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**2ND SUNDAY OF
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Čujte in molite

»Rosite nebesa od zgoraj, oblaki dežite pravičnega, odpre naj se zemlja in rodi zveličarja!« To je vzklik hrepenenja, značilnega za starozavezno božje ljudstvo. Toda ne moremo tudi mimo tega, da ga to ljudstvo, ki je po njem hrepenelo in ga tako želelo, kasneje ni hotelo sprejeti.

Advent pomeni »slovesen prihod«. Na vsak slovesen prihod pa se temeljito in z vso vnemo pripravljamo. Že če se pripravljamo na prihod neke človeške osebe, če jo cenimo in spoštujemo, storimo vse, da bi bilo vse v najlepšem redu. Toliko večje hrepenenje, veselje in odgovorna priprava je šele za Odrešenikov prihod. Zato ni čudno, da so v Janezovem času klicali ljudi k spreobrnjenju z besedami preroka Izaija: »Pripravite v puščavi pot Gospodu, poravnajte v pustinji stezo našemu Bogu! Vsaka dolina naj se vzdigne, vsak hrib in grič naj se pogrezne!«

Take obljube se v stari zavezi niso nikoli izpolnile v celoti. Bog je sicer vodil Izrael za desnico skozi težave, ob katerih bi bilo kako drugo ljudstvo propadlo, vendar se je Izrael zavedal, da je treba čakati še zadnje izpolnitev, zadnji prihod tolažilnega božjega kraljevanja. Tega kraljestva še ni bilo, zato je ljudstvo trpelo kakor človek, ki se žalosti, ki je željan pisma v poštni skrinjici, sporočila pri vratih. Željan preroka, odposlanca veselja. Tak poslanec veselja je bil Jezusov sorodnik Janez Krstnik. Prinašal je več kot samo spomin na čase osvoboditve in milosti: on napoveduje novi čas milosti kot izpolnitev vseh prejšnjih časov. V primerjavi s tem, kar se bo zgodilo zdaj, je bil odhod iz Egipta in Babilona samo znamenje. Zdaj pride resnično Bog. Pripravite pot! Ta pot je naša spreobrnitev.



MAŠA ZA RAJNE ČLANICE KŽZ - CWL

V sredo, 28. novembra so se članice Katoliške ženske zveze pri maši spomnile vseh rajnih članic. Povabile so tudi domače ali sorodnike, da so prinesli k oltarju vrtnico, članice pa so prinesle gorečo svečo.



MIKLAVŽ PRIHAJA!

Slovenska šola in Kulturno društvo Hamilton-Wentworth pri sv. Gregoriju Velikem v Hamiltonu vljudno vabita na **Miklavževanje v nedeljo 9. Decembra, 2012.** Po 9:30 maši, od 10:45 do 11:45 bo film za otroke. Ob 12:00 bo odlično kosilo v cerkveni dvorani, nato pa pride Miklavž s spremstvom. Prijave sprejema Sandy Allen - telefon 905-548-0889.

St. Nicholas will soon be visiting our parish once again. The Slovenian School and the Hamilton-Wentworth Slovenian Cultural Society invites you to our annual **St. Nicholas Celebration on Sunday December 9, 2012.** After the 9:30am Mass there will be a film for the children from 10:45am to 11:45am. A delicious lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, after which St. Nicholas and his angels will come to visit our parish's children. Reservations at Sandy Allen: 905-548-0889.





Silvestrovanje New Year's Eve

St. Gregory the Great Hall
December 31, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Ansambel EUROPA



Silvesterska večerja in ples
New Year's Dinner & Dance
Raffle



Vstopnina
Entrance
Odrasli&Adults:
\$60.00
Students with ID
\$35.00

Za rezervacije kličite:
For reservations call:
Terezija Sarjaš: 905-560-1218

Happy New Year 2013 - Prijetno Novo Leto 2013



Sunday's Readings

2ND Sunday of Advent

Response: **“To you, o Lord, I lift my soul.”**

First Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Jeremiah sees the day coming when a righteous descendant of David will establish the people in integrity by virtue of his own example.

