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BOŽJA MODROST NAJ NAS VODI

Prvo berilo današnje nedelje se začne z dvema vprašanjema: »Kateri človek more spoznati Božjo voljo? Kdo more razločiti, kaj hoče Gospod?« S tem je nakazana naša težava pri spoznavanju Božje volje. Včasih se slepimo, da jo poznamo, vendar se motimo. Kajti »misli umrljivih so namreč bojazljive, naše sodbe nestanovitne, kajti minljivo telo tlači dušo, zemski šotor utesnjuje zaskrbljeni um«.

Naše ideje in misli so omejene. Bog pravi: »Moje misli niso vaše misli in vaše poti niso moje poti, govori Gospod« (*Iz 55,8*). Med Božjimi in našimi mislimi je velika razdalja. To lahko preverimo v današnjem evangeliju, v katerem Jezus Božjo voljo opredeli na način, ki je za nas presenetljiv. Jezus vztraja pri ljubezni. Da nam zapoved ljubezni, toda v odlomku, ki smo ga brali danes, govori o "sovraštvu": »Če kdo pride k meni in ne sovraži svojega očeta, matere, žene, otrok, bratov, sester in celo svojega življenja, ne more biti moj učenec.« Zdi se protislovje. Sovražiti vse družinske člane, kako lahko Jezus reče nekaj takega?

V Matejevem evangeliju je izraz, ki ga uporabi Jezus, manj radikalen, ko pravi: »Kdor ima rajši očeta ali mater kakor mene, ni mene vreden; in kdor ima rajši sina ali hčer kakor mene, ni mene vreden« (*Mt 10,37*). Ne gre torej za pravo sovraštvo, ampak za »bolj ljubiti«. Jezus zahteva višjo stopnjo ljubezni. Vse naše naravne ljubezni izpodkopava sebičnost, Jezus od nas zahteva, da iz srca odstranimo vse naravne ljubezni, ki so omejene, nepopolne, da bi sprejeli božjo ljubezen, ki je popoln in bo le-ta v naše srce položila novo ljubezen do očeta, matere, žene, otrok, bratov ...

Podobno je ko govori našem življenju; tudi iz našega srca je treba odstraniti sebično ljubezen, da bi lahko sprejeli njegovo ljubezen, ki je popolnoma nesebična, nadvse velikodušna.

Jezus pokaže svojo zahtevnost zato, da bi nam mogel dati samega sebe. Če bi se zadovoljil z našo omejeno ljubeznijo z naše strani - biti samo prijatelj - potem bi nam ne mogel dati samega sebe. On namreč ni prijatelj med prijatelji, ampak je Božji Sin, ki zahteva celotno našo osebo, našo popolno privolitev v veri, upanju in ljubezni.

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Jezusa moramo sprejeti, kakor sprejemamo Boga samega. Prva zapoved je »Ljubi Gospoda, svojega Boga, z vsem srcem, z vso dušo in z vsem mišljenjem«. Bog od nas imeti vse in nikomur drugemu ne pušča mesta. Če Jezusa sprejmemo na ta način in nosimo svoj križ - radikalna ljubezen se pokaže v tem, da ne iščemo svojih koristi - tedaj nas bo Bog naredil deležne svoje ljubezni do vseh ljudi.

Bog namreč ljubi našega očeta, našo mater, brate in sestre ... Če smo združeni z njim v ljubezni, bomo skupaj z njim polni ljubezni do drugih. To je evangeljski pogled, ki ga ni mogoče preprosto razumeti.

V drugem delu evangelija Jezus govori, da je potrebno premisliti, preden se sprejme pomembna odločitev in navede dva zgleda: prvi je o človeku, ki hoče seidati stolp in drugi o kralju, ki gre na vojno proti drugemu kralju. Zato tudi tisti, ki hoče hoditi za Jezusom mora dobro premisliti in razumeti, kakšen je pogoj za to, da postane njegov učenec. Jezus jasno zahteva popolno odpoved vsem stvarjem; sicer ne moremo biti njegovi učenci. Potem bomo prejeli vso moč njegove ljubezni, ki bo spremenila naše življenje.

