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## 3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

## 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Pismo hamiltonskega škofa vernikom

Dragi bratje in sestre v Kristusu:

Božična glasba se dotakne duše! Leto za letom sem poslušal božične pesmi, znova in znova; mnoge so postale moje priljubljene, ki me pomirjajo in ob njih uživam.

Mnogi pevski zbori po hamiltonski škofiji se posebej potrudijo, da je božično petje tisto najboljšo, kar lahko ponudijo za ta čas. Vsi, ki se boste udeležili božičnega bogoslužja v naših župnijah ne boste razočarani!

Evangelij Jezusa Kristua, vesela novica o božji ljubezni, se radostno oznanja prav preko glasbe. Sredi prepolnih urnikov, vsakodnevnih skrbi, vam polagam na srce, da se tu in tam v tem času miru zaustavite in prisluhnete božičnim pesmim od začetka do konca in pustite, da vas ponesejo do tistega notranjega kotička, kjer se boste srečali z Gospodom.

Vsako leto na novo praznujemo Gospodovo rojstvo. V spomin si priključimo to zaznamujočo zgodbo Njegova rojstva v Betlehemu in vsak dan smo povabljeni, da si to, preko del ljubezni, dobrote in sočutja znova priključimo v spomin. Ko bomo pri božični maši prejeli Kristusovo Telo in Kri, smo poslani, da z deli ljubezni storimo to, kar je On storil.

Uživajte v glasbi, prepoznavajte dela ljubezni, ko jih zaznate, bodite velikodušni v skrbi za druge in vedite, da nas Jezus preko vsega tega vodi do še globlje zavesti, da nas On prav vse zares ljubi.

Želim vam blagoslovljen Božič in radosti skozi vse leto, ki prihaja.

Iz srca v Kristusu in Mariji Brezmadežni

Prečastiti Douglas Crosby, OMI, hamiltonski škof



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Cordially invites all Ladies  
to our

# CHRISTMAS "SECRET" SANTA PARTY

**Monday, December 12, 2011  
at 7:30 p.m.  
Downstairs Hall**



**COME ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING EVENING  
OF FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP**

All attending please bring the following:

- Wrapped \$10-\$15 gift
- Pot-luck dish to share
- Canned or dried food item for donation





# Miklavževanje



Miklavževanje je za našo skupnost vsako leto velik dogodek, na katerega so se pripravljali otroci Slovenske šole z učiteljicami, starši in vsi, ki so priskočili na pomoč, da je bilo vse kot je treba. Gospodinje so poskrbele za dobro hrano, druge za dobre dišeče krofe, učiteljice za organizacijo in darila. Otroci so lepo zapeli in zaplesali, tudi »škrati« so odigrali svojo vlogo. Miklavž je kar s pesmijo nagovoril vse navzoče. Hvala tudi članom župnijskega sveta za pomoč pri organizaciji.



## Sunday's Readings

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### **First Reading** *Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*

The prophet Isaiah says God's spirit brings him great joy. He prophesies that those who are poor will receive good news, broken hearts will be healed, prisoners will be freed, and justice will reign.

#### **Second Reading** *1 Thess. 5:16-24*

Paul suggests that at all times and in all circumstances we are to rejoice, pray and give thanks to God.

#### **Gospel** *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

John the Baptist points out that the Lord is quietly present in the world and that he himself is simply "a witness to speak for the light".

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

The Holy Land today is a tense place, just as it was two thousand years ago. Among the hardships faced by the Palestinian community are losing access to olive groves and having movement restricted. People living in the Palestinian town of Bethlehem are hemmed in by a thirty-foot-high separation wall built around it and must regularly pass through checkpoints. All this is monitored by accompaniers from many countries working with the World Council of Churches in Palestine and Israel.

Last Christmas Eve, one of these accompaniers, an English woman from Coventry named Ann Farr, joined Christmas celebrations in Nablus. This Palestinian city lies forty-five miles north of Bethlehem.

Ann reported that despite the troubles facing the people, Christmas 2010 was "very special". She was struck by the joyful nature of the celebrations.

The Christmas festivities involved visits to the four churches of Nablus: Catholic, Melkite, Orthodox and Anglican. At the Melkite church the priest offered Arabic coffee to visitors, including local police and scouts and Father Christmases of all shapes and sizes, as well as Ann and other companions. Afterwards, everybody set off down the street, led by the priests and the town governor, and by young people with musical instruments and flares. The crowd included families, old and young people, Christians and Muslims. Muslims joined in to celebrate that both Christians and Muslims worship one God. At the Latin Catholic Church the people quietened down in front of a cave-like crib while the priest delivered his Christmas message, and afterwards coffee and chocolates were served. At the Anglican church, in Ann's words, "we guessed at the readings and recognized the familiar carols being sung with great gusto in Arabic by the congregation and joined in, in our own languages, when we could".

On this Gaudete Sunday, the Church reminds us of the call to rejoice. "Rejoice always," says Paul. We are called to have so much hope in our hearts and trust in God that we are able to do this in good and bad times. Paul urges us to nourish the spiritual dimension of our lives and to learn to be more sensitive to God's presence among us.

