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**2. POSTNA
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Božje razodevanje

Kot naslov današnje nedelje bi lahko dali: Božje razodevanje, to je »epifanija«, ker govori o razodevanju in veličastnem pričevanju Boga znotraj človeške zgodovine.

Prvo razodevanje, s katerim se danes srečujemo, je zarisano z dokaj nadrealističnimi okoliščinami. Mračen sončni zahod, žareč ogenj, ki je neverjetno gibljiv, nekaj razčetrjenih in na polovice razdeljenih živali: take so namreč sestavine pripovedi 15. poglavja Prve Mojzesove knjige, ki je sestavni del današnjega prvega berila.

Res pa je, da gre za jasna znamenja (simbole) starodavnega Vzhoda, ki so namenjeni ponazoritvi zaveze med Bogom in Abrahamom, »našim očetom v veri«. Bog zaupa svoje razodevanje znamenju ognja, ki je silovit kot strela, dejstvu, ki je zunaj nas samih, vendar nas prežarja in zaznamuje.

To srečanje pripravlja človek s pomočjo starodavnega obreda z razdeljenimi živalmi. Običaj so poznali stari vzhodnjaki in med beduini vse do danes ni povsem izginil. Med dvema vrstama kosov krvavečega mesa hodijo tisti, ki sklepajo pogodbo, z neke vrste preklinjanjem samega sebe, da bi potrdili pogodbo, ki jo želijo skleniti: naj se zgodi z mano tako kot s temi živalmi, če bom prelomil pogodbo, ki jo sklepamo!

Zanimivo je tudi vedeti, da v hebrejščini »skleniti pogodbo« dobese-dno pomeni tudi »razrezati sporazum«. Vendar v tej noči, sredi živali, ki jih je razčetril Abraham, prihaja Bog, v podobi »kadečega lonca in plameneče bakle«. On je prvi, ki si prizadeva za srečanje in ne čaka na človekov odgovor. On je tudi tisti, ki stopi človeku na pot in mu razkrije svojo ljubezen. Človek naj mu tako le ponudi svojo vero, to je svobodno in veselo sprejetje daru, ki ga Bog že predstavlja: »Abraham je zaupal Gospodu«.



Pojavlja pa se skrivnostna zadrega o Jezusu in Nazareta. Zdi se, kot da bi se dvignila zavesa in bi se na obrobju Jezusove človečnosti zableščala tudi njegova božanskost, skrivnost najprej predstavljena njegovim učencem.

Tovrstna pripoved je izdelana po vzorcu velikonocnih prikazovanj Vstalega. Kristusova skrivnost se razodene v polnosti šele z njegovo smrtjo in vstajenjem. Luka je namreč edini med evangelisti opozoril na skladnost med spremenjenjem na gori z veliko nočjo in s pogovorom med Kristusom, Mojzesom in Elijem: govorili so o njegovem »odhodu, ki naj bi se izvršil v Jeruzalemu«.

Beseda »odhod« v izvirniku dobesedno pomeni »izhod« (eksodus). Kristus v polnosti razodene samega sebe, ko se z vnebohodom povzpne v nebo in s seboj vzame vse odrešeno ljudstvo. To je veličastni izhod iz sužnosti greha in smrti naproti polni svobodi in življenju.

Tretja epifanija pa je tista, ki se obhaja znotraj verujočega samega in jo Pavel kristalno jasno opiše v odlomku, namenjenem kristjanom v Filipih, prvi krščanski skupnosti v Evropi. Ta odlomek bemo pri današnjem bogoslužju: »Mi pričakujemo Gospoda Jezusa Kristusa kot Odrešenika, ki bo preobrazil naše bedno telo in ga naredil podobnega telesu svojega veličastva.« Gre za razodetje našega poslednjega cilja, ki je velikonočen - tako kot tisti Kristusov.

