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»Vstani in jej!«

Sodobni človek je bil, vsaj do nedavnega, zelo samozavesten. Dosegel je večje uspehe, kot so jih včasih opisovali v domišljijskih zgodbah. Veličina človeka pa ni samo v znanstvenih in tehničnih uspehih, ampak naj bi bila predvsem v razvoju njegove človeškosti. A prav tega mu vedno bolj manjka. Ob velikih porazih današnjega človeka na skoraj vseh področjih njegovega delovanja pa je sposobnejši prisluhniti drugačni besedi o drugačni poti in drugačnih silah.

V prvem berilu je lepa starozavezna podoba te božje moči, ki jo človek potrebuje, če hoče res polno živeti, če hoče priti do svojega končnega cilja. »Elija je,« pravi besedilo, »sedel pod bičevje in si želel umreti.« Koliko strahu in obupa nad življenjem je danes. »Dovolj mi je: zdaj, Gospod, vzemi moje življenje!« Take in podobne misli, se tudi nam včasih prikradejo. Poleg tega pa se čutmo nebogljene in brez moči, kot se je čutil Elija, ko je vzkliknil: »Nisem boljši ko moji očetje,« potem pa je utrujen in obupan legel in zaspal. Bog hoče, da človek živi po svoji vesti v vsakem času in okolju. Seveda tega ne bi zmogli sami: »Vstani in jej,« spodbuja Bog preroka prek svojega poslanca. Pomembna starozavezna podoba omenja kruh ali podpepelnjak. Kruh življenja je torej božja volja. A ni bila dovolj njegova enkratna jed. Še je moral jesti in se dobro okrepiti: »Vstani in jej! Sicer bo pot zate predolga.« Ko se je dodobra okrepil z božjo močjo, je mogel izvršiti svoje poslanstvo preroka in je, kot zaključuje berilo, »potoval v moči tiste jedi... do božje gore«.

V evangeliju nam sam Kristus pravi: »Jaz sem kruh, ki je prišel iz nebes,« kruh, hrana, moč za nas in naše življenje. Jezusovi sorodniki so se čudili tem njegovim besedam in se celo pohujševali nad njimi ter govorili: »Ali ni to Jezus, Jožefov sin... Kako sedaj ta govori: Iz nebes sem prišel?« Tako bi lahko rekli, da mnogi tudi danes, Jezusovih besed o sebi kot kruhu našega življenja, ne jemljejo resno. Število tistih, ki se bodo odzvali Kristusovemu vabilu h gostiji življenja, evharistiji, bo nedvomno soodločalo o usodi sveta. Kruh našega vsakdanjega in večnega življenja, Kristus! Vzbujaj nam lakoto po tebi, sai si edini odrešenik.

A great week at our 15th annual Slovenian Summer Day Camp!

Last week, our **Slovenian Summer Day camp** celebrated it's **15**th **season of fun, laughter and friendships.** With 41 campers, 16 leaders and 5 adults helping out throughout the week – we had 62 parishioners involved in our summer camp this year! God Blessed our camp with a fabulous week of sunshine so that we could enjoy a great time together.

As always our week included crafts, sports, food and a number of surprises. With a magic/trick show, an ice cream truck, the bouncy castle, cotton candy, carnival games ... what more could we ask for? Well, this year, the highlight of our week had to be the "Bubble Soccer" we played games, had races, bounced and knocked each other around. Everyone enjoyed this event!





I would like to send out a thank you to many people and groups who helped make our week possible.



To our leaders – Thank you for lending a helping hand!

Adam Antolin, Jan Janiak, Amanda Novak, Joel Antolin, Leah Skerl, Jessica Novak, Adam DiFrancesco, Amalia Lukežič, Nicholas Scarcelli, Christopher Dunn, Izzy Marinčič, Vanessa Scarcelli, Chloe Ferko, Maya Marinčič, Sofia Labricciosa, Jason Horvat, Natalie Lynden, Julia Labricciosa,

To our Adult Helpers: Elena Doma, MaryAnn Demšar, Rosemary Sušteršič, Sidonia Poppa.

To our great supporters that we know we can always count on every summer:



Slovenia Credit Union, Catholic Women's League, St. Joseph's Society, Milan Ferletic and a number of our parishioners - From all the campers, leaders, our parents and friends, thank you for all your help and support.



