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3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Dear friends in Christ,

“May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white!” Many years ago another Crosby (Bing) sang these words, written by Irving Berlin, in the song, *White Christmas*. In the Diocese of Hamilton we cannot be sure that this Christmas will be *white*, but we must do everything we can to assure that it will be *merry and bright*, for ourselves and our loved ones certainly, but even more for those who may be overwhelmed by darkness!

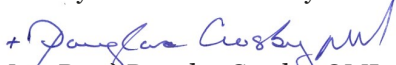


Late last month the Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Gospel of Joy. The Gospel is **GOOD** News – bringing **JOY** to a world where the misery and horror of war, natural disaster and other challenges to human life threaten to overwhelm us all! The Pope wants us all to proclaim the Gospel of **JOY** by our words and works.

Advent is a time of **“JOYFUL hope”** – a time to prepare with anticipation and excitement for the coming of the Lord. Christmas is the quintessential celebration of **JOY** – the birth of a Child – a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord! It is all about **JOY** – this Child is born anew for us, to heal us, to free us, to save us. We rejoice – and we share that **JOY** with family, friends and the world.

Be **JOYFUL** this Christmas! Jesus Christ – our Light, the Light of the world – is born for us! Celebrate this Good News with your families and friends, in your homes and in your parishes. Merry Christmas! *“May your days be merry and bright ...!”*

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,


(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI - Bishop of Hamilton.

MIKLAVŽEVANJE

Letošnje Miklavževanje je potekalo v veselem in prijetnem vzdušju. K vsemu temu so vsekakor prispevale kuharice in kuharji z Anton in Andrea Marinčič, kateri so pripravili zelo dobro kosilo. Da smo se posladkali, je teknil slasteni cupcakes, ki ga je naredila Nancy Dundek. Zahvala tudi prijaznemu strežnemu osebju.

Nato je nekaj 200 prisotnih pozdravil in počastil sv. Miklavž s svojim spremstvom angelcev in parkljev. Za celotno predstavitev se jim iskreno zahvaljujemo. Vsekakor gre tudi zahvala vsem prijaznim ljudem, kateri so se udeležili našega Miklavževanja. Upamo, da smo vas vse prepričali, da se še naprej v takem številu udeležujete naših prireditev.

Zahvala tudi vsem staršem ki so prišli pomagat nastaviti vse mize in stoli, in vse Božične okraske v dvorani. Zahvala tudi vsem ki so pomagali vse pospraviti po programu. Tudi lepo zahvalo Tony Horvatu za njegovo pomoč na odru, in tudi Gospodu Dragotu za vso njegovo trud z otroci da so z lepo petjem sprejeli sv. Miklavža.

Še enkrat prisrčna hvala in vse lepo v imenu Slovenske šole. Sandy Allen

St. Nicholas Banquet – This year's annual St. Nicholas banquet was once again a success as the families of the parish gathered together for a delicious lunch prepared by Anton and Andrea Marincic with the help of their kitchen crew. Nancy Dundek provided tasty cupcakes for the dessert. Many thanks to them and to some of the youth of our parish who served lunch.

About 200 people attended this year's event and many children got a chance to visit with St. Nicholas and receive a special gift from him. St. Nicholas was greeted by our chorus of angels (our students from Slovenian School) and spoke a few words of greeting to our parish. The school would like to thank the parishioners and their families for attending this event and keeping this special Slovenian tradition alive.

I would also like to thank the parents of our students who came and helped set-up, decorate and clean-up the hall. Their help is truly appreciated. I would also like to thank Tony Horvat who helps us back-stage with sound and lighting and a very special thank-you to Father Drago for his tireless work that he does with the children at Slovenian School in preparing them for such events.

Once again, a heart-felt thank-you from Slovenian School. Sandy Allen





3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Response: **Lord, come and save us.**

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

A wasteland in flower, blind people whose eyes are opened – these are among the joyful wonders that will accompany the coming of God.

Second Reading James 5:7-10

The practical example of a farmer waiting patiently upon the weather without losing heart is given as a model for the Christian life.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus' deeds are signs of the coming of God as foretold by Isaiah in the first reading.

“Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.”

