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**4. POSTNA
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**4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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Kristus nam prinaša luč

Prvo berilo za današnjo nedeljo je vzeto iz preroka Jeremije iz tako imenovane knjige tolažbe. Slavni prerok je bil priča uničenju Jeruzalema s strani Babiloncev leta 586 pr. Kristusom. Današnji odlomek je eden izmed duhovnih vrhov Stare zaveze. Pogumno predlaga spremembo stare sinajske zaveze in sklenitev »nove zaveze« z Gospodom. Pavel povzema to Jeremijevo oznanilo v pismu Korinčanom (2 Kor 3,3-6) in ves prerokov govor povzema v pismu Hebrejcem, ki je najboljši starozavezni navedek v Novi zavezi (8,8-12). Poudarek je prav na pridevniku »nova«.

Namesto stare »sinajske zaveze«, ki jo je Bog skorajda na politično-vojaški način vzpostavil na Sinaju s svojim »podložnikom« Izraelom, se sedaj vzpostavlja nov odnos, ki je odločno zakoreninjen v »srcu«, to je na zavesti in človekovi notranjosti. Stari, hladni, kamniti tabli nadomesti tabla spremljenega človeškega srca, slovesno izročilo zakona nadomesti notranja »vest«, ki se bliža Bogu z voljo, razumom, srcem in dejanjem. Zakon navdihuje milost, sodbi sledi zmagoslavje odpuščanja, strah se družu z občutkom, ki predstavlja oba »podpisnika« pogodbe, Boga in človeka, kar najtesneje povezuje. Gre za celostno preobrazbo bitja, ki ga napolnjuje Bog. Ta se ne kaže več od daleč, ovit v skrivnostni oblak svoje vzvišene svetosti.

Krščanski bralec zdaj prebira Jeremijevo objlubo v luči Kristusovega križa, v tistem odločilnem trenutku, v katerem je »povzdignjen z zemlje ... vse pritegnil k sebi« (Jn 12,32). Janez imenuje ta odločilni trenutek »Ura« z veliko začetnico: »Prišla je ura ...« Tej »uri« se lahko pridruži vse človeštvo.

Človeštvo prestavljajo k judovstvu spreobrnjeni Grki, ki želijo v Jeruzalemu spoznati Jezusa. Kristus vsem tem, ki želijo razumeti pomen njegove »ure«, pove kratko priliko in jim oznani zakon križa. Začnimo s prepričljivo podobo semena, ki mora umreti. Gre za zelo izvirno razlago prilike o semenu in sejalcu, ki so jo že pripovedovali drugi evangelisti.

Jezus želi razrešiti eno najstrašnejših nasprotij bivanja, tisto med smrtjo in življenjem. Seme prodira v temo zemlje. Razlagalci prvih krščanskih sto-



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

letij so videli v tem simbolični namig na učlovečenje Božjega Sina v temačnem obnebj u zgodovine. Zdi se, da je v zemlji moč semena obsojena na uničenje; seme v njej resnično strohni in umre. In vendar smo priče večnemu presenečenju narave: ko se poleti zlati klasje, spoznamo rodovitno skrivnost te smrti.

Drugič je Jezus poudaril isto misel, ko je začuden obstal pred plodovitim gorčičnim grmom, zraslim iz izredno majhnega semena, ki ga je človek ponevedoma vrgel v zemljo (Mr 4,30-32). Če seme ne bi padlo v zemljo in umrlo, bi ostalo nerodovitno in samo, saj je rodovitno le po trpljenju in smrti. Pavel naobrne Jezusovo podobo na usodo verujočega in nam tako vliva upanje v vstajenje: »Neumnež! Kar ti seješ, ne oživi, če ne umrje. In to, kar vseješ, ni telo, ki bo nastalo, ampak golo zrno (1 Kor 15,36-37).

