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**5TH SUNDAY
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Zaupati Bogu

»Tukaj sem! Pošlji mene!« ...
»Popustili so mreže, pustili vse in šli za njim.« V teh dveh stavkih sta izraženi tudi dve pomembni zgodovini, ki sta v središču svetopisemskih beril današnje nedelje. Pripovedujeta o dveh primerih poklicanosti: prva v preroško službo, druga v apostolsko, obe pa sta postavljeni v območje božjega posega v človekovo življenje.

V prvi je osrednja oseba Izaija, največji preroški pisec v Izraelu. V Jeruzalemu je njegov dom, izhaja iz duhovniške družine, zato je njegova pripoved povezana s templjem in tempeljskim bogoslužjem. Slovesna in veličastna scena se pričinja s kraljevskim vstopom, je himna v čast Gospodu vojska, ki ga po vzoru antifone pričenjajo »serafi«, služabniki nebesnih čet, kar v hebrejskem jeziku spominja na ogenj in moč sončnega žarka. Njihovo petje opeva absolutno »svetost« Boga, njegovo neomadeževano popolnost, neizmerno veličino, človeškim očem neviden sijaj. Zato verujoči v templju doživlja dvojno izkustvo: spoznava navzočnost božje »slave«, njegove besede in ljubezni z ene strani, z druge pa ga navdaja dih skrivnosti, ki ostaja zakrita. Izaija spoznava bedo svoje človeškosti pred neskončno svetostjo Boga, pred katerim tudi angeli prebledijo. Spoznava, da ga Bog nagovarja. Očiščenje ustnic z žarečim ogljem, je nekakšen krst, ki ne le očiščuje, marveč ustvarja novo bitje in ga posvečuje. Človek, ki kot prerok označja božjo besedo, mora biti očiščen z božjo milostjo za oznanilo besede.

Bog vnovič ponovi klic tistemu, ki bo prostovoljno spolnil poslanstvo: »Koga naj pošljem in kdo nam pojde?« »Poslati« in »iti« sta značilni besedi za poklicanost. Prerokov odgovor je celosten in brez oklevanja: »Tukaj sem, pošlji mene!«



Mogočna je podoba te poklicanosti; v njenem ozadju je čutiti svobodo, spontanost, pripravljenost, navdušenje. Čeprav gre za osebno odločitev in zrel pristanek osebe, je hkrati tudi tveganje, kot je rečeno v nadaljevanju Izaijeve pripovedi, kajti poslanstvo se bo soočalo tudi z zavrnitvijo tistih, h katerim je prerok poslan. V poklicanosti je torej navzoč dialog med dvema: z ene strani z Bogom, ki pričanja dialog s svojim predlogom in milostjo, z druge pa s človekom, ki se zaradi poslanstva zavestno in pogumno poda v nevarnost, kot priznava prerok Jeremija, da je »vsak dan v sramotitev in zasmeh« (Jer 20,8).

Evangeljska pripoved prinaša zgodbo o grešniku, ki je poklican, da bo postal prvi med apostoli. To je zgodba o Simonu Petru. Pripoved je razdeljena v majhno dramo s štirimi dejanji. V prvem sta predstavljena Mesija, Jezus Kristus, ki oznanja svoje sporočilo z ene strani, z druge pa skupina delavcev, utrujenih in obupajočih zaradi njihove bedne eksistence. V drugem dejanju Jezus išče čoln Simona, enega izmed nezadovoljnih in zagrenjenih ribičev. Ustvarjen je prvi kontakt. Tretje dejanje: zaupnost med dvema protagonistoma raste. Z močjo svoje besede Jezus izbere tveganje, naj (Simon) v zaupanju nadaljuje svoje delo, ki se zdi nesmiselno in brez uspeha. Peter pa na »Jezusovo besedo« tvega; učinek je nepredvidljiv in prečudovit.

Odločilno dejanje, ki je značilno za vsako poklicanost, je utemeljeno na besedah poklicanosti - »pustiti in slediti«. Tako kot Izaija tudi Peter priznava svojo grešnost. Tako kot pri Izaiju se tudi pri Petru odpre težavno poslanstvo: »Odslej boš ljudi lovil.« Ta, ki govori je poveljani Kristus, Božji Sin, ki zaupa svoji Cerkvi poslanstvo odpuščati in odreševati v njegovem imenu.