Second Reading 1Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2

Paul prays that the Thessalonians will continue to grow in love for each other and the whole human race as a result of the teaching he has given them.

Gospel Luke 21: 25-28. 34-36

Jesus tells his disciples that in the end times, as the world descends into chaos, they will be able to face it all with confidence, knowing that their liberation is close at hand.

“Stand erect, hold your heads high.”

Illustration

How does it feel to be the best in the world? How does it feel to have run the fastest race; to have climbed the highest mountain; to be part of a world-champion team? All the hard hours of training, the self-discipline and self-control have paid off, and now you are the world champion. That must be an amazing experience. But how would you feel if you knew that you had only achieved such heights by using performance-enhancing drugs? Even if you avoided all the tests,



you have the medal, your name is there in the record books – still you know that you have cheated. You know you are not really the best. Someone else’s name should be on the medal and in the record books.

Again, what does it feel like to have achieved the top position in your own job? You are the boss, a manager, head of department. But you know that you are only where you are because of family connections or the old school tie. You have not achieved such heights through your own efforts and skill. Or how does it feel to be in the top echelons of the banking fraternity, enjoying multimillion-pound bonuses, when partly on your account many others are losing their jobs, having their social benefits cut and enduring an ever more precarious future?

Today it is becoming more and more topical to discuss the ethics of the sports field and the marketplace. Is it right to achieve our goals by any means?

Gospel Teaching

Clearly these are not just modern problems. The prophet Jeremiah experienced the trickery and corruption of Jerusalem in the sixth century BC, and he looked forward to a time when Judah and Israel would have an honest ruler who prac-

tised integrity. His leadership and example would lead to a situation of integrity involving the whole people. Through the prophets, God wanted to form a nation that would practise justice and integrity and be a light and example to the surrounding peoples. From our perspective, we find this ideal leader in the person of Jesus. By word and example, Jesus announces a new vision for the whole world: the kingdom of God.

The vision of Jesus, of a people who can change the world with love, inspired St Paul in setting up new Christian communities. He knew, however, that this is always a work in progress, dependent on the grace of God and our individual and collective commitment. But with prayer and a desire to remain faithful to the vision we have received, it will happen.

Jesus himself is very realistic. He knows that the powers of this world are not simply going to stand by and let their way of running things be stripped away. The change envisaged by Jesus will create turmoil that will engulf us all. So he warns us to be ready, to face up to whatever is to happen, to remain true to what we believe and trust that he will come to set us free.

Application

Such a scenario might sound overdramatic. However, we only need to look around us to see how easy it is for our vision to be blurred, our sense of justice to be dulled, so that we become accepting of things that used to shock us. We are no longer surprised that people in high places are prone to corruption. We may even be a little envious of their opportunities.

Today, on the first Sunday of Advent, we are being challenged to look at our own attitudes to morality in the public sphere. There are so many ways in which our Christian values are being

threatened and eroded that our tendency may be to go into our shell and hide from the big bad world, believing that we are unable to change anything. But this is not the message of the word of God today. There is power in the community of faith. We need that power first of all to sustain and encourage one another. But we need that power also to witness to a way of life that is different, that is based on love and truth and the respect that is the God-given right of each and every human being.

As we begin again our celebration of the mysteries of our faith throughout this new liturgical year, let us be affirmed in our faith, confident in hope and persevering in love.



“VATICAN II: ENVISIONING THE NEXT 50 YEARS”

On **Friday, December 14**, **Massimo Faggioli, PhD**, will present a talk entitled, ‘Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning.’ He will address the history of the debate regarding Vatican II as a beginning or a renewal and situate the council in its historical and theological dimensions. Dr. Faggioli is an Assistant Professor of the History of Modern Christianity at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a member of the University of Notre Dame research network, “The Lived History of Vatican II.”

