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**CVETNA
NEDELJA**

**PASSION - PALM
SUNDAY**

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BLAGOSLOVLJEN, KI PRIHAJA

Na današnja cvetno nedeljo, nam berili ponujata pogled na Jezusovo trpljenje, ki je v luči pokorščine in sinovske vdanosti Očetu.

V prvem berilu je rečeno: »Gospod Bog mi je odprl uho in jaz se nisem upiral, nisem se umaknil nazaj. Svoj hrbet sem nastavljal tistim, ki so me bili, svoje lice tistim, ki so mi pulili brado. Svojega obraza nisem skrival pred sramotanjem in pljunki.«

V drugem berilu Pavel opisuje celotni lok Kristusove skrivnosti. On, ki je božje narave, je slekel samega sebe s tem, da si je privzel naravo hlapca; postal je ponižen vse do križa. Poleg tega, da nam ta odlomek, iz pisma Filipljanom, predstavlja sinovsko vdanost, nam kaže tudi solidarnost z brati: Kristus je postal podoben ljudem, privzel si je naše skromne razmere; še več, postal je solidaren s kriminalci, z obsojenimi na smrt na križu.

Dvojna vrednost trpljenja se kaže v popolni sinovski vdanosti Očetu in popolni bratski solidarnosti z ljudmi. To spoznamo predvsem v njegovem smrtnem boju. Tu se bojuje z muko, ki jo povzroča bližina trpljenja in smrti in kot pravi pismo Hebrejcem, se, v nekem pomenu, uči pokorščine (prim. Heb 5,8). Namreč, na začetku prosi Očeta, da bi šel kelih trpljenja in smrti daleč proč od njega, a takoj doda: »Vendar ne tako, kot hočem jaz, temveč kot hočeš ti!«

Jezus tako svojo željo, da bi bil rešen trpljenja, podredi pokorščini Očetu. In ko je dolgo molil, je vedno ponavljal le to drugo prošnjo: »Moj Oče, če ta kelih ne more mimo mene, ne da bi pil iz njega, naj se zgodi tvoja volja.«

To Jezusovo sprejemanje Očetove volje se pokaže tudi takrat, ko so Jezusa prijeli. Peter ga skuša zaščititi in rešiti: poseže z mečem in udari služabnika velikega duhovnika. Vendar Jezus takoj naredi konec taki vrste odpora in reče Petru: »Spravi meč v nožnico ...« Glavni razlog vsega tega je Jezusova sinovska pokorščina. Sicer pa, kako bi se lahko izpolnila Pisma, po katerih se je moralo vse to zgoditi.



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Očetova volja je izražena v Pismih in Jezus hoče to izpolniti v sinovski pokorščini Očetu. To pove tudi množici: »Kakor nad razbojnika ste prišli z meči in koli, da bi me prijeli. (...)'. Vse to pa se je zgodilo, da so se izpolnila Pisma prerokov.« Jezus se je zavedal, da mora izpolniti Pisma; privolil je v popolno pokorščino Očetovi volji, ki hoče odrešiti celotno človeštvo.

Tako vidimo, da je sinovska pokorščina zelo tesno povezana z bratsko solidarnostjo. Iz pokorščine Očetu Jezus žrtvuje svoje življenje za brate. Ta vidik se še posebej izpričuje pri postavitvi evharistije, ki že vnaprej ponavzočuje vse o Jezusovem trpljenju.

Preden so Jezusa prijeli, sodili in obsodili, je vzel kruh, ga blagoslovil in se s tem zahvalil Očetu, potem je dal kruh učencem in rekel: »Vzemite in jejte; to je moje telo.« Potem je vzel kelih in rekel: »Pijte iz njega vsi, to je moja kri zaveze, prelita za mnoge, v odpuščanje grehov.« Tako Jezus preoblikuje svoje trpljenje v daritev. Daje svoje telo in kri za odrešenje vseh ljudi in celo ukaže, naj se to dejanje ponavlja.