Edini Luka ob koncu zapiše: »Zapustili so vse.« Pristna odločenost in nepreklicna izbira božjega kraljestva, sta neovrgljivi zahtevi krščanske poklicanosti. Treba je narediti zahteven korak. Apostoli so spoznali, da je tako v poklicanosti »pustiti« in »izgubiti« nekaj presenetljivega, kajti »našli bodo mnogo bratov in sestra« prav pri ljudeh, h katerim so poslani kot ribiči.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2006-2007, št. 2)

Response: Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

A vision of God's holiness and glory left the prophet Isaiah feeling wretchedly unclean. Nevertheless, Isaiah became God's messenger.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul, to whom the resurrected Jesus appeared, also felt unworthy. By God's grace, he changed from persecuting the Church to becoming an apostle.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Peter was another who felt unfit to be in the company of Jesus. Assured of God's favour, he was sent out to become a fisher of people.

“Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.”



Illustration

Commercial fishing is not for the faint-hearted. Workers on factory ships remain at sea for weeks at a time. Fishing is number one on the world's list of deadly occupations. Fatalities at sea are far higher than in other dangerous jobs such as the army or fire service. Rogue waves are known to sweep people off deck. Modern vessels are full of winding gear and hazardous machinery. Dwindling fish stocks have made fishing extremely competitive, so that the "race to fish" often means working fast.

Fishing has always been a dangerous occupation. It certainly was in St Peter's day. The Sea of Galilee is a lake. That might sound less treacherous than the open sea, but storms can whip up the surface without warning. Fisher-



folk liked to stay close to shore. Sometimes they fished from the beach, casting a net into the shallows. As for the middle of the lake, the water there was too deep for comfort. Demons lurked below, or so they feared. Courage, patience, strength... these were not always enough. However hard they might work, fisherfolk sometimes caught nothing at all. It was natural to conclude that they must have done something sinful to have forfeited God's favour. It was sometimes not just the smell of fish pervading Capernaum, it seems, but an air of despondency.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus had made his home in this fishing port, and in today's Gospel we catch up with him in a little bay south-west of the town, a kind of "theatre" of nature. Tourists still marvel at its acoustics – they call it the "Bay of the Parables". Jesus was teaching people from Simon's boat so that the surface of the water could amplify his voice. The fishermen had been washing their nets at a place where spring water cascades into the lake. Nets were made of linen thread in those days. Although the men had caught nothing that night, it was important to wash and thoroughly dry their nets; otherwise they would rot.

Jesus suggested they go fishing again, with him this time and further out. The fishermen, however, were ready for bed. They worked at night because in daylight fish could see the nets. In any case, the nets were now drying. We can imagine the reluctance

with which Simon's crew set out again. When they did, the boat nearly sank, the nets were torn – but the catch was the biggest they had ever hauled. Good fortune on that scale seemed more than they deserved, which disturbed Simon. You might recall today's first reading, where the prophet Isaiah felt unclean and ashamed in the holy presence of God. That was evidently how Simon felt in the company of Jesus. Like Isaiah, he was having to adjust to a new way of thinking: to believe that God really does love imperfect men and women; that blessings do not come as a reward for good behaviour, but because God is good. Simon, that morning, encountered grace.

Application

Any experience of unmerited love is likely to be transformative, though it is hard for some people to believe they are loved at all. It took some persuasion for Simon to open himself to the fierce love of God that cleanses and transforms. Yet it is not long before we see him invigorated and hope-filled, and given a new name, Peter, meaning "rock". Faith empowered him to make a difference in his world, saving people instead of catching fish. Many people expect little from life, convinced that they are unlovable or beyond redemption. Jesus calls us to "put out into the deep", to trust that God really does love and want to bless us. Faith, like seafaring, is a kind of venturing out. Fear may hold us back: fear of what might be lurking in the deep of our own hearts, or fear of what God may ask of us. Perhaps it feels safer to remain as we are. There is something reassuring about nets drying on a sunlit beach – who would want to risk them getting torn?

