa je kristjanov ideal rast ljubezni, ki nima samo navdušenega značaja začetkov, pač pa postaja vedno bolj globoka in pristna; takšne ljubezni, ki vsebuje vidik predanosti, potrpežljivosti, odpustčanja; ljubezni, ki je v resnici podobna ljubezni Kristusa, ki je bil z nami tako potrpežljiv in usmiljen in nas je ljubil kljub našim grehom.

Kristusov načrt za Cerkev je, da jo posveti, da jo po krstu očisti, »tako da bi sam postavil predse veličastno Cerkev, brez madeža, gube ali česa podobnega, da bo sveta in brezmadežna«.

- (prim. Oznanjevalec 2003, št. 3)

**Response:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

The people chose to serve the Lord and recognised all that God had done for them.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

Christ is the head of the Church and each of us are faithful members of the one body.

**Gospel:** John 6:60-69

Jesus' teachings can be difficult to accept. Do we, like St Peter, recognise him as the Holy One of God?

*“The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.”*



### Illustration

Most of us are familiar with the story of The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien. It is a fantasy tale about the great struggle between good and evil and the roles that different nations and characters play within this battle. In the early stages of the story the Fellowship of the Ring is first formed to carry out the task of destroying the One Ring to prevent it from being used for evil purposes. This is an extremely dangerous task, bordering on foolhardy, but the first to offer his support is Aragorn, the rightful king of Gondor. He says to Frodo, the diminutive hobbit tasked with carrying the ring: “If by my life or death I can protect you, I will. You have my sword.” This starts a chain reaction of each member of the Fellowship stepping forward to pledge themselves to the



apostles chose faithfulness and service in their time.

## Application

So, what does all this mean for us today? Well, each of us is confronted with a choice. Do we choose to follow God, or are we led along by the culture of our time and place? Do we accept the hard teachings of Jesus, or do we take the easier road and walk away? Do we choose truth and goodness, or do we allow our hearts to succumb to the evil and darkness of this world? And we do not merely make this choice once in our lives. We make this choice day by day and moment by moment.

cause of making sure that Frodo reaches Mordor to destroy the ring. It is Aragorn's pledge to abide by the fellowship and carry out the task that sets in motion the great adventure that follows.

## Gospel Teaching

We see a parallel of this pledge in today's Gospel. Jesus' teachings are hard and many of the disciples were not able to accept them. So, they left Jesus and returned to their former lives. The way of the cross and the narrow road were too difficult. But Peter, like Aragorn, is willing to accept the challenge and even more importantly, he is ready to accept the truth. The Twelve realised how difficult it was but were compelled to stay. Just like the Fellowship of the Ring knew that their mission was fraught with danger but were compelled to confront evil and do what was right. Peter says, "To whom shall we go?", because once we have the truth in our grasp how can we turn to anything else?

The twelve tribes of Israel came to the same conclusion back in Joshua's time. When he bluntly asks them to decide there and then if they are going to continue to serve the Lord, we see that they were not willing to abandon themselves to the ways of their surrounding culture. They chose to stay the course, to serve the Lord, and not forget what God had done for them. In the same way, the twelve

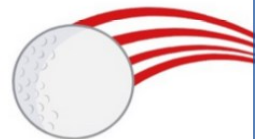
We might respond by saying that Joshua is not standing in front of us now asking us to decide. But the call to serve the Lord is present in every generation. The Israelites were living in a foreign land with strange customs and competing gods. Is our culture and technology not similar in offering us counter-Christian views and constant distractions? It is up to each of us to make the active decision to put down our smartphone or turn off our television and direct our minds to God. This may be just a simple prayer, or some time contemplating nature or attending Mass, but let us not take these things for granted but strive to choose God every day.

Or we might also respond by saying that Jesus was talking to his disciples two thousand years ago, not directly to us today. But did Jesus not say that whatever you do for the least of these you do for me? By choosing to help the person in need we are choosing to follow the Master. This is not always easy or convenient, but it is the way of accompanying Jesus. Through our daily acts of love and kindness we are again choosing to serve the Lord. And to whom else would we go? Once we recognise Jesus as "the Holy One of God" we are united in our quest. And just like the Fellowship of the Ring, we remain steadfast in our service of the Lord and each other.