Illustration

Charles Dickens was a prolific writer of Christmas stories. The most famous is *A Christmas Carol*, published in 1843, whose central character bears the name that has come to personify all that is mean and miserly – Scrooge. The surviving partner of a London firm of moneylenders and now an old man for whom life means no more than making money (not that Scrooge does anything with it, except hoard it), when Christmas comes it is all “humbug” and only begrudgingly does he let his clerk, Bob Cratchit, take time from work to celebrate with his family. But that night Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley, then by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet To Come, who take him on journeys into his own past, into the present, where he is shown a world of hardship and poverty which he

has ignored, and finally into the future. The night ends in the dawn of a new life for Scrooge: his heart has been turned and he has regained his ability to love and to care for others. All ends on a high note of happiness.

Seven years earlier, Dickens' story “The Goblins who Stole a Sexton” was published as part of *The Pickwick Papers*. Here we find Gabriel Grubb, sexton and gravedigger, “a morose and lonely man, who consorted with nobody but himself”, and who decides one Christmas Eve to raise his spirits by digging a grave. Preferring the gloom of a dark lane to the cheerful sights and sounds of the old street as people prepare for Christmas, he enters the churchyard and sets to work, completing the task with “grim satisfaction”. It is then that he is confronted by a goblin and then by a crowd of goblins who transport him to a goblin cavern where he is presented with visions of poor people who, faced with life's adversities, maintain hope and serenity. He awakes in the morning, convinced that it was not a dream; but, certain that no one will believe his experiences, he resolves to seek his living elsewhere. He returns ten years later to find that indeed very few believe him and many attribute his experiences to drink. But he is a changed and better man, and *A Christmas Carol* is partly modelled on this story.

Gospel Teaching

Truth can be found through experience. Both Scrooge and Grubb discovered the truth about themselves through their “other-world” experiences. But in the Gospel, when John the Baptist's disciples ask Jesus if he is the “one who is to come”, he tells them that by experiencing his deeds they will discover the truth of his identity. Isaiah in the first reading foretells that when the Lord comes to save his people, “the eyes of the



blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed... the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy". Such are among the wondrous deeds that Jesus accomplishes.

These signs of God's love and compassion were expected by many to accompany the coming of the Messiah. But those who awaited a Messiah of worldly power stumbled and fell against unfulfilled anticipation. That is why Jesus says that anyone who does not lose faith in him is blessed. During his ministry Jesus' own disciples were to lose faith in him. Even though they experienced what he said and did, they failed to recognise who he was, either through misplaced expectancy or perhaps more through failure to know the truth about themselves.

Application

The ghostly visit of Jacob Marley was a warning to Scrooge to find life's meaning before it was too late. It was too late for Marley. His ghost was fettered with a chain that he had "forged in life" by never letting his spirit venture beyond the narrow limits of his business, instead of making his "business" the needs of others, especially those who were poor.

Thomas Merton, in his book *No Man is an Island*, says that our purpose in life is to discover

its meaning and live according to it, and "that each individual has to work out his own personal salvation for himself". This means the "full discovery" of who I really am, something of the fulfilment of my God-given powers to love God and others, and the realisation that I cannot find myself in myself alone but only in and through others. As the days draw nearer to Christmas, may we find ourselves in Christ and not lose faith in him.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton will celebrate **Christmas Midnight Mass** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.



This is the 59th year that CHCH-TV has televised the Midnight Mass which is broadcast live and then repeated at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

A carol service will begin at 11:30 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass. The televising of this celebration is made possible by the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton.

POSEBNA NABIRKA ZA FILIPINE

Danes je še zadnji dan, če kdo želi darovati za Filippine. Kuvertne nikamor ne pošiljajte! Lahko darujete »cash«, če pa kdo napiše ček, naj se glasi na: **St. Gregory the Great**. Napišite svoj naslov ali številko od vaših nedeljskih kuvert. Mi bomo denar oddali na škofijo in ta ga bo oddala naprej. Hvala vsem, za vašo velikodušnost.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZBOR - PEVSKE VAJE

Ob četrtek imamo redne pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor. Zbor naslednjič poje na božični večer in na Božič.



OGNJIŠČE - NAROČNINA

Naročnina za **OGNJIŠČE** ostaja za Kanado enaka kot lansko leto, \$76. Prosimo, da sporočite, če boste naročniki tudi prihodnje leto in čimprej poravnate tudi naročnino.

LETNE KUVERTE

V atriju imate letne nedeljske kuverte. Vzemite jih in opozorite tudi tiste, ki morda še niso opazili, da so tudi njihove kuverte. Če ste opazili kako napako pri vašem imenu, priimku ali naslovu me opozorite, da popravimo.