And of course – Thank you to Fr. Drago who always makes time (even when there isn't any) to mingle, laugh, play and love our campers, leaders and friends. You always make everyone feel so special – we hope you know how much we appreciate and love you! THANK YOU!



With the end of our camp, came our annual camper, family and friends BBQ and infamous camper vs. parents/Grandparents soccer game. This year was again a great time. We had 84 parishioners come out to close off our camp week. We even had alumni campers from our very first camp come out and participate - It was a good time for all – thank you to all parents who contributed and helped out with the BBQ – especially our resident chef - Drago Horvat - you always manage to make those hotdogs and sausages taste gourmet!

To give you a guick update on our annual soccer game – this year was a very close game, this may be because they had help from Grandpa Čule on the field – the parents have clearly been working on their skills as they gave the campers a tough time this year. However, with the game



ending in a tie, and a parent handball at the end the game was decided by a penalty kick. Lucky for the campers, Teya Skrban managed to sneak the soccer ball through the goalie's legs (her dad Tom) to score the winning goal for the campers. This makes the tally of wins on the camper vs. parents scoreboard 15-0 for the campers! Better luck next year – hope to see you all again in August 2016.













19TH SUNDAY IN OT

Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah complains that he has suffered enough. God feeds him and sends him on his way.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

We are encouraged to stop our bad behaviour and to follow Jesus' example.

Gospel John 6:41-51

Jesus told the people to stop complaining and to look for real food, the living bread that guarantees eternal life.

"Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that a man may eat it and not die."

Illustration

Have you ever watched a tiny baby suddenly transform itself from a contented bundle of joy into a tear-stained image of utter misery, perhaps because the next meal is overdue? Most parents know only too well that there is no transitional period for reflection. The crying starts without warning, reaches a noisy crescendo and then suddenly stops as the infant begins to feed and an empty tummy is satisfied. Often a single tear remains to remind a mother of her baby's urgent cry for food.

Have you ever seen somebody who is truly hungry? We all know what it is like to feel hungry as we approach the next meal. We may talk of being "starving", but most of us can be confident that this is short-lived. At first, really hungry people clamour

for food, but a time comes when there is no longer the strength or the energy to make a fuss. A terrible, energy-saving, apathy sets in as people struggle to stay alive from one moment to the next. Even the search for food gradually demands too much energy and eventually becomes impossible. In the meantime, they search for food in places that, in better times, they would have refused to consider. Real hunger is agonisingly painful: the body conserves energy by shutting down normal life processes and, one by one, organs begin to fail. The time to be most deeply concerned is when someone is too hungry even to cry, when there is only a silent, helpless, all-consuming longing for food. When that point is reached, people can no longer feed themselves; someone else must provide the food, one tiny morsel at a time.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus had just fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, but they were not satisfied. Having seen one miracle, they wanted more and complained when Jesus refused to perform tricks just to keep them happy. The people were also irritated because Jesus had described himself as "the bread that comes down from heaven". They wanted fresh bread to save themselves the effort of buying or making it. They didn't understand Jesus when he described himself as "bread". They were not cannibals: the idea of seeing him as food was abhorrent. They were unprepared to see that their problem was not physical hunger but spiritual starvation. Jesus recognised the symptoms. He had the remedy and, in theory, his listeners still had the energy to search and accept the life-giving food for their souls. Unfortunately, their concern was more for their stomachs than for eternal life.

The confusion surrounding Jesus' claim to be the "living bread" was understandable. He had introduced a totally new concept. They had never heard of the Eucharist and did not see the connection between Jesus, who stood before them, and the manna that fed the people of Israel in the desert. They did not realise that they stood on the brink of a totally new understanding and way of life. All they had to do was to ask and the answers were available. In their complaining, they missed the point and remained hungry.

Application

Most of us have had the experience of recognising an inner longing that refuses to go away. Sometimes it is difficult to actually identify it: we just know that our hearts are aching for "something". Actually understanding its origin and cause is the first step towards doing something about it. The infant is hungry and cries; its mother provides the necessary food. It is not quite the same in matters of the heart: some needs are easily satisfied, whereas others may take many years, or even a lifetime to fulfil. The inner hunger that gnaws at our lives can drain us of energy too. Having a purpose and knowing what to do and where to go gives us energy. Those who see life as purposeless can become drifters and deeply lonely; others may be able to see that they are searching, but are often unable to help.