Drugo berilo, iz pisma apostola pavla Filemonu, nam kaže, kakšno obzirno ljubezen Jezus polaga v srca svojih učencev. Apostol je svoje srce popolnoma podaril Gospoda. Posledica tega je, da ima iz vsega srca rad vernike, vse svoje sinove v veri, pa tudi vse ljudi, ki jih sreča in jim želi podariti Gospoda.

Pismo Filemonu kaže izredno spreobrnjenje srca. Onezim je pobegli suženj, ki ga je Pavel sprejel, medtem ko je bil sam ujetnik. Ta suženj ga je prišel obiskat v ječo in Pavel mu je oznanil vero v Jezusa; govoril mu je o njegovi ljubezni. Onezim se je spreobrnil. Apostol sedaj piše Filemonu, ki je gospodar tega sužnja in ga prosi naj Onezima, namesto da bi ga kaznoval, sprejme ne več kot sužnja, ampak kot brata. To nam da spoznati, kako obzirno ljubezen Jezus polaga v srce, ki je v resnici odprto njemu. Drugo berilo dopolni evangeljski nauk, ko pokaže vidik, ki ga v današnjem evangeljskem odlomku nismo našli. Odlomek, ki smo ga prebrali danes, pokaže Jezusovo zahtevnost, Pavlovo pismo pa opozori na Jezusovo velikodušnost, ki jo posreduje vsem svojim učencem.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

FIRST READING: *Amos.4-7*

The Lord will not forget any exploitation of the poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 113

Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy!

SECOND READING: *P 1Timothy 2.1-8*

We should pray everywhere and for everyone.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *2 Corinthians 8.9*

Alleluia - Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet he became poor, * so that by his poverty you might become rich. - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 16.1-13*

You cannot serve God and money.

Illustration

There is an ongoing debate about charities and the developing world. No one questions the need to respond to disasters such as earthquakes, famine and tsunamis. The only problem there is how best to organise the aid that is given. It can be too little too late or not what is required. The main argument is more about the aid that is given to the developing countries as an ongoing government strategy or by specific charities. Does the aid just address a particular need or does it try to enable those in need to develop ways of dealing with that requirement by themselves? NGOs or nongovernmental organisations are more able to avoid this pitfall because they have their own personnel involved and listen to the needs as described by the people on the spot. Government agencies are tied to official channels, which means aid can be diverted into other channels or understood as a permanent funding to bail out specific problems. Both groups come under fire for spending too much on



their own administration. That is why groups sometimes bypass major charities. By channelling aid directly through trusted personal contacts, needy projects can receive practically all the donated funding.

Sadly, the developed world may be ambivalent about providing aid that enables a country to compete on a more equal stage with themselves. Our seeming acts of generosity may be more generous to ourselves by keeping poorer countries in debt and still dependent on their richer friends.

Gospel teaching

Today's parable is not the easiest to understand. As usual, we look to the conclusion for finding out what moral the parable is preaching. The difficulty here is that there are two conclusions. The first says "Make friends by means of unrighteous wealth so that when it fails, they may receive you into eternal dwellings." But the second says "You cannot serve God and money." Neither of the protagonists in the parable is offered us as a model." We have a harsh rich master and a devious steward. The master himself praises the steward for the way he escapes the disaster of being sacked. He praises his prudence or astuteness, and the comment then follows that the children of light are not similarly endowed. The question is left open as to whether

we should be similar, so is Jesus being ironic in the first conclusion?

The second conclusion is much more in line with the teaching that is offered in the two parables that bookend today's story. Just before we have the parable of the prodigal son and immediately afterwards comes the story of the rich man and Lazarus, the poor man at his gate. Their themes are reconciliation and sensitivity to the needy in our midst. The difficulty in today's story is that it does not really show us what serving God entails. The other stories do. The father welcoming his wastrel son is being neither prudent nor astute. Dives, the rich man, knows very well that Lazarus is at his gate but does nothing about it. The message is much clearer.