Location: C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome’s University - **Time:** 7:30p.m. **Website:** <http://www.sju.ca/lectures/lectureschedule.html>

Free Admission | Wheelchair Accessible | Free Parking

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR

V četrtek so redne pevske vaje za mešani zbor. Naslednjič zbor poje 9. decembra, na drugo adventno nedeljo - spomnili se bomo tudi praznika Marijinega Brezmadežnega spočetja.



CWL - KŽZ

Our December **General Meeting** will be held this **Wednesday, Dec. 5** immediately following 7 p.m. mass. We have some important topics to cover. Our **members attendance is needed**. We will be planning our Christmas visits to our ill and elderly members as well as our year end ladies social...our "Secret Santa Party". Any ladies interested in the CWL are always welcome at our meetings.



Our Memorial Mass was a lovely tribute to our deceased members. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended!

* The Hamilton Red Cross is collecting and distributing new and gently used toys and clothing to families with children up to the age of 12 who are in need this Christmas Season. Please consider contributing to those much less fortunate than us during this season of giving and sharing. A collection box will be placed at the entrance of the church. Larger donations can be taken to 400 King St E (905) 522-8499 EXT 1267.

IZLET V SLOVENIJO - 2013

Jože Razpotnik st./London/, poskuša organizirat izlet v Slovenijo, kot je to storil že večkrat v preteklosti. Predviden datum potovanja je zadnji teden v maju in prvi teden v mesecu juniju. Zainteresirani pokličite za več informacij J.

Razpotnika na telefonsko številko: 519-461-0653.

VEČNA LUČ

Večna luč bo v mesecu decembru gorela po namenu Manje Erzetič za vse rajne iz družin Erzetič, Šribar in Hodnik.

PRVI PETEK - BOLNIKI

Pred nami je zadnji prvi petek v tem koledarskem letu. Ta dan bom obiskoval bolnike, zvečer pa je ob šestih prilika za spoved in češčenje Najsvetejšega.

POKOJNI

V petek, 30. novembra 2012 je Bog nenadoma poklical k sebi našega farana JANEZA HOČEVARJA v 78. letu starosti. Rajni bo ležal v Markey Dermody Funeral home, na Kingu. V torek 4. decembra od 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., zvečer ob osmih bomo molili za pokoj njegove duše. Pogrebna sveta maša bo v naši cerkvi v sredo 5. decembra ob 10:00 dopoldne in nato pogreb na pokopališču Our Lady of the Angels. Iskreno sožalje ženi Mariji in vsem domačim. Pokojnemu Janezu pa večni mir in pokoj.

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANTS DAY MASS

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, as Celebrant Sunday, December 9th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario

All are invited! Please join us.

DAROVI

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali: \$100 Ftičar Joe; \$100 v spomin na Štefana Prša darujeta John in Leila Ryan; \$50 daruje N.N.; \$50 daruje Francka

Cestnik v spomin na Ludvika Hulla; \$80 daruje Francka Cestnik v spomin na Elizabeth Tanko.

Za rože Slomškovega oltarnemu društvu daruje \$100 Joe Ftičar; \$100 darujeta Verona in Franc Marič v spomin na Ethel Simončič.

Iskrena hvala vsem, ki ste darovali po različnih namenih. Bog vam povrni.

POROKA



V soboto, 1. decembra 2012 sta se v naši cerkvi poročila ženin **Leo Arthur JOLICOEUR**, katerega starša sta Arthur in Patricia in nevesta **Tatjana Mary LESICA**, katere starša sta Alojz in Marija.

Čestitke ob tako pomembnem življenjskem dogodku z željo, da bi skupaj načrtovala svoje življenje zato jima želimo obilo božjega blagoslova.

ADVENTNI ČAS

S prvo adventno nedeljo smo začeli neposredno pripravo na Božič. V atriju cerkve si vzemite **kuverto z božičnim pismom**, božično kuverto, koledarjem za leto 2013 in vabilom za novoletno praznovanje.

Malo kasneje boste dobili tudi nove letne kuverte za leto 2013.