Kristjanov in tudi Kristusov »izhod« imata namreč skupni cilj, »nebeško domovino«; celotno telo, tako Kristusovo kot kristjanovo, bo preobrazeno in potopljeno v božjo skrivnost; Kristusova in kristjanova preobrazba sta namreč znamenje obojnega, čeprav različnega, vendar vzporednega božjega posinovljenja.

V današnji nedelji, ki je polna svetlobe, Cerkev obhaja epifanijo Boga zaveze, Sina Odrešenika in odrešenega človeka in odkriva vezi globoke ljubezni, ki združujejo Boga, Kristusa in človeka. Popolna in večna božja ljubezen se razodeva in razširja v Kristusu in od njega se poraja v tisoč in tisočih ljubeznih, kolikor je pač človeških src.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec -leto C_2006/7, šte. 3)

Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

First Reading *Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18*

God offers the promise of a future full of hope to Abram, who shows himself to be a person of faith.

Second Reading *Philippians 3:17 – 4:1*

We are called to remain faithful in our following of Christ.

Gospel *Luke 9:28-36*

On the mountain, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in his glory.

“This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.”



Illustration

“The human journey is a continuous act of transfiguration.” These words of the Irish poet John O’Donohue remind us that our journey through life is one of constant growth and change. This is true of both our internal and external worlds. Our readings today speak of change and of transfiguration, of the wonder of God’s presence – and then of what that presence might lead us to do and to be. However, before any transformation can take place, it would seem that it is necessary to spend time listening and being present to the Lord in silence and in stillness. Then, strengthened in faith, like the disciples, we will be able to embrace a new future, trusting in our God who calls us towards something new and beautiful: Christ’s transforming and transfiguring love.



Gospel Teaching

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the disciples away from their ordinary lives to the mountain, a place of silence and prayer. And there, while Jesus prays, he is transfigured. Jesus' whole appearance changes and he is seen in breath-taking glory. As Jesus is transfigured before them, the disciples are awestruck at the change in his appearance. It is too much for them to comprehend. While James and John remain silent, Peter is overcome by enthusiasm and the desire to do something momentous.

Jesus is silent, too, but the voice of the Father speaks from the clouds, telling the disciples that Jesus is God's Son, the "Chosen One", and urging them to "Listen to him." They are being directed to look at and to listen to Jesus. Jesus is now the gateway to the future, the fullest expression of the Father's love, and in the cloud covering the disciples with shadow, we are given a glimpse of the presence of the Holy Spirit. This profound experience of Jesus' transfiguration renders the disciples silent. They have no words and the encounter is so precious that they hold it within their own hearts, treasuring what they have seen and heard.

Application

Like the disciples, it might be good for us to spend time alone with Jesus and simply to allow ourselves to be transformed in the light of his unconditional love. In our busy and noisy world, this can be a challenge. So perhaps we need to go "up the mountain" every now and again to find the quiet that will allow us to meet Christ and to be changed inwardly by his immense love for us. Our moments of being present with Jesus can offer us an inner silence that brings us strength, and from which flows a tenderness for ourselves and for others.

Of course, you may say, Peter, James and John had to come down the mountain again. Indeed they had. However, lest we forget, they were still accompanied by Jesus on the way down the mountain and so are we in our own faith journey. Being chosen by Jesus to be present at this remarkable happening would have given the disciples courage and strength for the unknown future that Jesus in his mission and ministry is mapping out for his followers. Being with Jesus changed Peter, James and John, and it can transfigure our lives too.

Pope Francis, in one of his homilies on the transfiguration, said the "instructions for the disciples and for us are this: 'Listen to him!' Listen to Jesus. He is the saviour: follow him. To listen to Christ, in fact, entails taking up the logic of his Paschal Mystery, setting out on the journey with him to make of oneself a gift of love to others." Pope Francis then suggested we look at the transfiguration in the following way: "with Peter, James and John we too climb the Mount of the Transfiguration today and stop in contemplation of the face of Jesus to retrieve the message and translate it into our lives; for we too can be transfigured by love".

In the light of our call to follow Christ each day, we might ask ourselves: Where do I need to be changed, or what in my heart and life needs to be "transfigured" by love? And, not least, "How can I bring Christ's transfiguring love to those around me?"