The first reading, and the psalm – which is taken from Mary's Magnificat – prophesy that poor people and social outcasts have particular reason to be happy. In fact, God has taken an option for those who are poor: prisoners will be freed, those who are starving will be fed and the broken-hearted will be healed. The text from Isaiah is the one Jesus read out when he opened his public ministry, offering "glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18) and proclaiming a time of grace or Jubilee.

In the Gospel we sense a feeling of anticipation growing among the people. They were beginning to reform their lives, expecting that at any moment the Christ might be revealed to them. They believed that God was faithful, generous and close to them. They had every reason to rejoice.

Does this mean we should go about our daily lives with a constant smile on our face? Well, we could smile more often than we do. We could be more willing to focus on our blessings rather than our problems. As Advent progresses and Christmas draws near, we can have a heightened awareness of God's presence among us and openness to being changed and blessed by it.

Advent is a time to prepare not only materially but also spiritually for the coming of the Lord. It is a time to step outside our busy lives, our tasks and appointments, and simply recognize God's loving presence in all humanity and in the natural world. Let's take time today to look up into the sky and be aware of breathing, taking in the fresh God-given air that keeps us alive. Let's pay special attention to the gift of family and friends. And as we give thanks for God's gifts to us, let's ask ourselves how we can be of service to people who are sick or

in trouble, or worried about facing Christmas on a low income. Can we give time to people who may be depressed or who do not have many friends? As Christmas draws near, let us join Paul in glorifying God for sending Christ to walk alongside us on this earth. Let's resolve that this year's Christmas celebration will be a heartfelt and generous community celebration of divine grace.

## Words Can't Feed the Hungry

### Good Shepherd Christmas Food Drive much needed items:

Cereal, Crackers, Dry Pasta & Sauce, Tuna, Instant Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Juice, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Jam, Healthy Children's Snacks, Canned Pasta, Canned Soup, Canned Vegetables, Coffee/Regular Tea, Pork & Beans, Baby Formula, Diapers (Size 4,5,6 + pull-up), Feminine Hygiene Products.

## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>- CHRISTMAS EVE MASS- 6:00PM

The Liturgical committee welcomes all children to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant taking place December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

The first practice for the pageant will begin on **Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**. We invite all the children of our parish to come and have some fun,

sing and maybe act a little. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. Please contact Mary Miklavcic at 905- 664-4927 or Sonja Podrebarac at 905-664-1774 for more details.





# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PEVSKI ZBOR

Pevske vaje za župnijski mešani pevski zbor so ob četrtek, po večerni maši.



## CWL - KŽZ

We invite all our CWL members and ladies of the parish to our annual **"Secret Santa Party"** to be held **Monday Dec. 12 following p.m. mass in the downstairs hall**. Those attending are kindly asked to **bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift, a potluck dish to share and a canned or dry food item for donation to Food Share Hamilton**. We welcome all ladies to come and enjoy an evening of faith, fun and friendship!!!



As we enter the season of giving and sharing we will again be **collecting** your kind and generous canned and dried **food donations** for Food Share Hamilton. Our Food Banks are in need of **canned fruit and vegetables, pastas, pasta sauce, canned or dry soups, baby formula, and cereals**. Please consider donating generously to over 18,500 people in our community of whom 8,100 are children who go to bed hungry.

Our **CWL membership fees are due**. Envelopes have been put into our 2012 Sunday collection boxes. Members who have not been able to attend our monthly general meetings will notice that the **fee** has been **increased** from \$14 to **\$19**. This is a \$5 increase that was voted on by all our Diocesan parishes at the Diocesan

Convention, May 2011 and was almost unanimously accepted. Our membership is split into 3 parts, National, Provincial and Diocesan. This is a \$5 increase to be sent to the National level. Any questions please contact Sidonia at (905) 578-8896. We wholeheartedly hope that this increase does not discourage you to continue your membership because your membership is extremely important to our National representation that goes to parliament defending our Catholic/Christian family lives and values.

## DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

Društvo Sv. Jožefa **membership fee** is now due for 2012. Please see Frank Erzar and receive your new membership card.



Vse člane društva prosimo, da obnovijo **članarino za leto 2012**. Pri Franku Erzarju placate članarino in dobite člansko izkaznico.

Our **annual members' Christmas Party** will be held at Villa Slovenia on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Light dinner will be served. Entertainment will be provided by Branko Pouh! We will also hold a Poinsettia Draw with all donations going to the "Christmas Tree of Hope". Look forward to seeing you!

**Božičnica za člane društva sv. Jožefa** bo v Villa Slovenija, v torek 20. decembra ob sedmih zvečer. Pripravili bomo večerjo. Za živo glasbo bo poskrbel Branko Pouh. Izzrebali bomo dobitnike "božičnih zvezd". Dobiček je zamenjen za "Božično drevo upanja" /Christmas Tree of Hope/. Vse vas pričakujemo v torek, 20. decembra!

## NAROČNINA ZA OGNJIŠČE

Naročnina za Ognjišče za leto 2012 je 75 CAD.