Zadnjič sem napisal, da bo prišel za božič na pomoč g. Ferenčak Štefan, te dni pa sem dobil sporočilo, da mu je zaradi manjšega posega zdravnik odsvetoval, da bi šel na tako dolgo pot. Zato bo tokrat zopet prišel **g. Andrej Baligač** /bil je tukaj mislim, da predlani/ doma iz Ižakovca.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

December 24th at 6:00 pm

Dear Parents and Children of our Parish,

It's that time of year again to prepare for our annual Children's Christmas program. Every year the children have put on an excellent program and we encourage them to be involved again this year.

The theme of this year's program will be "The True Gift of Christmas". We will need children to do some singing, reading and some acting. So come out and show us your talents and be a part of the Christmas Spirit.

We will be looking to start practices on Saturday Dec. 15 and Saturday Dec. 22 after Slovenian school for approximately an hour.

Please encourage your children to participate in this fun experience.

Contact Mary Miklavcic: mtmik@sympatico.ca or 905-664-4927 and let me know if you will be participating.

Thank you, on behalf of the Liturgical Committee

Mary Miklavcic

OD 02. 12. 2012
DO 09. 12. 2012

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

1. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

za žive in rajne župljane

02. DECEMBER	†† Štefka Rihar 9:30 A.M.	Božnar John in Ann
<i>Natalija, mučenka</i>	†† Josip, Terezia in Steve Sajder 11:00 A.M.	Vida Sajder
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY	† Ivan Sobočan 7.00 P.M.	Tomaž in Pavla Mes
03. DECEMBER	† Ivan Sobočan	Andreja in Miran Mes
<i>Frančišek Ksaver, red.</i>	†† Sorodniki Mes	Družina Mes
	†† Družina Rajter	Družina Mes
TOREK - TUESDAY	† Napast Stane, obl. 8:00 A.M.	Žena Fanika z družino
04. DECEMBER	† Napast Stane, obl.	Kathy in Martin Simončič
<i>Barbara, mučenka</i>	† Krumpač Ignac	Joe Ftičar
	† Irma Hull	Joe Ftičar
SREDA - WEDNESDAY	† Janez Hočevar 10:00 A.M.	Pogrebna maša
05. DECEMBER	† Elizabeth Tanko 7:00 P.M.	CWL - KŽZ
<i>Saba, opat</i>	† Jože Jerič	Ignac Prša in družina
	†† Pokojni iz družine Kovač	Marija in Ignac Korošec
	†† Ignac in Marija Žalik	Hčerka z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY	†† Ivan in Ana Tompa 7:00 P.M.	Matija Tompa z družino
06. DECEMBER	† Irma Hull	Julija Sagadin z družino
<i>Nikolaj (Miklavž), šk.</i>	† Marija Klemenčič	Julija Sagadin z družino
	†† Jožef in Marija Heric	Štefan in Francka Antolin
	† Mijo Starešinčič	Ivka Starešinčič
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY	†† Alojzija Novak, obl. 7:00 P.M.	Frank Novak in družina
07. DECEMBER	†† Za duše v vicah	Toni in Marija Bukvič
<i>Ambrož, šk-c.uč</i>	† Ignac Krumpač	Štefan in Gizella Ray z družino
	† Vinko Skale	Žena in družina
SOBOTA - SATURDAY	† Ignac Krumpač 8:15 A.M.	Ludvik Hull in družina
08. DECEMBER	† Matija Vlašič 5:30 P.M.	Mike Jagušič Family
<i>Brezmadežno spočetje</i>	† Ivan Sobočan	Družina Vengar
<i>Device Marije</i>	† Ciril Virant	Toni in Marija Franc
	† Štefan Prša	Terezija Prša z družino
2. ADVENTNA NEDELJA	za žive in rajne župljane	
09. DECEMBER	† Janez Kosednar 9:30 A.M.	Žena in družina
<i>Bernard Jezusov, red.</i>	†† Jernej in Lucija Ponikvar 11:00 A.M.	Družina Ponikvar
	MIKLAVŽEVANJE 12:30 NOON	ŽUPNIJSKA DVORANA



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:15 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.