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 objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofijskega računa** in koliko je že dejansko »vplačanega«. Iz škofije so nam sedaj poslali kodo, da lahko sami pogledamo tekoče stanje na našem računu.

Na računu »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« - »One Heart, One Soul« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega je:

\$124,843. - Pledged - March 4, 2022

\$99,878. - Paid - Mrch 4, 2022

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali. Smo že krepko čez polovico zastavljenega cilja. Tokrat so se številke kar dvignile.

“TEMPORA MUTANTUR, ET NOS MUTAMUR IN ILLIS!” TIMES HAVE CHANGED SO WE MUST KEEP CHANGING TOO

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

1) We used to live in a culture where churchgoing was a normal part of life, but no more.

Though almost all Americans still believe in God, official weekly church attendance hovers around 20 percent (that includes virtual attendance which still covers quite a portion of that 20%). Almost a third of Americans can be classified as “Nones”, those who have “no religious affiliation”. And millennials, or young adults, are leaving or staying away from church in higher percentages than any other generation. The younger you are, the less likely you are to have a connection to a church.

And so... We must adopt a missionary mindset and be bold and creative. Don Bosco was. We can assess the needs in our communities and respond. We can provide live and virtual opportunities for people to encounter Christ, to witness virtue and a sense of family. We also have to go out to where people are. Saint Paul, who understood that face-to-face relational presence was his biggest asset, went out to the marketplace and the gathering spots of everyday people. We can't wait for people to come to us, we'll be waiting for a long time.

2) Religious people are now seen as “haters”.

Young people are growing up in a culture where faith in Jesus has been politicized or has become a shortcut definition for “judgmental” – it is no longer a universally admired (and expected) pursuit.

We are already at a cultural moment when “religious” crosses over into the territory it occupied when Jesus called its most fervent apologists “white-washed tombs” and “snakes”.

Half of Gen Z (young people ages 13 to 25) say they don't think that religious institutions care as much as they do about justice issues that matter deeply to them – tolerance, compassion, acceptance, racial justice, gender equity, immigration rights, income inequality and individual

freedom. Christianity is very much about justice, but because it's also about devotion, it's seen as invalid. And today's world thinks Christianity not only has a fundamental disconnect – but that because it's old and connected with an authoritative institution, they interpret that as having nothing to offer to present day problems and challenges.

And so... Witnesses of genuine kindness and charity are needed. There's such a challenge here. We hold fast to the truth of the gospel regarding morality and at the same time we love people sincerely. Lord, give us that ability.

We can shift our focus to preparing children, youth and young adults for counter-cultural impact – WE HELP THEM EMBRACE A CHRISTIAN IDENTITY that the rest of the world will see, initially, as weird. How will they maintain perseverance in this identity? Only one way – lead them to an intimate relationship with Jesus. Only a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ can mark their identity enough to face the persecutions that are sure to come.

3) “Who needs religion to be a good person?”

Young people are growing up in a culture where “religious” is not even in the vernacular – and it's seen as an unnecessary prerequisite for “being a good person”.

We religious people have lost our visibility, our credibility and our voice with many young people. Sharing time and rubbing shoulders with them is very helpful but they don't “get” the why we do what we do – with Jesus, through Jesus, in Jesus' Name.

And so... We help young people shift their focus (and their standards) from clearing the low bar of “good behavior” to leaping into the high bar response to Jesus. When He asked if His disciples were going to abandon him like all the others, Peter said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words to eternal life. We believe and we know you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:68-69). This is a proclamation from someone whose heart has been won over

by the heart of Jesus, BEFORE his head understands or embraces all of the implications of that commitment.

4) “There's no such thing as sin!”

Young people are growing up in a culture where sin is a past invention of society and church to make people behave. It's something belonging to ancient history. Today there is no shared definition of sin. There is no common morality.