Application

One interpretation of our Gospel story is that we should apply the qualities shown by the unjust steward to our church life. How do we manage money? Are we prudent? Are we astute? Churches have properties, and they are neither established nor maintained without money. The money comes as much from the poor as from the rich, so we are particularly invited to use our assets for the benefit of the poor, whether at home or abroad. There is a tendency, however, to repeat the patterns we discussed earlier in relation to charity giving. There is a concern among churches in the developed world that parishes are losing parishioners and have insufficient priests to staff them. One approach to this is to try and apply cascade-down projects which will hopefully inspire a new sense of mission and evangelisation. This top-down thinking, apart from being very expensive, does not always consider the present reality of parish life. For example, parishes in the West are now Catholic in a new but more real sense in that they are made up of so many different ethnic groups. How do we adapt or respond to the different cultures and needs of such groups, all of whom are offering us such a marvellous mixture of growth and inspiration? To do that, we must first listen to them.



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BLED - GOLF TOURNAMENT

A beautiful sunny day, September 14, 2025, for our Bled Golf Tournament! Thank you to all who played, our sponsors, and those who donated prizes. A special thank you to Leo Jolicoeur for coordinating the event with Cardinal Lakes, to Rosemary Farkaš and Rui Vieira for their outstanding efforts organizing the raffle and getting the hall ready, to Julie Doma, Renata Deforest, Mike Stankovič, Dave Millar, Joe Črnelič, Tatjana Lesica Jolicoeur, Alec and Evie Jolicoeur, Sylvia Grah-Battersby for doing everything else.



LONDON - MAŠA S SLOVENSKO SKUPNOSTJO

V nedeljo, 14. Septembra, smo se v Londonu, v cerkvi St. John the Divine, zbrali pri daritvi sv. Maše. To je za mnoge v Londonu edinstvena priložnost, odkar nimajo več društva in svoje dvorane, da se srečajo. Kar lepo število, tudi nekaj mlajših je prišlo. Letos je bila nedelja tudi priaznik Povišanja sv. Križa.

Naslednja sveta maša bo v ponedeljek, 3. novembra ob 2:00 p.m. v Holy Family Chapel Mausoleum na pokopališču St. Peters.





TALENT SHOW

November 9, 2025

It's been 25 years since Viktoria Fund was established!
To help celebrate this special occasion, we once again
invite members of our community to show off their talents!
Our collective efforts will benefit this worthy cause!

Auditions and Registration

Thursday, October 16th from 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, October 23rd from 7-9 p.m.

in the Church Hall at 739 Browns Line.

For Information call:

Milena Sorsak (905) 276-7258 / Mario Resnik (416) 458-2124
Milan Vincec (416) 347-4017 / Matt Lebar (647) 295-0192

To make a donation to the Silent Auction, please call:

Millie Markun (905) 465-1392 / Mary Bajt-Marentic (905) 822-8676

Visual Art pieces for the Display are also welcome!

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA

Danes, 20. septembra 2025, je bil prvi dan novega šolskega leta za otroke sobotne Slovenske šole pri sv. Gregoriju Velikem. Šola je vsako soboto od 9:00 h do 12:30 p.m. Trenutno je vpisanih 22 otrok, ki jih učita Sandy Ferletič in Lorie Mramor. Danes so si v odmoru pogledali temovanje v balinanju pri sv. Jožefu, vmes smo se poslikali, Triston pa jim je iz balonov napravil nekaj "živali". Ob dvanajstih smo se zbrali nazaj v razredu in pol ure prepevali pesmi, ki so se jih otroci naučili že lansko leto. Zgleda, da imajo dober spomin, ker so navdušeno in dobro peli.