Še vi **preverite**, da se številka napisana na etiketi na vrhu škatlice ujema s številko na vaših kuvertah. Ker smo ljudje, ki to delamo, se vedno lahko prikrade napaka, pa četudi še tako paziš.

Če ste slučajno v tem času spremenili svoje bivališče, nam posredujte **novi naslov** ali telefonsko številko, da ne bi pošiljali pošte na stari naslov. Dandanes je tudi elektronski naslov (Email) dobrodošel, saj je komunikacija veliko hitrejša in lažja s sodobnimi sredstvi obveščanja.

Delamo na tem, da bi čimprej zaživela tudi **župnijska internetna stran**. Imamo skupino, ki intenzivno dela na tem.

Skupaj z letnimi kuvertami imate tiste, ki ste članice Oltarnega društva ali Katoliške ženske zveze, tudi kuverto za članarino. Čimprej jo oddajte kar pri nedeljski nabirki.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA VABI NA ...

Tuesday Social evenings are held every Tuesday at the Villa. Break up the long winter nights join us for conversation, socializing or a game of cards. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



Tuesday, December 17th we will be holding our **Annual Christmas Social & light Dinner**. Our entertainment will be provided by "Polka Maestre" - Tony Jalovec. All friends, members and spouses are invited to attend.

Villa Slovenia Residents` Christmas Party will be held on **Friday, December 20th** at 4 PM. Christmas Turkey Dinner will be served. Baking as has been our tradition would be welcome. All residents are welcome to attend with a member of the family.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ Nedelja, 15. december: **Bled** - Božičnica. (12:30 p.m.) **Slovenski park** - Miklavževanje (Santa)
- ◆ Ponedeljek, 16. december: začetek božične devetdnevne pri večerni maši.
- ◆ Torek, 17. december: Društvo sv. Jožefa - po maši **Božičnica** v prostorih društva.
- ◆ Četrtek-petek, 19-20. december: **Duhovna obnova v cerkvi**: več v božičnem pismu.
- ◆ Nedelja, 22. december: Maša in prilika za sveto spoved v **Kitchenerju** (ob 12:00h) in v **Londonu** (ob 4:00 p.m.) - cerkev St. John the Divine
- ◆ Torek, 24. december: **božični večer** - maša ob 6:00 p.m. (Angl.) in ob 10:00 p.m. (Slovenska).
- ◆ Sreda, 25. december: **BOŽIČ** - redne sv. maše.

- ♦ Četrtek, 26. december: Sv. Štefan - maša v cerkvi ob 9:30 a.m., popoldne ob 4:00h maša pri **Lipa parku**.
- ♦ Torek, 31. december: maša ob 5:30 p.m. in ob 6:30 p.m. **Silvestrovanje** v naši dvorani.

PRIPRAVA NA BOŽIČNE PRAZNIKE

Čas gre hitro naprej in naša priprava na božične praznike se bliža pravtako. Že v ponedeljek, 16. decembra bomo začeli z **BOŽIČNO DEVETDNEVNIČO** pri večernih svetih mašah. Sedaj že ob zelo znanem odpevu: »Kralja, ki prihaja...« se bomo poglobljali v skrivnost Odrešenikovega prihoda.

Kot sem omenil že v pismu, bo letos med nami duhovnik, salezijanec **g. Štefan Krampač**, doma iz Gornje Bistrice v Prekmurju. Pride v torek, 17. decembra in bo ostal med nami do prvih dni meseca februarja. Dobrodošel v naši sredi.

Letošnja duhovna obnova bo v četrtek in petek, 19. in 20. decembra. Ob 5:30 p.m. bomo začeli s spovedovanjem, pozneje pa je še sveta maša z nagovorom. Natančen program si poglejte v božičnem pismu na zadnji strani. Prilika za sveto spoved bo tudi kasneje v času božične devetdnevni pred ali po maši.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

We welcome all the children in our parish to come out and show their talents by participating in our **Christmas Eve Pageant- Dec. 24th 6:00pm Mass.** We are looking to have practices on Dec. 14th and Dec. 21st at 12:30pm for approximately an hour. All children are welcome to come and have some fun with music, acting and



of course singing. Please contact **Father Drago** (905-561-5971) gregory_sdb@cogeco.ca or **Mary Miklavcic** at 905-664-4927 (mtmik@sympatico.ca) and let us know that will come join the fun.