If there is no reference point for human behavior, no North Star guiding us, then “sin” is quickly going to disappear from our spiritual reality. All is relative. A kind of behavioral pragmatism has emerged in the culture, where the end almost always justifies the means.

And so... We help them lay down the compass of cultural norms and pick up the compass of Jesus Christ. Sin needs to be preached. The temptations, distractions and lies that the evil one has promulgated in society are real. The destruction caused by sin is being exposed. We are all affected by it. Let's call it out. Let's help them see the damage caused by sin. We need Christ's amazing Grace. As Paul said, “I say then, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves” (Galatians 5:16).

Heart to Heart - Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI

FORWARD TOGETHER IN CHRIST. As the COVID restrictions on our Parishes and liturgical life are being lifted, it is necessary for the Diocese to determine the best path forward for our lives as Disciples of Christ. To help determine this, the Diocese is embarking on a process we are calling “**Forward Together in Christ**”. Through this process, the voices of our clergy and laity, will help determine our best way Forward Together in Christ. Consultations with Deacons and Lay Parish Pastoral Ministers are already underway. Meetings with the Priests will occur over the next few weeks in each of the Deaneries. Pope Francis has made it clear that we are not returning to the “normal” of February 2020, but that this is a time of grace to determine our “new normal” as the People of God moving Forward Together in Christ!

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

March 19th Groznik, Erzar, Lukežič

March 26th Lojska Novak team

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger – Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for Evenings with His Excellency, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith.

You may attend online or **in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton**, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency>.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 138: Lent is a time of reflection for all Catholics and a perfect season to help children understand why we engage in prayer, works of charity, care for all and practising self-control, since all of these can bring us closer to God. Spend time on your Lenten journey as a family by attending Mass and discussing, in simple language, the readings you hear.

Decide as a family on prayers and reflections to engage in each day of Lent and together look at how your family might use their resources to give to others. Your children can bring hope to the hearts of others during Lent and their spiritual journey will be enhanced by your presence and guidance.

Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip

118: - The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how we are living our lives according to God's call to discipleship and vocation.

The **vocation of marriage** is an essential call since the Sacrament of Marriage is meant to be the visible sign or God's invisible love to the world.

Lent then, is a perfect time to examine **what you are bringing to your vocation**, to see if forgiveness is readily available when needed and to contemplate whether you might make changes to better fulfill your call to marriage.

As well, **consider praying with your spouse**, reflecting on a short Bible passage daily and working on holding anger during Lent, since all of these will strengthen your bond of love and bring you feelings of joy as the Easter season draws near.

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SUNDAY MASSES

From Palm Sunday April 10, 2022 and on we will go back to two Sunday Masses. Slovenian at 9:30 a.m. and English at 11:00 a.m.

Od 10. aprila naprej, t.j. od Cvetne nedelje, bomo zopet imeli ob nedeljah dve sveti maši: slovensko ob 9:30 a.m. in angleško ob 11:00 a.m.. Povejte tudi tistim, ki morda ne pridejo tako redno, da bodo vedeli za spremembo.

CONFIRMATION & FRIST COMMUNION

This year our celebration of both sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 29th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m..

The Most Rev. Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the celebrant. Please let us know ASAP which children would like to be part of celebration. You can email to me, drago.gacnik@gmail.com or Lorie Mramor: princesslorie2000@hotmail.com

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

Na mizi v cerkveni veži so kuverte za člane društva sv. Jožefa. V kuverti je izkaznica za leto 2022. Dajte denar za članarino v kuverto in kuverto oddajte v nabiralnik za nedeljsko nabirko.



IZLET V LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, NACIONALNI PARKI, SAN FRANCISCO

Gospod Branko Balažič organizira, z skupino romarjev iz Slovenije, enajstdnevni izlet v Los Angeles in okolico, z zbirnim mestom, dne 17. junija 2022, na letališču v Los Angeles.

Imajo še nekaj prostih mest in če bi se jim kdo iz Kanade želel pridružiti naj se čimprej odloči. Na polici pri vходу v cerkev si lahko vzamete natančnejši spored izleta.