St. Gregory the Great Parish Fall Banquet



SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. - Celebration of the Mass
12:00 noon - Dinner in the Upper Hall
2:00 p.m. - Scholarship Awards

Slideshow from the events of last year
Suggested minimum donation: \$40.-

An event and facility presented for members and supporters of St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish & the Hamilton Diocese

Vabilo na srečanje s predsednico Republike Slovenije, dr. Natašo Pirc Musar



Ob priložnosti obiska predsednice Republike Slovenije, dr. Nataše Pirc Musar, v Torontu, vas vljudno vabimo na

srečanje s predsednico, ki bo v nedeljo, 28. septembra 2025, ob 16.30, v cerkveni dvorani na naslovu 739 Brown's Line, Toronto.

Srečanju bo sledil krajši kulturni program in osrednji nagovor predsednice.

Vabljeni predstavniki slovenskih organizacij in društev ter člani slovenske skupnosti v Ontariu, da s svojo prisotnostjo obogatite ta dogodek. Prosimo, da svojo udeležbo potrdite najkasneje do sobote, 20. septembra 2025, na elektronski naslov:

vsko.asc@gmail.com,

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<https://forms.gle/uLmmfGRbcWAQUc3K7>

Community Gathering with the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr. Nataša Pirc Musar

On the occasion of the visit of Dr. Nataša Pirc Musar - President of the Republic of Slovenia, we cordially invite you to a cultural gathering with the President on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the church hall at 739 Brown's Line, Toronto. The evening will feature a small cultural program and a keynote address by the President.

Please RSVP no later than Saturday, September 20, 2025. To RSVP please email:

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or fill out the following form:

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OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- Sep. 21st - **St. Gregory** - FALL BANQUET
- Oct. 5th - **Lipa Park** - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Oct. 15th - **St. Gregory** - Maša za bolnike in starejše - bolniško maziljenje med mašo
- Oct. 18th - **Bled** - Oktoberfest
- Oct. 25th - **Slovenski Park** - Oktoberfest

BRALEC - READER:

- Frank Novak
- Rita Bartula

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- Sept. 21st - Člani Župnijskega Pastoralnega Sveta
- Sept. 28th - Milena V. & Majda L.

ČIŠČENJE - CELANING

- Sept. 20th - Štefka Eržen & team

BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton.

Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

CWL - KŽŽ

CWL members are invited to attend our first General CWL meeting on Wednesday, **Oct. 1st after 7:00 PM Mass.**

Please join us as we plan our collective efforts to grow in faith through ministry and service.

- Rosemary Š.

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR MULTICULTURAL MASS

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown (715 Centre Rd) is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, October 5, 2025, at 3:00pm.**

This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith.

Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

MGP SLOVENIAN DANCE GROUP

Are you ready to join our growing group? Mladi Glas Planika Slovenian Dance group is ready to start their 2025-2026 season!

We will be welcoming from ages 5 and up! Practice will be starting on Tuesday, September 16th 2025. There will also be online registration from starting on September 8th. Please check us out on Instagram or facebook or email mgpf-s1974@gmail.com with the title Registration. We look forward to our future dancers and also for Noša pieces. All donations are welcome.

Thank You,
Millie Muhič-Dolen



Napis na steni zvonika je zbedel, boljše barva je odstopila in je bilo potrebno ponovno prebarvat. Ker so črke ulite iz aluminjske zlitine je bila edina možnost, da smo jih dali speskat in prašno prebarvat. Zdaj počasi "prihajajo" nazaj na steno.

Sunday Masses

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Slovenian Mass: 9:30 AM
English Mass: 11:00 AM

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Malevich	Marija	September 26, 1996
Peskar	Ludvik	September 27, 1977
Pust	Joseph	September 27, 2011
Kerec	Marija	September 27, 2015
Grdun	Marija	September 28, 2008
Erzetič	Manja	September 28, 2022



DON BOSCO

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. **POROKA/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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