"Leave me, Lord," begged Simon. Deep down, is it our prayer too? If so, the Lord will never answer "Yes". The Lord yearns to be part of our everyday experience; to accompany us to places within ourselves where we dare not venture; to gift our lives with abundance. Don't be frightened, says Jesus. God means to wash, untangle and fill us – a bit like those fishing nets.



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V Vestniku objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofjskega 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« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega je:

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

HOW TO RAISE A ROTTEN SON

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

It says in the book of Proverbs 22:6, **“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”** The scripture verse is obviously emphasizing the importance of early formation in the life of a young person.

Many years ago I saw this little tract in a Christian magazine. It’s entitled How to Raise a Rotten Son. Here’s how it goes:

- ◆ Begin from infancy to give the child everything he wants. *This way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him everything.*
- ◆ When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. *It will encourage him to pick up “stronger” phrases.*
- ◆ Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him decide about faith for himself. *He most likely will go along through life without a thought about God.*
- ◆ Avoid the use of the word “wrong”. It may develop a guilt complex. *This will condition him to believe later that he is unaccountable for his wrongdoings.*
- ◆ Pick up anything he leaves lying around – books, shoes, clothing. *Do everything for him so he will be experienced in handing the responsibility onto others.*
- ◆ Let him read and view any videos, music or images he can get his hands on without any guidance in the use of social media. *He most likely will live without any discernment regarding what is garbage.*
- ◆ Quarrel frequently in his presence. *He will learn that aggression is an important thing in relationships.*
- ◆ Give your son all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. *He most likely will*

never learn the value of hard work and responsibility.

- ◆ Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every desire is gratified. *You may well be raising a lazy glutton.*
- ◆ Take his part against the neighbors, teachers and policemen. Tell him they are all prejudiced against your child. *All authority in the future will be viewed as enemies.*

Parenting is a grave responsibility. Keep working at it. Remember it is the primary responsibility of parents to educate their children in faith and morals. It is a gigantic disaster for parents to forfeit this responsibility. Work hard at it and you will never regret it.

“Do all things out of love and nothing out of constraint.”

– Francis de Sales (Salesian Strenna 2022)

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip 137: Children of all ages, but especially very young children, take their clues on how to respond to the world for the most part from their parents. No one will have a greater impact on your child. So, as you go about your day, know that your children are watching and listening to everything you say and do and taking lessons from you. Communicate about actions, life, the faith, on a day-to-day basis to help solidify what is important. Check your own actions and remember silence is consent, so if hear or see something that you know is wrong, speak up and tell your children why. We need goodness in our world and you have the power to teach it.

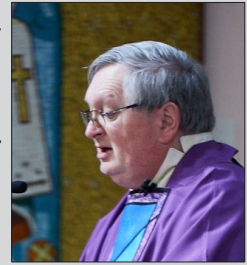
MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage Tip 117: In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes: “After the love

Fr. Branko Balažic

se je v torek, 1. februarja 2022, srečno vrnil v Slovenijo, brez kakšnih zapletov pri potovanju.

V torek se je oglasil v živo preko Facebooka. Sedaj si ureja še nekatere stvari doma v Sloveniji, potem pa odhaja v večno mesto Rima, kjer bo poslušal predavanja do poletja. Še enkrat hvala mu za vso pomoč, ki smo jo bili deležni v času njegovega bivanja pri nas.



that unites us to God, conjugal love is the “greatest form of friendship”. It is a union possessing all the traits of a good friendship: concern for the good of the other, reciprocity, intimacy, warmth, stability and the resemblance born of a shared life.” (AL #123) February is a great month to spend some time with this beautiful quote and ask yourself if your love truly reflects a great friendship, or if it is time to restore these traits to your marriage.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Feb 12th Groznik, Erzar, Lukežič

Feb 19th Lojska Novak team

Feb 26th Lukežič, Volčanšek

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

- \$200 Družina Sampl

- \$50 - Ivan in Josephine Slobodnik v spomin na pok. Francko Seljak

Iskrena hvala za vaš dar.