Jezus pa s tem sprejema popolno solidarnost z najbolj preizkušanimi ljudmi na svetu. Ne sprejema zgolj splošne človeške usode, temveč tisto, ki je polna poniževanj in trpljenja. Kot pravi Pavel, postane podoben ljudem, pojavi se v človeški podobi, da bi se ponižal vse do smrti na križu. Sprejema usodo ljudi, ki so krivično obsojeni in morajo umreti kot hudodelci. V tem je Jezusova solidarnost, ki jo izkazuje po svojem trpljenju.

Sicer pa noben človek ne more biti obsojen in usmrčen, ne da bi imel ob sebi križanega, ki daje svoje življenje v odpuščanje grehov in v zavezo, saj želi vnovič vzpostaviti globoko edinost med ljudmi in nebeškim Očetom. Ne moremo se zamisliti večje solidarnosti, kot je ta.

Na drugi strani pa se Jezus zaveda, da sprejetje take solidarnosti do človeštva ne bo imelo negativnih posledic; ve, da bo božja moč preoblikovala trpljenje v pot, ki vodi k vstajenju od mrtvih. Seveda tudi ve, da mora to pot sprejeti. Ko ga veliki duhovnik vpraša o njegovi identiteti: »Rotim te pri živem Bogu, da nam poveš, ali si ti Mesija, Božji Sin, « mu Jezus odvrne: »Ti sam si rekel. Toda povem vam: poslej boste videli Sina človekovega sedeti na desnici Vsemogočnega in priti na oblakih neba.« Jezus ve, da je njegovo trpljenje - ta popolna solidarnost z nami in ta popolna pokorščina Očetovi volji - le pot k vstajenju od mrtvih in poveličanju.

- (Prim.: Oznanjevalec 2, 2008)

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Trust in God enables us to be eloquent in our witness.

Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

Humility allows God our Father to achieve his plan for us.

Gospel *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

The faithfulness and trust of Jesus are not in vain.

“Every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.”



Illustration

The “fight or flight response”, also known as the acute stress response, is a physiological reaction that occurs in the presence of something that is terrifying, either mentally or physically. The response is triggered by the release of hormones that prepare the body either to stay and deal with the threat or to run away to safety. The term “fight or flight” represents the choices that our ancient ancestors had to make when faced with danger in their environment. First described in the 1920s by American physiologist Walter Cannon, a chain of reactions inside the body helps to mobilise the body’s resources to deal with threatening circumstances. We can all probably think of a time when we experienced this phenomenon: in the face of something frightening, the heartbeat quickens, breathing increases and the body becomes tense and ready to act. It is normally an automatic reaction, but it can be overcome with training or determination.



Gospel Teaching

St Matthew's account of Jesus' passion draws heavily on the account given in St Mark's earlier version, yet St Matthew recasts the narrative in order to highlight his own distinct themes: that the Jewish scriptures foreshadow the death in which Jesus fulfils his God-given destiny to bring about a new period of history filled with resurrection life. Jesus is also shown to be the obedient Son of God, utterly faithful and trusting even when confronted by appalling suffering, proving that his trust in God, having passed the ultimate test of death, is not in vain. The message of complete confidence in God, heard in our first reading from Isaiah, is vividly lived out in the non-resistance of Jesus, who offers his back to be scourged, his face to be slapped and spat upon. His trust in God allows him to go to his death knowing that he shall not be shamed.

St Paul, writing to the Philippians, quotes what many scholars believe to be the oldest piece of Christian prose in the New Testament; namely that Jesus showed utter trust in God, emptying himself of his own

will to allow the will of the Father to be accomplished. He accepted that this was his fate, not for himself but on behalf of us and out of pure love for us. Humility of the first order is displayed by Christ as, during his passion, he moves inexorably to the point of feeling utterly alone: "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

Jesus' absolute obedience and complete trust lead to the point where he breathes his last, that final breath imitating the first breath of Genesis when God breathed over the chaos to bring about the new order of creation. St Matthew anticipates that new order of resurrection life by evoking Ezekiel's great vision of the dry bones in an explosion of triumph as the veil of the Temple is torn in two, the earth shakes, rocks split and tombs are opened. A triumphal procession of the saints who had been trapped in death enters the new Jerusalem, and the whole pagan empire – symbolised by the Roman soldiers – is astonished and can acclaim Jesus as the true Son of God.