# BLED HALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY  
SEPT. 14TH**

 **Cardinal Lakes**  
Golf Course  
105 South Pelham Rd Welland, On



## Registration (please print):

GOLFER #1: _____	EMAIL: _____
GOLFER #2: _____	EMAIL: _____
GOLFER #3: _____	EMAIL: _____
GOLFER #4: _____	EMAIL: _____

Registration with lunch: 12pm  
Shotgun Start (Heron Course): 1pm  
Longest Drive ~ Closest to Pin  
Putting Challenge



**\$150 Per Golfer**  
Includes: 18 holes + cart + lunch + dinner  
*50/50 ~ Door Prizes ~ Raffle*  
**\$40 Dinner Only**  
*\*\*Dinner to follow at Bled Hall*

**BLED** Slovenian Cultural Club  
4650 South Service Road, Beamsville, ON



e-Transfer : [payments@bled.ca](mailto:payments@bled.ca)  [BLED.CA](http://bled.ca)



Dobrodošli/Welcome

# Back to Šola!!



Register online at:

[www.stcharles.ca/ilreg](http://www.stcharles.ca/ilreg)

Classes Start on Saturday  
September 21, 2024

**Questions? Contact Sandy Ferletic**

email: [sferletic@gmail.com](mailto:sferletic@gmail.com) (preferred)

Tel: 905-977-8464



## 2024 SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

2024 Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation Awards Application Now Available. The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation was created to provide students of Slovenian-Canadian descent, residing within the Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, and Niagara regions, the opportunity to be recognized for their academic achievements, community involvement, and appreciation of their Slovenian heritage.

Select applicants will be granted a monetary award in the form of a scholarship or bursary from the foundation. The presentation of awards will be held on **September 22, 2024** at **St. Gregory's Fall Banquet**.

Application forms are available via email request to Teresa Zupancič at

[teresa.zupancic@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.zupancic@gmail.com).

Completed application packages must be submitted via email to [teresa.zupancic@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.zupancic@gmail.com) by 9:00 p.m. on Friday August 23, 2024 for award consideration.

Please forward any questions to Teresa at 905-930-7545 or Irene Glavač Petrič at

[glavacpetric@gmail.com](mailto:glavacpetric@gmail.com).



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

# Mladi Glas Planika 50th Anniversary celebration

“VESELICA STYLE”



## Saturday October 12, 2024



FEATURING

PLUS 6 GUEST  
DANCE GROUPS  
FROM USA AND  
CANADA!



Ansambl  
**Saša Avsenika**

**Anapolis Lithuanian Cultural Center**  
**2185 Stavebank Rd, Mississauga Ont.**

Doors open 3pm

19+: ~~\$30~~ *Early Bird special \$25 until September 15!*

4-18: \$20

3 and under: free



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URAD VLADE RS ZA SLOVENCE V  
ZAMEJSTVU IN PO SVETU

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code below or contact Mary Kure at 416 951 6124 or [kuremaria@gmail.com](mailto:kuremaria@gmail.com)



Eventbrite.ca - Mladi Glas



Slovenski Park Presents

# **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT WEEKEND**

**AUG 31ST - SEPT 2ND**

*Saturday Aug 31st*

**SOFTBALL ROUND ROBIN  
DJ JASON @ NIGHT  
KITCHEN AND BAR OPEN**

*Sunday Sept 1st*

**SOFTBALL FINALS  
MASS @ 1PM  
KITCHEN AND BAR OPEN  
SLO BEAT BAND @ NIGHT**

**TO REGISTER:**

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**MIKE TRIGIANI - MTRIG75@GMAIL.COM**

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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Slovenski Pak** - Labour Day Weekend - Baseball Tour. - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **Sept 7<sup>th</sup> - MIDLAND**
- **Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - Bled** - Golf Tournament
- **Sept 15<sup>st</sup> - London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m. - at St. John the Divine Church
- **Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Društvo sv. Jožefa** - Bocce tournament
- **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - St. Gregory the Great** - Fall Banquet - **60 years of the Parish** - Mass: 10 a.m.

