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5. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA

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VERUJ IN LJUBI V DEJANJU

Človek je do globine svoje narave družbeno bitje in brez odnosov do drugih ne more živeti, ne razvijati svojih darov. Človek torej normalno ne more živeti sam. Lahko je puščavnik, lahko je čudak in samorastnik, vendar takšen ne bo živel polno življenje. Prav tako tudi človek kot religiozno bitje, kot vernik ne more svoje vere živeti sam. Tudi Kristus pravi: »Kjer sta dva ali trije zbrani v mojem imenu, tam sem jaz sredi med njimi«. Ali kot beremo v Apostolskih delih o prvi skupnosti: »Bili so stanovitni v bratski skupnosti ... Vsi ... So imeli vse skupno in lomili po hišah kruh«.

Biti del skupnosti, pripadati skupnosti, biti vključen v skupnost, to je zagotovilo, da bo človek srečen, da bo izpolnil samega sebe. Kot kristjani pa smo še naposeben način povezani s Kristusom. Jezus sami pravi, da je on trta, mi pa mladike na tej trti. Dokler smo tesno povezani z njim, črpamo iz te trte moči za svoje delovanje, za človeško in duhovno zorenje. Še bolj pa poudari, naj ostanemo z njim. Ni dovolj, da včarih rečemo: »Vem, da me Bog ljubi, saj bo vse dobro.«

Ni dovolj, da nas Bog ljubi, tudi mi moramo biti združeni z njim s trto njegovega življenja, da bomo iz nje prejeli sok za svoje življenje.

Sami se moramo odločiti za to, da želimo biti povezani z Njim. Če namreč zavrnemo to povabilo, da vstopimo z Njim v povezavo, potem se njegova milost ne bo pretakala v nas. In še nadaljuje, da če so mladike povezane s trto, rodijo obilo sadu, sicer ovenejo in odmrejo. Zato nas Kristus kliče, da smo njegove priče v svetu, da razodevamo Njegovo prisotnost tukaj, zdaj. Zato ima vsako evharistično obhajanje za nas tri stopnje: nas zbira, nas hrani in nas pošilja.

Če živimo svoje krščanstvo tam kjer smo, bodo drugi ob nas začutili božjo navzočnost in božja moč bo delovala in segla preko nas veliko dlje, kot si lahko predstavljamo. Bog je z nami, da pa bomo imeli odnos z Bogom, si moramo tudi mi prizadevati, da smo z njim. Potem bomo druge vodili h Kristusu in tudi sami obrodili sad.



Spomladanski banket

V nedeljo, 22. aprila 2012, se je naša župnijska skupnost zbrala na spomladanskem banketu. Dopoldne smo obhajali sveto daritev, ob koncu katere je predsednik župnijskega sveta Milan Ferletič predstavil naš projekt gradnje dvigala in obnove stranišč v dvorani. Ob pol enih smo se zbrali v dvorani na kosilu in skupnem srečanju. V kuhinji je že lepo dišalo po pravem slovenskem kosilu, juhi prikuhi in za poslastico še lep kos domačega štrudlja, ki so ga sprekle pridne roke naših žena. Tokrat nismo imeli kakih posebnih gostov, pa je bilo v dvorani kljub temu živahno, saj si imamo veliko za povedati; in to je dobra prilika, da se pogovorimo tudi s tistimi, s katerimi nimamo vedno časa poklepetati. Hvala župnijskemu svetu, kuharicam, mladim strežnikom, Mirku in Lojzetu v baru in vsem, ki ste prišli na baket.





Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

The newly converted Saul has been preaching in the name of Jesus, and is accepted by the apostolic church in Jerusalem.

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

God's commandments can be summed up in two imperatives: to believe in Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he taught us.

Gospel John 15:1-8

The grace of Christ, which he gives to us, is the source of all our belief and good works. We are called to be his disciples and to be fruitful.

"Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."

Illustration

Climate change is frequently in the news and has become part of the everyday concerns of many people. People are rightly worried about the environment and the future of the planet. However, the human race is very resourceful and inventive, and in some places people have already taken advantage of changes in weather patterns. For example, in England, which is famous for its rather wet weather, warmer temperatures mean that it is now possible to grow vines that produce very good wine. It may have been the Romans who brought vine cultivation with them, and certainly in the Middle Ages vines were grown in England, largely by monasteries. Perhaps this suggests that



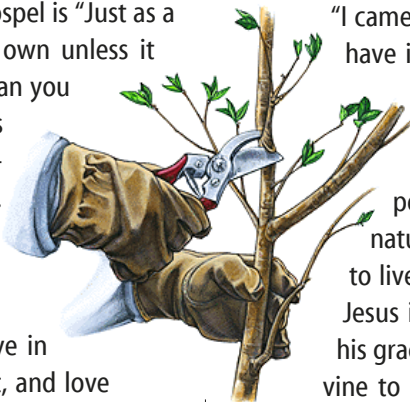
rising and falling temperatures are nothing new, and what has been survived in the past can be survived again.