Application

Trust is almost the precursor of humility; it is only when we trust that we can accept that our own reactions, fears and interpretations contain within them a space which, if filled with the grace of God, has the potential to transform our desire to run away or to fight. Humility is not some kind of self-abasement, but rather an inherent strength that comes from knowing that the outcome is not in our hands alone. Miracles are not always spectacular; often miracles are silent transformations where we are not sure why we acted or reacted as we did. All we know is that something guides us forward. Trust and obedience lead us to hope in something outside of ourselves.

The compassion we exercise, the forgiveness we offer, the sacrifices we make often happen not as fight or flight, but rather as obedient solidarity where we hope the outcome will be one of grace, not desertion; of silence, not empty words; of life, not death. Hope enables us to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that death can never have the final word. Inspired by the obedience of Christ, we echo the words of the great Czech statesman Václav Havel: "Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out."

*Celebrating
20 years*



Life in the Camps-

After WW II



**Luncheon
&
Short Program**

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Doors Open: 11:00am

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal
Church Hall, Etobicoke

Adult (14 & older): \$50.00 Email: cshistorical@gmail.com

Children (3-13): \$30.00 Telephone: 647-297-3730

Last Day to purchase tickets:
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023



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Vsi Vabljeni ~ Everyone Welcome

SLOVENSKI PARK'S 2023

Spomladanski Banket

Spring Banquet

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

Doors open at 5pm / Dinner at 6pm

Featuring Music by
SLO BEAT



Contact Martina Bellemore (Malevich) to RSVP

To Purchase Tickets/Reserve Your Table:

Email: martinaslopark@gmail.com

Text/Call: 289-237-0327

Adults \$40 each

Youth 13 to 25 \$25 each

Children 12 & Under FREE



BRESLAU - MAŠA

Navadno smo se zbrali pri sveti maši na cvetno nedeljo. Odkar ni več dvorana v lasti društva Sava, se je potrebno prilagodit in prirediti urnik maš dnevom, ki so na razpolago. Lepa skupina se je zbrala za to sveto mašo, verjetno je tudi lepo vreme pripomoglo. Z molitvijo in pesmijo smo se razpoložili za obhajanje pete postne-tihe nedelje. Po maši pa smo se še zaustavili ob kavi in dobrotah in vmes poklepetali. Hvala vsem, ki ste sodelovali pri maši in pripravili oltar in ga okrasili. Na koncu smo še dodali »gasilsko« sliko. - Naslednja sveta maša bo v nedeljo 21. maja ob 1:00 p.m.



Slovenska Šola



FISH FRY AND BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH at 4PM

UPPER HALL

TICKETS: \$15.00

PLEASE PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS!
WE SELL OUT EVERY YEAR!

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING BAKED GOOD DONATIONS
FOR THE BAKE SALE - Please Contact Sandy if you
wish to donate baked goods.

PLEASE CONTACT SANDY FOR TICKET
RESERVATIONS:
EMAIL: SFERLETIC@GMAIL.COM (PREFERRED)
PHONE: 905-977-8464



FOUR SEMINARIANS from the Hamilton Diocese were called this week to Priestly Ordination following the supportive recommendations of their seminaries. Deacon Carlos Diaz, Deacon John Ha, Deacon Paul Niesiobedzki and Deacon Jonathan Reitzel, will be ordained during Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 11:00 a.m. on May 6, 2023. We are grateful for the zeal and desire of these young men to serve with us in the Diocese of Hamilton!

THE 2023 PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR PRIESTS serving in the Diocese of Hamilton were announced this week. Most are effective on June 28, 2023, although there are a few with earlier appointment dates. Thank you for the openness of the Priests to accept these appointments. May your pastoral service be richly blessed!

BAPTIZED "FRANK", Archbishop Leo, recently installed as Archbishop of Toronto, wishes to be called "Francis"! From the earliest of days, a change of name reflected a new calling from God in one's life – a new covenant – a deeper relationship with the Lord. So, "Francis" it is! Dear Archbishop Francis Leo, you will always find a warm welcome among us in the Diocese of Hamilton!