Jezus vidi, da mu grozi smrt, a je ne slika kot uničujočo pošast. Četudi je tema, čeprav je bolečina, je v Kristusu tajna moč poroda, saj nosi v sebi skrivnost rodovitnosti in vstajenja. V tej luči torej Jezus povzema veliki zakon križa: »Kdor ima rad svoje življenje, ga bo izgubil; kdor pa sovraži svoje življenje na tem svetu, ga bo ohranil za večno življenje« (Jn 12,25). Kdor se oklepa lastnega življenja in ga ima za hladen dragocen kamen, ki ga je treba zapredi v skrinjo lastnega samoljubja, je podoben semenu, ki je zaverovano vase in jalovo. Drugačna pa je usoda onega, ki »sovraži svoje življenje«, ko želi izraziti odpoved samemu sebi: podari tev bližnjemu je ustvarjalna, se spreminja v studelec miru, življenja in sreče. To je umrlo seme, ki kali.

Toda v Jezusovih besedah je še neka druga razsežnost - razsežnost velikonočnega značaja. Jezus čuti, da mora po temni poti smrti na križu, da bi človeštvo usmeril na svetlo pot božjega življenja. V hoji za njim se tudi učenec srečuje s svojo »uro« smrti, vendar tudi ve, da se mu bo na njej prikazalo »večno življenje«, ki je v Janezovi govorici pomeni polno in najvišjo obliko občestva v Bogom. Apostol Pavel piše rimskim kristjanom o istem poslanstvu: »Če smo z njim zraščeni v podobnosti njegove smrti, bomo tudi v podobnosti njegovega vstajenja« (Rim 6,5).

- (Prim. Oznanjevalec 2005-2006, št. 3)

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

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

Israel's sinfulness brings destruction on Jerusalem and years of exile; the Lord's intervention, though Persian king Cyrus, brings an end to exile and offers the possibility of homecoming.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:2-10

We are God's "work of art"; though marred by sin, we are restored as a new creation through God's loving goodness, shown in Christ.

Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus, hanging lifeless on a cross, is the supreme sign that he came into our world out of love and in order to save us.

"God loved us with so much love."



Illustration

It was midway through Lent and an elderly man slipped into the confessional box. He humbly confessed his sins, but after he had left the confessional, he somehow gave the impression that there was something more he needed to say. "Is there anything else?" the priest gently enquired. "As a matter of fact," the man replied, "there is. You see, I normally have a tot of whisky before I go to bed. This Lent I decided I'd give up the drink till Easter Sunday. And I've kept that promise right up to now." "Well, that's a wonderful effort," said the priest. "Tomorrow is Laetare Sunday, and that means we're already halfway through Lent; it'll soon be Easter. You must be very pleased." "I don't know, Father,"

came the reply. "You see, if I go without the drink much longer, I'm afraid I might lose my taste for the stuff altogether."

Whatever we think about that, our reason for rejoicing today is not that we have made it to the halfway mark of Lent, but rather that today we hear readings that bring us the most incredible news we could ever hear. It's as though the Church is asking us to raise our eyes and look to the future; to think of the extraordinary events that we'll soon be celebrating, events that form the climax of the Church's liturgical year, the suffering, death and glorious resurrection of our beloved Lord.

Gospel Teaching

In the Gospel Jesus refers to an ancient story that would be well known to his Jewish audience. It tells how the people of Israel, while trudging through the desert on their way to the Promised Land, were beset by poisonous snakes that caused many deaths. Moses was inspired to fashion a snake in bronze and set it on a standard, promising that whoever looked up at it with faith would be healed. Today Jesus declares that he himself, the "Son of Man", must be lifted up just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert. As Christians, it's hard for us to hear those words without our thoughts immediately switching to Calvary and to the cross of crucifixion. Upon it there hangs not a lifeless symbol, like the bronze snake, but the living, tortured body of God's only Son, and there is a divine promise that whoever looks towards him in faith will enjoy eternal life.

The scene on Calvary speaks eloquently of how much God loves us. In the simple yet powerful words of John, the Gospel writer, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." Calvary is the supreme proof that our God is a God of love, a God who in the person of God's Son came into this world not to condemn but to save. What Jesus came to save us from is sin. Sin – it's such a tiny word, but, like an infinitesimally small virus, it represents a hidden enemy which is capable of causing cata-



strophic damage and, in the end, can leave us skulking forever in the dark instead of living in the joy of the light.

Application

Today's second reading reminds us that Jesus came not simply to save us from something, but to save us for something. That something is life as a son or daughter of God. Through the mercy, the goodness and graciousness of God we are transformed: we become, in the incredible words of St Paul, "God's work of art", destined to live "the good life as from the beginning [God] had meant us to live it".