Jesus knew that the people who came to listen to him experienced more than one form of hunger. It was easy for him to provide loaves of bread. It was more difficult to show them that their real hunger could only be satisfied by a personal relationship with God. The Eucharist is real food for our journey through life. Jesus saw our spiritual starvation and offered us himself as the bread of life.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 9. avgust: Lipa Park: Music in the Park from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ 15. avgust: Triglav-London: Piknic pevka Brigita Šuler iz Slovenije

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY - DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

Društvo Bocce Tournament: Saturday, August 29th, 2015 - For information contact Frank Erzar @ 905-643-0285

OKTOBERFEST2015: KITCHENER-SAVA

Saturday October 19th.

Bus leaves at 12:00 - noon from St. Gregory's parking lot.

Package includes coach transportation, hall admission, dinner, German dancers entertainment, great music for your listening & dancing, visit to St. Jacob Market, Taxes & Gratuities *all for \$59.00 per person.

Reservations may be now made with full payment by cheque **payable to St. Joseph Society.**

Contacts: Frank Erzar @ 905-643-0285 or Jerry Ponikvar @ 905-333-5813.

Cleveland Polkafest Weekend - November 26-28th, 2015. Details to follow!

SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation organizira **19. letni Scholarship Banquet** in "Fundraiser" v nedeljo, **25. oktobra 2015** v Župnijski dvorani sv. Gregorija Velikega. Zbiranje ob 12:30 popoldne in ob 1:00 p.m. kosilo (Dinner). Slavnostni govornik bo g. Jerry Ponikvar. Prijavnice so ob vhodu v župnijsko cerkev.

Vstopnina za odrase je \$40 in za študente \$25. Rezervacije sprejemajo: Karl Ferko (905-578-5890), Rosemary Pavlič (905-643-7394), Ed Kodarin (905-309-4050), Andy Habjan (905-899-3876) in Irene Glavač Petrič (905-379-3667).

PRINAŠANJE DAROV - AVGUST

Ob nedeljah, v mesecu avgustu, pri slovenski maši darove prinašajo:

- 09. avgust: Aranka & Danny Dundek
- 16. avgust: Jože and Jožica Groznik
- 23. avgust: Toni & Marija Franc

KONZULARNE URE

Slovensko veleposlaništvo v Ottawi sporoča, da bodo naslednje konzularne ure v Torontu prihodnji petek, 14. avgusta 2015 od 15.00 do 19.00 ure.







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.

Od 9. 8. 2015 Do 16. 8. 2015

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

19. NEDELJA MED LETOM 9. AVGUST Terezija, redovnica	Za žive in rajne župljane † Janez Zagorc †† Jernej in Lucija Ponikvar † Albin Žagar	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Frank Erzar z družino Družina Ponikvar Družina Žagar
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 10. AVGUST Lovrenc, diakon, muč.	Bogu v zahvalo	7:00 р.м.	Julija Sagadin
TOREK - TUESDAY 11. AVGUST <i>Klara (Jasna), Suzana</i>	† Pavel Richard Novak † Janez Šušteršič	8:00 a.m.	Družina Kastelic Družina Šušteršič
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 12. AVGUST <i>Ivana Šantalska, red.</i>	† Florijan Miklavčič † Stane Lušin	7:00 р.м.	Družina Antolin Žena Frida
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 13. AVGUST <i>Gertruda, opatinja</i>	† Štefan Gonza	7:00 р.м.	Društvo sv. Jožefa (4)
PETEK - FRIDAY 14. AVGUST Maksimilijan Kolbe, muč.	†† Bratje in sestre Pibrovec Za verne duše v vicah †† Marija in Jože Zelko	7:00 р.м.	Družina Kastelic N.N. Hči Bernarda
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 15. AVGUST MARIJINO VNEBOVZETJE Veliki šmaren	† Paul Richard Novak † Slavko Erzetič, obl. †† Stane in Frančiška Napast V zahvalo Materi Božji † Frank Kukovica		Maryann Kutleša Žena Manja Erzetič Družina Pinter Ignac in Marija Horvat z dr. Slavko Slobodnik z družino
20. NEDELJA MED LETOM 16. AVGUST Rok, spokornik Štefan Ogrski, kralj	za žive in rajne župljane †† Jože in Marija Groznik † Stanko Bratuž † Paurl Richard Novak	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Družina Groznik Žena Matilda Zlatko in Marija Berkovič