ST. MARY'S GENERAL HOSPITAL and Grand River Hospital are beginning the exciting process of identifying a preferred site to build a new joint hospital in Kitchener-Waterloo. A panel of skilled professionals is being assembled to evaluate potential sites, leading to a final recommendation. Have some experience to share? Email your CV to info@futureof-caretogether.ca with the subject line "Application: Site Selection Panel". Closes this Sunday, April 2nd, at 5:00 p.m. Act quickly.

GRIEF RELIEF is a program offered by the Office of Family Ministry for those who may be experiencing grief in their life – whatever the cause. Join us

online (ZOOM) on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m., from April 13th to May 18th, to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! Register on our Diocesan website.

THE DICASTERY for Interreligious Dialogue has published a Message for Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Diwas, celebrated by Jains on April 4, 2023. The title of the message is Christians and Jain: In solidarity with human suffering. Cardinal Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ, Prefect of the Dicastery signed the message.

JOIN US ON MONDAY, April 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for the celebration of the Mass of Chrism. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Bishop-emeritus Anthony Tonnos and Auxiliary Bishop-emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki will join over 160 Priests who serve in the Diocese. It is always an uplifting and joyful event.

Na račun »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« - »One Heart, One Soul« ste za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija

Velikega do 31. marca 2023:

- \$152,270. - Obljubili / Pledged

- \$147,290. - Vplačali / Paid

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali.

Naš cilj je, da dosežemo vsoto 200.000,-





Cvetna nedelja in naša cerkev je res lepo okrašena. Sem poslikal, da boste lahko tudi tisti videli, ki ne boste ta vikend v cerkvi.

Naša gospa Olga Glavač vsako leto najde nove ideje. Njene spretno roke spletejo čudovite šopke, posebej še, če pogledaš vsak detalj, ki je skrbno izdelan, pravo umetniško delo. Hvala za ves njen trud in prizadevanje, da je naša cerkev iz nedeljo v nedeljo lepo liturgično okrašena.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **April 2, 2023 - St. Gregory the Great** -
Cvetna nedelja - Palm Sunday
- Slovenian Mass 9:30 a.m.
- English Mass: 11:00 a.m.
- **London:** Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Divine Church
- **April 3, 2023** - Hamilton Cathedral - Mass of Christm at 2:00 p.m.
- **April 7, 2023 - Slovenska Šola** - Fish Fry at 4:00 p.m.
- **April 8, 2023**
 - **London** - Easter Food blessing 10:00 a.m.
 - **St. Gregory** - Easter Food blessings: 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 p.m.
 - **Easter Vigil:** 8:00 p.m.
- **April 9, 2023 - St. Gregory** - Easter
 - Slovenian Mass: 9:30 a.m.
 - English Mass: 11:00 a.m.
- **April 11, 2023 - SCON meeting** - 7:30 p.m.
- **April 23, 2023 - St. Gregory** - Spring Banquet - Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **April 29, 2023 - Slovenski park** - Banquet
- **April 30, 2023 - St Gregory** - Občni zbor - Annual General Meeting: Mass 10:00 a.m.

READERS - BRALCI BERIL: APRIL 2ND

Slovenian Mass - Terezija Sarjaš, Pasion: Mirko Zorko, Ivan Antolin in Frank Novak
English Mass - Mary Ann Demšar, Sidonia Poppa, Mary Miklavčič

GIFT BEARERS - SLOVENIAN MASS

April 2nd - Jožica Vegelj & Terezija Sarjaš
April 9th - Milena Volčanšek & Majda Lukežič
April 16th - Aranka Dundek & Danny Fujs

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH - ČIŠČENJE CERKVE

April 5th- Special Easter cleaning
Any team members who are available.

VELEPOSLANIŠTAVO OTTAWA - KONZULARNE URE

V ponedeljek, 3. aprila 2023, bodo zopet **konzularne ure v Burlingtonu**, 5096 South Service Road, Burlington, ON L7L 5H4. Imel jih bo Blaž Slamič, prvi svetovalec.

Pri njem boste lahko uredili, če potrebujete potni list, osebno izkaznico ali druge zadeve. Za vsa vprašanja lahko prej pokličete na: 1-613-565-5781 ali pišete na e-mail: sloembassy.ottawa@gov.si.