Perhaps we tend to think of ourselves more as disaster areas than works of art. But today we are being asked to think again. We are assured by God's word that we are "God's work of art". If that is God's vision, then can it inspire us, in our own small way, to live up to God's expectations? Again, when we see goodness not in terms of keeping commandments but rather in terms of making a return of love to a God who first loved us, then what could give us greater joy than trying to live "the good life" as God has always meant it to be? If Sunday by Sunday we could bring to mind these truths, wouldn't every Sunday be a "Laetare Sunday", a day filled with gratitude and rejoicing for all that the Lord has done, is doing, will do in order to turn us into "God's work of art"?

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Cilj naše kampanje je v treh letih zbrati vsoto \$200,000.00 za našo župnijo.

Nekateri še vedno ne razumejo, da vse, kar boste darovali preko te kampanje, bo prejela naša župnija in še 10% iz skupnega sklada. Škofijski uradi pa bodo vodili vse računovodske zadeve, tako, da nam ne bo potrebno tega dela urejati.

V Vestniku vsak teden objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofijskega računa** in koliko je že dejansko »vplačanega«. Iz škofije nam tedensko pošljejo tekoče stanje na našem računu.

Na računu »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega sta številki:

\$96,759 - Pledged - obljubili

\$52,504 - Paid - ste že vplačali

Od prejšnjega tedna ni bilo novih prispevkov za sklad Eno Srce, Ena Duša.

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali. Smo že skoraj na polovici zastavljenega cilja.

Heart to Heart

March 12, 2021 (#429)

MARCH 19th IS THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH – celebrated this year in the **Holy Year dedicated to St. Joseph** by Pope Francis last December. Information, prayers, and reflections will be sent to Pastors and Parishes in advance of the Feast Day. Pope Francis has a special devotion to St. Joseph. One of his early acts as Pope was to include St. Joseph by name in the Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV, of the Mass (he was already included in Eucharist Prayer I). St. Joseph, pray for us!

MISION ROSARIO is an international youth-led campaign hoping to pray one million Rosaries by Easter: for “peace, liberty, and life”, in the Americas (North and South).

Mision Rosario started in Chile after two churches were burned down, and quickly spread throughout America. The intention for peace applies also to widespread political unrest and the threat of new laws promoting euthanasia and abortion here in Canada.

Young people in the Diocese pray the Rosary every day on ZOOM. Add this intention to your daily Rosary and then add your Rosary at www.misionrosario.org/us.

THE PROMISED CORONAVIRUS VACCINE is now being offered to certain groups according to need. Priests in the Halton Deanery are scheduled to receive their “shots” in the coming days. It is a relief, especially for those with pre-existing conditions, and for those who visit hospitalized parishioners or those in Long-Term Care Centres. Priests who are “on call” at hospitals have also been offered the vaccine. Little by little, we can see the light at the end of this tunnel!

MASS OF CHRISM

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** on Monday, **March 29th, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.**

This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, attendance at the Chrism Mass will be **limited to Priests only.**

Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year.

The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd.

Let us pray for all who minister to God's holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God's holy people.



Every year since 1967, Catholics have generously donated to **Share Lent** to

support the work of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

Share Lent is our main source of funding for our sisters and brothers in the Global South. In Hamilton diocese in 2020 Development and Peace received approximately 60% of our average Share Lent collection. As a result we cut in Canada programming, laid off some staff and those remaining had their hours reduced to part-time. I know that many people are suffering economic loss due to this pandemic. But when we compare our lives in Canada to those of people living in many other countries, we realize that we are indeed blessed.

This year the Share Lent collection is on weekend March 20-21.

PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

*They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
And he saved them from their distress;
He sent out his word and healed them,
And delivered them from destruction.
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.* *Psalm 107:19-21*

Lord God,
I pray for all
who have become sick
or died by the coronavirus
that has been spreading
throughout the world.
In your mercy and compassion,
deliver us from this disease,
In your holy wisdom,
guide all who are working
to contain the outbreak,
In your steadfast love,
bring healing to all your children
who have fallen sick,
Welcome into your arms
the ones that died,
Comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith,
I place my trust in you.
In hope,
I turn to you in my time of need.
In love,
I give glory to your name.
In gratitude,
I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray.
Amen.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

March 20th - Novak Peter team
March 27th - Lukežič & Volčanšek team
April 1st - Gosgnach & Janiak team
After April 3rd, we will go to every two weeks.