When Europeans went to the Americas, they brought with them vine-growing expertise, and one of the first things the missionary friars did was to plant vines to produce wine for the Mass. That is the origin of many of the modern vineyards in, for example, California. So vines and wine production are full of religious and cultural meaning, as well as being commercial enterprises.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus uses this imagery of vines and bearing fruit to show how we relate to him. There can be no fruit if we do not remain united with him, the true vine, and allow ourselves to be pruned by God, to help us bear more fruit. Jesus is drawing on very ancient imagery in the Bible. In the Old Testament Israel is often described as God's planting; the people are God's special vineyard. Sometimes, when they are disobedient, they produce sour grapes, and create a wine that sets teeth on edge. In the Song of Songs, the love of the Messiah for his people is described in terms of sweet wine; and the place of encounter between the Messiah and his beloved is often a vineyard. Today, Jesus applies this imagery to himself and his disciples.

The key line from today's Gospel is "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Jesus is teaching that it is only God's initiative of grace that can save us. God is the source of all life and salvation, and, as the second reading says, we are called to respond to that grace, to "believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us." So our belief and our behaviour are gradually conformed more and more to Christ, if we remain with him and keep his commandments.



"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." While some people view Christianity as a series of prohibitions, it is actually a way of life designed to help people thrive. Because of our fallen nature, it can sometimes be difficult to live up to the teaching of Jesus. But Jesus is always there with his love and his grace to help us. As well as being the vine to which we belong, he is also the climate in which we grow and flourish.

There is also a rather challenging teaching in the Gospel. Jesus calls us to allow ourselves to be "pruned" by God. This means cutting away all those aspects of our lives that prevent us from flourishing and bearing the fruit of spiritual and corporal works.

Application

So how do we let ourselves be pruned? Well, Jesus has given the sacraments precisely to help us flourish and bear fruit. He "irrigates" us and helps us begin to grow with the sacrament of baptism. He nourishes us with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He builds up the Church through the sacraments of confirmation, marriage and holy orders. We are "pruned" by the sacraments of penance and anointing.

It is particularly in the sacrament of penance that we come face to face with those parts of our lives that need pruning so that we can flourish. Like a good gardener, God does not want the plants to wither and be thrown away for burning but to flourish and to bear fruit. Elsewhere in John's Gospel, Jesus states his mission very clearly:

SLOVENIA CREDIT UNION



Slovenia Credit Union would like to remind all members of our summer office hours.

All SCU offices will be closed Saturdays starting May 19th, 2012 until after the Labour Day weekend. For further information consult our website at www.sloveniaku.ca

Thank you for your valued membership and have an enjoyable summer.

PRVO SVETO OBHAJILO IN SVETA BIRMA - FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Letos bomo obhajali praznik prvega svetega obhajila in svete birme v nedeljo, **27. MAJA 2012** ob **10:00 a.m.** Ta dan bo samo ena sveta maša, ki jo bo vodil hamiltonski škof prečastiti DOUGLAS CROSBY, O.M.I.

Sveto mašo, če bo dopuščalo vreme, bomo začeli pri kipu Marije pomočnice in se tam posvetili Mariji, potem pa v procesiji odšli v cerkev, kjer bo slovesna sveta maša.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKI ZBOR

Pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor bodo v četrtek po večerni maši. Vadimo za materinski dan.

CWL - KŽZ

Our monthly **General Meeting** will be held this **Wednesday May 9, 2012** immediately following 7:00 pm mass. We are working toward establishing a new executive council. Our hope is that our members will be present to welcome, congratulate and support these ladies that are willing to give of their time and effort for our League. Ladies, interested in our League are always welcome to attend our meetings.

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - SLOVENIAN SCHOOL

GARAGE SALE – Slovenska šola bo imela »Garage Sale« v soboto, 2. junija na cerkvenem parkirišču. Če imate doma kakšne reči (hišne stvari, slike, knjige, oblačila, igrače, itd.) katerih bi se radi znebili vas prosimo, da jih prispevate v ta namen in jih prinesete v razred za odrom. Vsaki dan od ponedeljka 28. maja do petka 1 junija od 7 P.M.do 8:30 P.M. bo ena od učiteljic v šoli, da prevzame vaše prispevke. Hvala za vašo dobro voljo pri sodelovanju!