Vsak si mora sam preskrbeti letalsko karto do letališča. Če bi se kdo odločil, naj to čimprej sporoči, najkasneje do prihodnje nedelje.

OBČNI ZBOR - OBISK MINISTRICE ZA SLOVENCE PO SVETU - 27. MAREC.

V nedeljo, 27. marca 2022, bomo po dveh letih zopet imeli **občni zbor**. Tokrat ga bomo imeli kar v cerkvi, takoj po deseti maši. Ne bo tako dolg, kot je bilo to običajno v dvorani. Je pa dobro, da pregledamo ta čas Covida-19 in naredimo kakšne načrte za prihodnost.

Tisto nedeljo bo iz Slovenije prišla na obisk v Kanado tudi ministrica za Slovence po svetu **dr. Helena Jaklitsch**. Udeležila se bo naše svete maše in verjetno bo po maši tudi na kratko pozdravila vse navzoče.



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

Urek	Anna	March 14, 1986
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



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 / 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

<p>2. POSTNA NEDELJA 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 13. MAREC KRISTINA, DEVICA-MUČENKA</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane †† Paula in Franc Pelcar † Emilija Balažič † Izidor Fujs † Jože Lovšin, obl. † Stephanie Pust, obl. † Neil Lambert, obl. † Hilda Žigon</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. ----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Hči z družino Aranka Dundek Družina Pust Družina Pust Družina Pust Manja Erzetič</p>
<p>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 14. MAREC <i>Matilda, kraljica</i></p>	<p>† Tilka Vengar † Anton Vengar</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž. Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.</p>
<p>TOREK - TUESDAY 15. MAREC <i>Ludovika, redovnica</i></p>	<p>V dober namen Bogu in M. Božji v priprošnjo</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Jožica Novak z družino Ana Tadič</p>
<p>SREDA - WEDNESDAY 16. MAREC <i>Hilarij in Tacijan, muč.</i></p>	<p>† Avgust Čurič † Slavko Štern, obl. † Frank Gimpelj, obl. †† Angela in Alojz Kocmut</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Olga Glavač z družino Žena Marija z družino Žena Elizabeta z družino Hči Elizabeta Gimpelj z družino</p>
<p>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 17. MAREC, <i>Patrik, škof</i></p>	<p>† Za mir v Ukrajini † Marko Ferfolja, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Jožica Novak z družino N.N.</p>
<p>PETEK - FRIDAY 18. MAREC <i>Ciril Jeruzalemski, šk-muč.</i></p>	<p>Križev pot - Stations of the Cross † Zdravko Troha † Barbara Čeh (Winnipeg)</p>	<p>6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Danica Maradin Bernardina in Martin Mujdrica</p> 
<p>SOBOTA - SATURDAY 19. MAREC JOŽEF, JEZUSOV REDNIK</p>	<p>† Joe Lackovič † Otilija Krampač (Slo) †† Starši Marija in Jože Kuzma †† Terezija (obl.) in John Halas † Joe Prša †† Starši Marija in Alojz Mes †† Sorodniki in prijatelji † Karel Volf †† Mama in oče Prša †† Terezija (obl.) in Ivan Halas † Florian Miklavčič, obl.</p>	<p>5:30 P.M. Žena Vera z družino Sestrična Vera Lackovič z družino Jožica Vlašič z družino Terezija in Ignac Sarjaš z družino Vera Lackovič z družino Družina Štadler Družina Štadler Žena Marija Marija Volf Sestra z družino Žena Anica z družino</p>
<p>3. POSTNA NEDELJA 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 20. MAREC KLAVDIJA, MUČENKA</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane †† Pokojni iz družine Vegelj † Rozika Galič † Ignac Horvat † Irma Dorenčec † Hilda Žigon Za zdravje prijateljev in sorodnikov</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. ----- Ivan Vegelj z družino Milka Pavlič z družino Marjan in Elizabeth Hozjan Štefan in Angela Kelenc Kathy Prša N.N. (TBM)</p>