Thanks, Pamela

THE ST JOSPEH SOCIETY 2021 MEMBERSHIP



2021 membership cards are available for members. Membership cards can be found on the church hallway table. The cards are in envelopes with member's name and address. Members can take their cards, put their \$15.00 membership fee in the envelopes and put them

into the church offering box.

Those who have not paid for 2020, will find their membership cards also available for payment. Father Drago will collect the envelopes and give them to the Board to record the membership payments. The Board would like to thank the members for their ongoing support and we look forward to social gatherings again in the future.

Na mizi v cerkveni veži imate kuverte z vašim naslovom in v kuverti je tudi članska izkaznica. Člani vzemite kartico iz kuverte, v kuverto pa oddajte plačilo članarine \$15. Kuverto nato oddajte v cerkveni nabiralnik, ki je v veži.

Tisti, ki niste plačali za leto 2020, boste v kuverti naši tudi izkaznico za prejšnje leto, in lahko v kuverto priložite plačilo članarine.

Fr. Drago bo zbral kuverte in jih oddal odboru, da si bodo zabeležili članstvo.

Odbor društva sv. Jožefa se zahvaljuje vsem članom za nenehno podporo in upamo, da se bomo lahko kmalu zopet zbrali k družabnim srečanjem pod okriljem sv. Jožefa. Letošnje leto je papež Frančišek razglasil za Jožefovo leto.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:
- \$500 - Casey in Anna Žižek (Burlington)
- \$80 - Majda Lukežič namesto cvetja na grob pokojne Milke Skale.
- Hvala za dar.

POGREB - FUNERAL

V petek, 12. marca 2021, je v 87. letu starosti, odšla k Bogu po večno plačilo naša faranka **Veronika Čurič**. Pokojna je zadnja leta preživela najprej v domu za starejše občane Amica Stoney Creek, potem pa v Arbour Creek Care Centre.

Pokojna bo ležala v **Markev-Dermody Funeral Home**, 1774 King St. East (pri Kenilworth) v ponedeljek, 15. marca od dveh do šestih zvečer.

Ob 4:15 popoldne bomo molili rožni venec. Za obisk v Funeral Home se je potrebno prijaviti in poklicat na telefonsko številko: 905-547-1121. Ko pridete na parkirišče počakajte v avtu dokler vas ne pokličejo, da lahko greste noter.

Pogrebna maša bo v torek, 16. marca, v naši cerkvi ob 10:00 a.m. in potem pogreb na Holy Sepulchre pokopališču. Iskreno sožalje sorodnikom pokojna Veronika pa naj počiva v božjem miru.

OBVESTILA

Prihodnja nedelja je **peta postna ali tiha** nedeljo, ko bomo v cerkvi zakrili križe. Bliža se že cvetna nedelja, 28. marca. Letos, po navodilih škofije, ne bomo delili palmovih vejic, si pa lahko sami za to nedeljo pripravite majhno »butarico«, šopek. Tudi ne bomo imeli blagoslova v dvorani, ampak se bomo, kot običajno, zbrali v cerkvi. Če bi nas bilo preveč v cerkvi se lahko nekateri zaustavite v veži ali v kapelici, seveda poskrbite za razdaljo. Prav tako je še vedno potrebno v cerkvi nositi maske.

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Ta teden je **praznik sv. Jožefa**, prav na petek. Sv. Jožef je glavni zavetnik kanadske cerkve in zavetnik vesoljne cerkve. Ta dan je praznik, zato bo tudi maša praznična v belem mašnem plašču. »Z apostolskim pismom Patris corde, ki je izšlo 8. decembra 2020, na praznik Brezmadežne, se sveti oče spominja 150. letnice razglasitve sv. Jožefa za zavetnika vesoljne Cerkve, zato bomo do 8. decembra 2021 obhajali posebno Leto svetega Jožefa.« Bomo, kot je to navada vsak postni petek, imeli pol ure pred mašo tudi požnost križevega pota.