FIRST COMMUNION - PRVO OBHAJLO

Our date for First Communion is the last Sunday of May, this year it is May 28, 2023. There will be only one Mass at 10:00 a.m.



Parents, please register your children by calling office (905-561-5971, ext. 1), or by e-mail: drago.gacnik@gmail.com.

CWL - KŽZ

Our next general CWL meeting will take place on Wed. April 5th after 7:00 PM Mass. All members welcome! - Rosemary



DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad ali OHOS (One Heart One Soul) so darovali:

- \$ 100 v spomin na pok. očeta Lojzeta in starše Prilesnik darujeta sinova Robert in Tony z družino

- \$100 v spomin na pok. Štefana Kričaj daruje Frances Stegne

- \$50 v spomin na pokojno Rozino Doma daruje N.N.

Hvala vsem za vaš velikodušni dar.

POKOJNI - DECEASED

Bog je v četrtek, 30. marca 2023, poklical k sebi po večno plačilo našo faranko Rozino Doma. Pogreb pokojne bo v sredo, 12. aprila ob 10h dopoldne. Od nje se boste lahko poslovili v Donald V. Brown Funeral home v torek, 11. aprila med 2. in 4. uro ali med 6. in 8. uro zvečer. Molitve bodo ob 3:30 p.m. Iskreno sožalje družini pokojni Rozini pa večni mir in pokoj.

VELIKI TEDEN

Vsako leto, v pripravi na Veliko noč, je pomembno, da ni to samo zadnji dan, ampak da se nanj tudi pripravimo. Velikonočno tridnevje začnemo na Veliki četrtek z Zadnjo večerjo. Sveta maša bo ob 7h zvečer in po maši bo tudi kratka molitev z Jezusom na Oljski gori.

Na Veliki petek imamo ob 3h popoldne bogoslužje pri katerem beremo opis Jezuso-

vega trpljenja po evangelistu Janezu in potem počastimo križ. Letos bo po končanem bogoslužju zopet Firsh Fry (kar organizira Slovenska šola).

Na Veliko soboto popoldne imamo blagoslov velikonočnih jedil: ob 3h, 4h in 5h popoldne. Ob 8h zvečer pa je Velikonočna vigilija pri kateri beremo več beril iz stare zaveze. Zopet se zapoje Slava in Aleluja. Med mašo bomo obnovili krstne obljube.

Na velikonočno nedeljo bo pri vstajenjski maši ob 9:30 začetek z vsajenjsko alelujo, kratko procesijo po cerkvi in sveto mašo. Sveta maša je še v Angleščini ob 11h, pri kateri poje Angleški zbor.



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

Zelko	Marija	April 3, 1997
Pinter	Frank	April 4, 2022
Prša	Olga	April 5, 1987
Lukšič	Frank	April 5, 1994
Langenfus	Thomas Francis	April 7, 2001
Gorenc	Peter	April 7, 2020
Žonta	Ivanka	April 8, 1997
Rožman	Alojz	April 9, 1973

Svete maše - Masses

CVETNA NEDELJA	†	Za žive in rajne župljane Štefan Krampač	9:30 A.M.	-----
PASSION	††	Pok. iz druž. Arko in Simrajh		Stanko in Elizabeth Petek
PALM	†	Franc Ferenčak		Magda in Joe Razpotnik
SUNDAY	†	Frank Verdinšek		Milena Pavlič z družino
2. APRIL	†	Štefan Gabor		Joe Fotivec
<i>Irenej, škof in muč.</i>	†	Jože Gačnik		Jože in Albina Antolin
	††	Ana in Frank Ferenčak		Jože in Albina Antolin
	†	Franc Raduha	11:00 A.M.	Ljudmila in Franc Zadavec
	†	John Tompa		Ljudmila in Franc Zadavec
	††	Pokojni Slovenci iz Londona	3:00 P.M.	Alojz in Agata Sarjaš z družino
				Maša v St. John the Divine Church



SV. MAŠE - MASSES: Mon. to Fri.: 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slo); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slo); 11:00 A.M (Eng) - From July to Fall Banquet only 10:00 A.M. - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** By appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 to 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 or Cell: 905-520-2014

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