## SLOMŠKOVO OLTARNO DRUŠTVO

Tudi za letošnji Božič lahko naročite potice. Naročila sprejemata Jožica Novak 905-560-0705 in Jožica Vegelj 905-664-5240.

## NA PROGRAMU

● **16. december - petek:** začetek božične devetdnevne pri večerni maši. Vabljeni!

● **18. december - nedelja:** **Duhovna priprava:** Sava-Breslav: maša in spoved ob 12:00, London-cerkev St. John the Divine: maša in spoved ob 4:00 p.m.

● **19. - 20. december :** Duhovna priprava na Božič. Natančen program si pogledjte v božičnem pismu.

● **20. december - torek:** ob 7:45 p.m. - Sv. Jožef - Božičnica - Christmas party.

● **24. december - sobota:** Sveti večer. Maša ob 6:00 p.m./angleška/ in ob 10:00 p.m. - Polnočnica / slovenska/.

● **25. december - nedelja:** BOŽIČ - maša ob 9:30 a.m. In ob 11:00 a.m.

● **26. december - ponedeljek:** Sveti Štefan, maša v Lipa parku ob 4:00 p.m.

● **31. december - sobota:** New Year's Eve: Silvestrovanje - St. Gregory the Great . Čimprej se prijavite.



**Silvestrovanje**  
**New Year's Eve**

**Spotlight**  
**Orchestra**

*Happy New Year 2012 - Svetno Novo Leto 2012*

**St. Gregory the Great Hall**  
**December 31, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Menue**

Hors - d'oeuvres  
Dinner Rolls & Butter  
Soup  
Mixed salad  
Roasted Beef with vegetables & gravy  
Potatoes  
Roasted Pork Tenderloin & Pierogi  
Cheese Strudel  
Chicken Breast with Sauce  
»Kremšnite«  
Coffee  
Light Buffet at 11.00 p.m.

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

Za rezervacije kličite:  
For reservations call:  
Terezija Sarjaš: 905-560-1218  
Jožica Vegelj: 905-664-5240

Od 11. 12. 2011  
Do 18. 12. 2011

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

MASSSES MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 P.M., SATURDAY 8:15 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

## NEDELJA - SUNDAY

11. DECEMBER

### 3. ADVENTNA

*Damaz I., papež*

za žive in rajne župljane

† Karolina Dragica Bolko, obl.

† Jernej in Lucija Ponikvar

9:30 A.M. John Žunič

11:00 A.M. Družina Ponikvar (Desanti)

## PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

12. DECEMBER

*Dev. M. iz Guadalupe*

†

Jožef Kuzmič

†

Rozalija Ifko

††

Marija in Jožef Heric

†

Mike Martin

7:00 P.M.

Društvo sv. Jožefa

Družina Likavec

Hčerka

Družina Raduha

## TOREK - TUESDAY

13. DECEMBER

*Lucija, dev.-muč.*

†

Marija Vlašič

†

Marija Kolenc

†

Jožef Pust

†

Dragica Bolko, obl.

7:00 P.M.

Zlatko in Marija Berkovič

Družina Gergyek

Anton in Marija Šverko

Družina Benc

## SREDA - WEDNESDAY

14. DECEMBER

*Janez od Križa, duh.*

†

Jože Gerič, obl.

†

Marija Bizjak

†

Rozalija Ifko

Za zdravje

7.00 A.M.

Žena Elizabeta z družino

Mož

Dunko Terezija

Ludvik Hull z družino

## ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

15. DECEMBER

*Kristina (Tinca), dev.*

†

Karel Volčanšek

†

Anton Vengar

†

Štefan Plevel

†

Toni Cunjak

7:00 P.M.

Društvo sv. Jožefa

Društvo sv. Jožefa

Žena z družino

Olga Čulig

## PETEK - FRIDAY

16. DECEMBER

*Albina, muč. David, kr.*

††

starši Alojzija in Ciril

†

Ana Žerdin

†

Jožef Pust

†

Mike Martin

7:00 P.M.

Pavel Novak z družino

Marija in Ignac Korošec

Družina Molec

Jožica Chetwynd

## SOBOTA - SATURDAY

17. DECEMBER

*Lazar iz Betanije*

†

Za zdravje Ivana in bolnikov

†

Riki Tozer

†

Blaž Čulig

†

Karl Volčanšek

†

Štefan Zadravec

8:15 A.M.

Veronika Obal z družino

5:30 P.M.

Družina Gomboša

Majda in Slavko Kološa

Josephine Pfeiffer

Družina Topličanec /Montreal/

## NEDELJA - SUNDAY

18. DECEMBER

### 4. ADVENTNA

*Gacijan, škof*

za žive in rajne župljane

††

Annie in John Igl

†

Robert Zver

††

Pokojni člani društva Sava

††

Pokojni člani društva Triglav

9:30 A.M.

Steve in Vida Sajder

11:00 A.M.

Družina Žižek

12:00 NOON

Maša in spoved - Sava Breslav

4:00 P.M.

Maša in spoved - St. John the D.



DON BOSCO

**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.