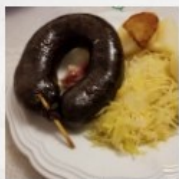
CWL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We would like to thank our members for faithfully renewing their membership by giving envelopes directly to Pamela Gosgnach or placing them in the collection basket located in the church vestibule.

Members who have not yet submitted their payment of \$25 please do so by the end of February. Thank you. - *Rosemary Šušteršič*

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društvo Sava, **Josephine** (Jožica) **Jurman**.

Od nje ste se lahko poslovili v Henry Walser Funeral Home, Kitchener v soboto 5. februarja, ob enih popoldne pa smo v tamkajšnji kapeli zanjo opravili pogrebne molitve. Iskreno sožalje otrokom Walterju, Aniti in Elizabeti in družinam. Pokojna Jožica pa naj uživa večni mir in pokoj.

DIocese of HAMILTON

Join us February 24, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 PM for **“After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village”**, part of the Reel Justice Film Festival! The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. This documentary is a celebration of the fruits of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

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. Individuals are also welcome to book out the

“Cottage” for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit: www.mountmary.ca

The Witness of Faith in the Home is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Join us on **Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** for this wonderful talk by **Connie Clark**.

Connie is the author of numerous books, booklets and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/ teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith.

The entire series, running once per month until June, will be presented by zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com>

For more information on the series and to register. For more information, contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



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

Kerec	Anton	February 8, 1999
Mihelčič	Neža	February 8, 2001
Sampl	Alojz	February 8, 2019
Kastelic	Vid	February 9, 2016
Marušich	Thea Giorgia	February 9, 2019
Recek	John	February 10, 1992
Kajnih	Anton	February 13, 1975
Stegne	Lillian Rose	February 13, 1989



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>5. NEDELJA MED LETOM 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6. FEBRUAR PAVEL MIKI, MUČENEC</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane † Jože Razpotnik, Sr. †† Martin in Matija Zelko † Emilija Balažič † Terezija Gönc † Zoltan Gergyek †† Jožica Jurman & Magda Majeed Za zdravje sorodnikov in prijateljev † Rudi Kriwetz</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. ----- Anica Bias Marija in Toni Franc Hčerka z družino Olga Glavač z družino Mirko Kolmanič z družino 1:00 P.M. Dvorana - Breslau Zinka Mirt Martin in Zinka Mirt</p>
<p>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 7. FEBRUAR <i>Koleta (Nika), red.</i></p>	<p>Za zdravje † Eileen Ann MacKenzie</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Milka Ferko N.N.</p>
<p>TOREK - TUESDAY 8. FEBRUAR <i>Hieronim, red.</i></p>	<p>† Neža Mihelčič, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Helena Špiler</p>
<p>SREDA - WEDNESDAY 9. FEBRUAR <i>Apolonija, muč.</i></p>	<p>† Fr. Lech Wycichovski</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Helena Kwasniewska</p>
<p>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 10. FEBRUAR <i>Sholastika, red.</i></p>	<p>† Janez Recek, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Žena z družino</p>
<p>PETEK - FRIDAY 11. FEBRUAR <i>Luška Mati Božja</i></p>	<p>Na čast sv. Judu Tadeju Za duše v vicah † Jože Jerman † Ivan Jerman</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Ana Tadić Ivka Pašalić Družina Kuzma Družina Kuzma</p>
<p>SOBOTA - SATURDAY 12. FEBRUAR <i>Damjan, muč.</i></p>	<p>† Adolf Košir †† Marija in Martin Dominko † Zoltan Gergyek †† Starši Fotivec † Milka Skale</p>	<p>5:30 P.M. Marija Košir Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak Božo in Magda Rimas Ivan in Rozina Doma Tone in Iva Kastelic</p>
<p>6. NEDELJA MED LETOM 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13. FEBRUAR KRISTINA, VD.</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane † Paula in Franc Pelcar †† Teodora Antonia Petrella † Veronika Čurič † Alojz Sampl, obl. † Marija Andolšek † Irma Dorenčec</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. ----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Milka Pavlič z družino Terezija in Ignac Sarjaš z druž. Žena Vera Sampl z družino Sestra Vera Sampl z družino Mož Ignac z družino</p>