PLESNA SKUPINA »SOČA«

The children's folklore group "SOČA" would like to wish the parishioners and friends a very blessed Christmas and all the best in the upcoming year. There will be no practices until after the new year. Children from the ages of 8 years and older are still welcome to participate with the group. Practices are on Saturdays starting at 12:30pm.

FOLKLORNA SKUPINA »VENEC«

Folklorna skupina "VENEC" would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas! Please join us in the fun of celebrating at our annual Saint Stephen's - Boxing Day Dance here in our hall. Festivities start at 7pm. **Ansambel "Šibaj"** will be our entertainers. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

POKOJNI - FRANK RADIVOJ MARUSICH

V 84. letu starosti, je 9. decembra 2013 odšel k Bogu po večno plačilo naš faran FRANK RADIVOJ MARUŠIČ. Pokojni je veliko sodeloval pri začetkih gradnje naše dvorane in kasneje cerkve. Bil je izbran za prvega predsednika Župnijskega sveta leta 1969. V zadnjem času je živel v North Bay-ju. V petek, 13. decembra se je darovala sveta masa v North Bay Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, v naši cerkvi pa bo sveta masa v **sredo, 18. decembra ob 11:00 dopoldne.** Iskreno sožalje ženi Thea-ji, sinu Sashi in hčerki Nadj. Pokojnemu pa večni mir in pokoj, naj mu Bog povrne za vse dobro.



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.

DON BOSCO

Od 15. 12. 2013
Do 22. 12. 2013

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15. DECEMBER
Kristina, devica

Za žive in rajne župljane 9:30 A.M.
† Štefka Rihar Tanja Rihar
† Vinko Marinko 11:00 A.M. Žena z družino

PONEDELJEK
MONDAY

16. DECEMBER
Albina, muč; David, kr.

†† Marija in Cecilija Mlinarich 7:00 P.M. Matilda
† Rudi Hanc Vera Marič z družino
† Rudi Hanc Brat Jože in Olga z družino
†† Ivan, Marija in sorodniki Štefan Ray z družino

TOREK - TUESDAY

17. DECEMBER
Lazar iz Betanije, sp.m.

†† Ivan in Ethel Simončič 7:00 P.M. Društvo sv. Jožefa
† Stane Kanc Žena in otroci
†† Ludvik in Irma Hull Margaret Perger
†† Starši Terezija in Janez Prša Hči Marija in Karel Volf

SREDA

WEDNESDAY
18. DECEMBER
Gacijan, škof

† Frank Radivoj Marusich 11:00 A.M. Družina Marusich
† Frank Gimpelj 7:00 P.M. Frank, Peter, Kristina Kure
† Marija Grebenc Družina Grebenc
† Rudi Hanc Rudi in Marija Horvat
†† Ema in Štefan Temlin Sestra Marija in Karel Volf

ČETRTEK

THURSDAY
19. DECEMBER
Urban III. papež

† Stanley Knaus 7:00 P.M. Julie Balazič
† Rudi Hanc 5:30 p.m. : spoved - Lui in Slavka Gačnik
† Vinko Marinko Confessions Družina Skok
† Štefan Prša Ivan Gjerek in družina

PETEK

FRIDAY
20. DECEMBER
Evgen, mučenec

† Frank Gimpelj 8:00 A.M. Tony in Marilyn Letnik
† Mio Starešinčič 7:00 P.M. Žena Ivka
†† Pokojni iz družine Sarjaš Spoved po jutranji Ignac Sarjaš z družino
† Martin Težak maši in ob 5:30 p.m. Družina Majzelj
† Vinko Marinko Družina Marinko

SOBOTA

SATURDAY
21. DECEMBER
Peter Kanizij, duh.-uč.

† Frank Gimpelj 8:00 A.M. Family Krminac
† Stane Napast 5:30 P.M. Kathy in Martin Simončič
† Terezija Markoja 4:45 p.m. : spoved - Terezija Zadravec z družino
†† Štefan in Marija Franc Confessions Toni in Marija Franc
† Franc Antolin Ivan Antolin z družino

4. ADVENTNA NEDELJA 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22. DECEMBER
Frančiška, red.ustanov.

Za žive in rajne župljane 9:30 A.M.
Bogu v zahvalo Vera in Franc Marič
†† Vera in Frank Staniša 11:00 A.M. Družina Klarič
†† Za pokojne člane društva 12:00NOON Sava-Breslav /spoved in maša
†† Za pokojne člane društva 4:00 P.M. London-St. John the Divine