Lansko leto smo, 15. marca, še imeli banket društva sv. Jožefa (in tudi se spomnili pokojnega Jerry Ponikvarja, ki je umrl mesec prej). S torkom, 17. marca pa smo zaprli cerkve in 29. marca smo imeli prvi prenos svete maše v živo po Facebooku - žal je bil zaradi naše neizkušnosti, brez zvoka. Leto je minilo, pa koronavirusa še ni

konec. Upamo pa, da se bodlo razmere počasi izboljšale. Molimo drug za drugega, da bi ohranili globoko vero.



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

Miklavčič	Florian	March 15, 2004
Booth	Steve	March 15, 2011
Štern	Slavko Alojz	March 16, 2012
Gimpelj	Frank	March 16, 2013
Ferfolja	Marko	March 17, 2016
Rožič	Boris	March 18, 1996
Lenart	Ana Martina	March 18, 2014
Halas	Teresa	March 19, 2008
Stergulc	Draga Emma	March 21, 1990
Kuzmič	Josef	March 21, 2011



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English - For the time of Covid-19 it is only one Mass on Sundays) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** For an appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESIONS:** 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 14. 3. 2021
do 21. 3. 2021

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

4. POSTNA NEDELJA 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 14. MARCH <i>Matilda, kraljica</i>		Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	-----
	†	Tilka Vengar, 4. obl.		Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.
	†	Anton Vengar	IN CHURCH	Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.
	††	Tilka in Anton Vengar	AND ON	Jožica Novak z družino
	†	Izidor Fujs, obl.	FACEBOOK	Aranka Dundek z družino
	†	Jožef Prša		Emil in Regina Črešnjovec
	††	Paula in Franc Pelcar		Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž.
	†	Anthony Krajc		Žena Marilyn
	†	Jože Pust		Družina Pust
	†	Jože Lovšin, obl.		Družina Pust
	†	Stephanie Pust, obl.		Družina Pust
†	Neil Lambert, obl.		Družina Pust	
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 15. MARCH, <i>Ludovika, red.</i>	†	Fr. Stane Okorn	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Novak z družino
	††	Jure in Marica		Hči Dragica
TOREK - TUESDAY 16. MARCH <i>Hilarij Oglejski, škof</i>	†	Veronika Čurič	10:00 A.M.	Pogrebna maša
	†	Frank Gimpelj, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Brat Jože Gimpelj
	†	Frank Gimpelj, obl.		Žena Elizabeth z družino
	†	Pepca Zabukovec		Družina Erzar
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 17. MARCH <i>Patrik, škof</i>	†	Joe Prša	7:00 P.M.	Cecilija Sobočan
	†	Marko Ferfolja, obl.		N.N.
	†	Paulina Ordyniec		Olga Glavač z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 18. MARCH, <i>Anzelm, šk.</i>	†	Boris Rožič, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Družina
	†	Eileen MacKenzie		N.N.
PETEK - FRIDAY 19. MARCH <i>Jožef, mož Device Marije</i>		Križev pot	6:30 P.M.	-----
	††	Jožef in Marija Heric	7:00 p.m.	Hči Anica Miklavčič
	††	Joe Lackovič		Vera Lackovič z družino
	††	Marija in Jože Kuzma		Hči Jožica z družino
	†	Joe Hanc		Rose Marie & Chris Don Garcia
	†	Jožef Raduha		Anica Miklavčič z družino
	†	Florian Miklavčič, obl.		Anica Miklavčič z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 20. MARCH <i>Klavdija, mučenka</i> <i>Marija Jožefa, red. ustanov.</i>	†	Ana Feigel	5:30 P.M.	Terezija Prša
	†	Štefan Prša		Terezija Prša
	†	Rosi Dolar		Stanka Kodarin
	†	Jože Vuk		Stanko Petek z družino
	†	Jožef Prša		Ivan Nedelko
	†	Jože Raduha		Ivan Nedelko
5. POSTNA - TIHA NEDELJA 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 21. MARCH <i>Nikolaj iz Flüe, puščavnik</i>		Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	-----
	†	Frank Verdinšek		Družina Kodarin
	†	Frank Marič	IN CHURCH	Mary Fylypiw and Branko
	††	Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	AND ON	Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš
	†	Walter Fylypiw	FACEBOOK	Mary Fylypiw
	†	Elizabet Ftičar		Mary in Branko
	†	Štefan Ftičar		Mary in Branko