## BRALCI - READERS:

August 25 - Sidonia Poppa  
September 1 - Slovenian  
September 8 - Rita Bartula

## MIDLAND

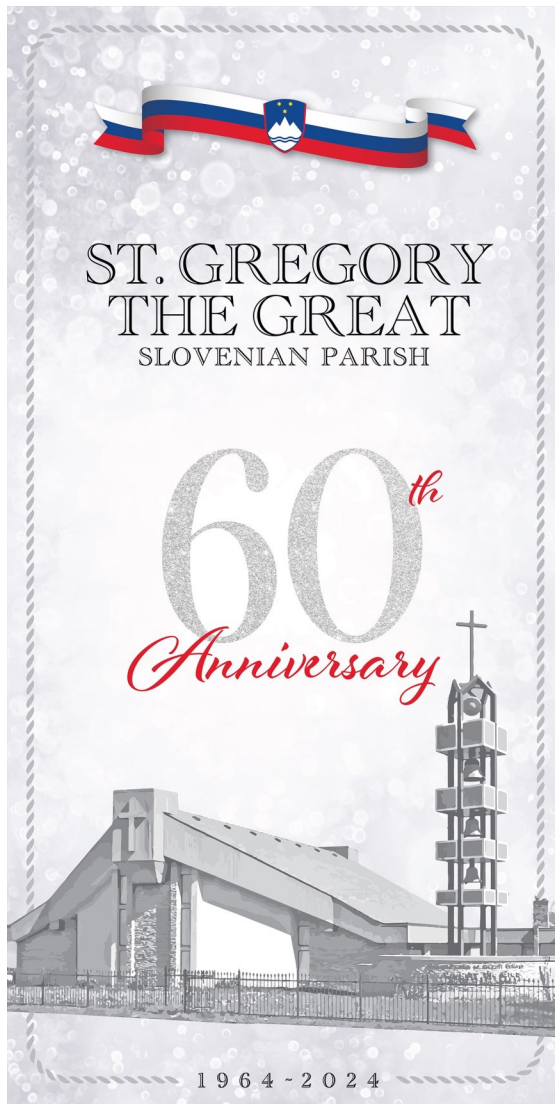
Slovensko romanje v Midland bo v soboto, 7. septembra. - Najprej je komemoracija pri slovenskem križu, nato križev pot zunaj ob postajah križevega pota in ob 12:00 noon sveta maša v cerkvi kanadskih mučencev.

## BARAGA DAYS 2024

The annual Baraga Days, celebrating the life and labors of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, will be held from September 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> in the diocese of Gaylord, Michigan!

The event will be hosted by the Bishop Baraga Association (BBA) and The Diocese of Gaylord.

This event is an opportunity to know this saintly man to celebrate his work and provides an opportunity for all to learn about Bishop Frederic Baraga.



# BREAKFAST IS BACK AT SLOVENSKI PARK!

**Pre-order/Pre-pay - etransfer to Heidi Rumohr  
fitrumohrs@gmail.com Password: Slovenski**

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST BREAKFAST MENU** 8:00AM - 10:00 AM

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| 1) Bacon, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich ( includes Coffee) | \$6.00 |
| 2) Everything above PLUS add a hashbrown to make a combo     | \$7.00 |
| 3) Orange juice or coffee                                    | \$1.00 |
| 4) Krofe (Jam filled donut)                                  | \$3.00 |

Skip the drive to Tim Horton's and enjoy BREAKFAST served at Slovenski Park!



## **MARMORA - 8. SEPTEMBER**

Bus pilgrimage from Hamilton to MARMORA is taking place on Sunday, September 8, 2024 to honour Our Blessed Mother's Birthday.

The Holy Mass will take place at St. Gregory the Great church at 8:00 a.m.



Pick up is at St. Gregory's parking lot at 8:45 a.m., and also pick up at Burlington GO station on Fairview Street is at 9:20 a.m. We will return around 8:00 p.m.