GARAGE SALE – The Slovenian School will be holding a »Garage Sale« on Saturday, June 2nd on the church parking lot. Should you have anything that you no longer need and want to get rid of (household items, clothing, books, pictures, chairs, tables, toys, etc.) please do not throw them away. Donate them to our Garage Sale. You can bring your donations to Slovenian School from Monday, May 28th to Friday, June 1st between 7 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. At least one of the teachers will be in the school each day at that time to accept your dona-

tions. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

ŠMARNIČNO BRANJE

Pri letošnjem šmarničnem branju poslušamo govore o Mariji, ki jih je napisal Anton Martin Slomšek med leti 1838-1860. Izbrani so nekateri govori in prevedeni v slovenščino, ker so bili originalno zapisani v nemškem jeziku.



40 LETNICA POROKE ZAKONCEV MAJZELJ

Frank in Marica MAJZELJ sta v nedeljo, 29. aprila 2012 praznovala 40. letnico poroke. Iskrene čestitke ob njuni obletnici, naj ju spremlja razumevanje, zdravje, božji blagoslov in varstvo božje Matere Marije.

MATERINSKI DAN/ MOTHER'S DAY 2012

KOSILO IN PROSLAVA LUNCH AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME



NEDELJA 13. MAJ 2012

12:30 P.M.

**DVORANA ŽUPNIJE
SV. GREGORIJA VELIKEGA**

ODRASLI: \$20.00

OTROCI (5-13 let) IN

NASTOPAJOČI: \$7.00

Pod 4 leta – Prost vstop

SUNDAY MAY 13, 2012

12:30 P.M.

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CHURCH HALL**

ADULTS: \$20.00

CHILDREN (5-13 yrs) AND

PERFORMERS: \$7.00

4 & under - Free

Za rezervacije kličite/ For reservations please call:

Sandy Allen (905) 548-0889

Darlene Kobe (905) 561-7112

Od 06. 05. 2012
Do 13. 05. 2012

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

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

5. VELIKONOČNA	za žive in rajne župljane		
06. MAJ	† Metod Kuzma	9:30 A.M.	Sestra Jožica
<i>Dominik Savio, mlad.</i>	†† Terezija in Martin Vinčec, obl.		Olga Čulig in hčerka
	†† Pokojni prijatelji	11:00 A.M.	Družina Vengar
	POKOJNI ČLANI DRUŠTVA TRIGLAV	1:00 P.M.	Triglav - London
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY	† Alex Pučko, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Družina Pučko
07. MAJ	†† Terezija Halas in Pavla Horvat		Božica Pleša
<i>Gizela, opatinja</i>	† August Škrban		Sin Martin z družino
	† Tone Željko		Sestrična Mary Zabukovec
TOREK - TUESDAY	† Alojzija Novak	7:00 P.M.	Romana Novak
08. MAJ	† Tončka Demšar		Jakob Šverko z družino
<i>Bonifacij, papež</i>	†† Pokojni iz družine Hull		Ludvik Hull z družino
	† Slavko Štern		Družina Erzar
SREDA - WEDNESDAY	† Slavko Štern	7.00 P.M.	Štefka Dave Ullhorn
09. MAJ	†† Starši Tonaj & Sandra		Ana in Naci Krampač
<i>Pahomij, puščavnik</i>	† Martin Gazvoda		Lojzka Saje
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY	†† Alojzij in Julijana Tonkli	7:00 P.M.	Ani in Francka
10. MAJ	†† Katarina in Leopold Gimpelj		Elizabeth in Frank Gimpelj
<i>Job, sp. mož</i>			
PETEK - FRIDAY	†† Genoria Albin in Antonia		Tone in Marija Bukvič
11. MAJ	† Štefka Rihar		John in Ann Božnar
<i>Estela, mučenka</i>	† Štefka Rihar		Družina Erzar
SOBOTA - SATURDAY	† Frank Hanc	8:15 A.M.	Ana in Naci Krampač
12. MAJ	† Jožefa Kastelic	5:30 P.M.	John in Olga Kastelic
<i>Pankrajcij, mučenec</i>	† Tončka Demšar		Družina Vengar
	†† pokojni iz družine Štefanec		Marina Štefanec
6. VELIKONOČNA	za žive in rajne župljane		
NEDELJA	† Jožica in Jože Gerič	9:30 A.M.	Sin Joe Gerič
13. MAJ	† Blaž Čulig	11:00 A.M.	Žena Olga in hči Janet
<i>Fatimska Mati Božja</i>	† Tončka Demšar		Družini Demšar in Scarcelli
	MATERINSKI DAN	12:30 P.M.	ŽUPNIJSKA DVORANA



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.