Cost for the bus is \$55.00 per person and must be pre-paid before Sunday, Sep. 1, 2024. For Reservations call Catharine at 905-318-2242 or Angela at 905-930-7442 ASAP.



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

Božnar	Ann Louise	August 26, 2021
Hauzar	Drago	August 27, 1996
Udovč	Magda	August 27, 2021
Perhavec	Štefica	August 28, 1995
Slobodnik	Alojzij	August 28, 2016
Berkopec	Anne	August 29, 1989
Dorenčec	Joseph	August 29, 1996
Ferletič	Darinka	August 29, 2010
Svoljšak	Marjan	August 29, 2023
Yeric (Jerič)	Terezija	August 30, 2021
Lobo	Lyn Lynessa	August 31, 2016
Zorko	Alojz	September 1, 2005
Šušteršič	Josephine	September 1, 2022



DOM BOSCO

**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

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<p><b>21. NEDELJA</b> <b>MED LETOM</b> 25. AVGUST <b>21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN OT</b> <i>Ludvik, kralj</i> <i>Patricija, devica</i></p>	<p>† † † ††</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Monika Gašpar Ignac in Olga Karl in Alojz Volčanšek, obl.</p>	<p>10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>----- John Božnar z družino Agnes Perkič Marija Volf Sandra Koprivc</p>
<p><b>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY</b> 26. AVGUST <i>Tarzicij, mučenec</i></p>		<p>V zahvalo Materi Mariji</p>	<p>7:00 P.M</p>	<p>Ivka Pašalić</p>
<p><b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b> 27. AVGUST <i>Monika, mati sv. Avguščina</i></p>	<p>† †</p>	<p>Monika Gašpar Udovč Magda, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Družina Gašpar N. N.</p>
<p><b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b> 28. AVGUST <i>Avguštin, šk-c. učitelj</i></p>	<p>†† †</p>	<p>Francka in Ivanka Martin Tompa</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Sestra Jožica Novak z družino Mike in Marjana Milkovič</p>
<p><b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b> 29. AVGUST <i>Janezk Krstnik, mučenec</i></p>	<p>† † †† †</p>	<p>Marjan Svoljšak, obl. Marjan Svoljšak, obl. Tilka in Anton Vengar Janez Žvan</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Žena z družino Sinova David in Franc z mamo Družina Svoljšak Družina Svoljšak</p>
<p><b>PETEK - FRIDAY</b> 30. AVGUST <i>Feliks, mučenec</i></p>	<p>† † †</p>	<p>Darinka Ferletič, obl. Karl Volčanšek Alojz Volčanšek</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Peter in Josie Verhovšek z dr. Sandra Koprivec Sandra Koprivec</p>
<p><b>SOBOTA - SATURDAY</b> 31. AVGUST <i>Pavlin, škof</i> <i>Jožef in Nikodem, svetopi- semska moža</i></p>	<p>† †† † † † †† †† †</p>	<p>Joe Lackovič Za duše v vicah Štefan Hozjan (Coptown) Ignac Tkalec (New Market) Pavlo Zulič Pok. iz družine Malevič Pok. Iz druž. Oberman Joe Ivan Prša</p>	<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Žena z družino Marija Košir Marija Korošec z družino Marija Korošec z družino Ana Plosinjak Družina Malevič Družina Malevič Družina Mes</p>
<p><b>22. NEDELJA</b> <b>MED LETOM</b> 1. SEPTEMBER <b>22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN OT</b> <i>Angelska nedelja</i> <i>Brezjanska Mati Božja</i></p>	<p>† † † †† † †† †</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Lojze Muhič Alojz Zorko, obl. Darinka Ferletič, obl. Pokojni člani društva Monika Gašpar Franc in Slavka Mramor Janez Adamič</p>	<p>10:00 A.M.    1:00 P.M.</p>	<p>----- Jože Gimpelj Milan in Sandy Ferletič Milan in Sandy Ferletič Slovenski Park Družina Gašpar Sin Frank z družino Hči Lorie Mramor z družino</p>