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**7. NEDELJA  
MED LETOM**

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## Zahtevnost in lepota hoje za Kristusom

*Branje Lukovega »govora na ravnici« (Lk 6) je vodilo v bogoslužje današnje nedelje.*

*To je obširna in neprekinjena hvalnica ljubezni in odpuščanju. Takšna ljubezen, na-*

*mreč ljubezen do sovražnikov, gre nasproti težko prehodnem pragu. Dejansko gre za ravnanje Boga, ki »odpušča vse naše krivde, ozdravlja vse naše slabosti ... in nam ne vrača po naših krivdah«, kakor pravi današnji psalm. Pri Bogu ljubezen zmaguje nad pravičnostjo.*

*Doseg takšne svobode duha se svetlika že v prvem berilu, v znanem dogodku v puščavi Zif, v katerem kralj David izbere odpuščanje, čeprav je imel svojega nasprotnika v rokah. Velikodušnost Davida kot zasledovalca, bojevnika in ubežnika, kaže še v večji meri vrednost njegovega zgleda za vsakega Juda: kot je bil velikodušen veliki kralj, tako bodi tudi ti poln usmiljenja: »Gospod naj povrne vsakemu po njegovi pravičnosti in njegovi zvestobi« (1 Sam 26,23).*

*V tej zvezi je čudovita misel, ki jo prinaša Modrostna knjiga: »Ti, Gospod, pa imaš usmiljenje z vsemi, ker vse premoreš in spregleduješ ljudem grehe, da se spokorijo. Ljubiš namreč vse, kar je, in ničesar ne sovražiš, kar si naredil ... Ti pa zapoveduješ moči in milo sodiš in nas vodiš z veliko prizanesljivostjo; zakaj karkoli hočeš, ti je mogoče. S takim ravnanjem si poučil svoje ljudstvo, da mora pravični biti ljudomil ...« (Mdr 11,23-24; 12,18-19).*

*Če sedaj svoj pogled ustavimo pri evangeljskem odlomku, lahko vidimo dve osrednji točki, okrog katerih se giblje Jezusovo sporočilo.*

*Prva pripada pregovoru modrostnega značaja, ki je bil znan rabinom v Jezusovem času. Gre za neko splošno, »razumno« etično načelo:*



»Kar hočete, da drugi vam storijo, storite tudi vi drugim« (Lk 6,31). To načelo Jezus razširi do meja neskončnosti, celo do sovražnikov, in ga naloži z nezaslišano veljavo. Samo Luka poleg zapovedi »Ljubite svoje sovražnike«, dodaja: »Delajte dobro tem, ki vas črtijo, blagoslavlajte tiste, ki vas kolnejo«. Kristjan mora v to dobrohotno željo zaobjeti vse ljudi, vključno s sovražnim območjem svojih nasprotnikov. Navedbe »udarcev«, »plašča« in »posojila« so živa in zavezujoča uresničitev takšne ljubezni.

Druga središčna točka je utemeljena na neki drugi zahtevi, ki ima izrazit teološki pomen: »Bodite torej usmiljeni, kakor je tudi vaš Oče usmiljen«. Vzorec je neskončen, je sama božja ljubezen. Po takem »posnemanju« Boga se preoblikujemo v njegove otroke. V vzporednem Matejevem besedilu se stavek glasi: »Bodite torej popolni, kakor je popoln vaš nebeški Oče« (Mt 5,48). Za Luka je ljubezen osnovno in bistveno načelo kristjana v razmerju do Boga.

A Bog nam s svojo milostjo odrešenja prihaja naproti, še preden ga prosimo. Tako naj bi ravnali tudi mi. Odpuščanje z ljubečo pripravljenostjo na spravo naj pride iz srca, še preden nas tisti, ki nas je užalil, prosi zanj.

Za ljubezen do sovražnikov imamo nešteto zgledov že v stari zavezi, od egiptovskega Jožefa, ki je odpustil hudo krivico svojim bratom, do krivično preganjanega Davida, ki je odpustil svojemu preganjalcu kralju Savlu, kakor smo slišali v današnjem prvem berilu. V Svetem pismu beremo, da je bil trpeči Job deležen posebne tolažbe svoje vesti, ker se ni nikoli veselil sovražnikove nesreče.

Jezusovo sporočilo je jasno: »Ljubite, kakor je Bog vas ljubil; ... ljubite drug drugega, kakor sem jaz vas ljubil« (Jn 13,34).

»Življenje je en sam dolgčas,« slišimo mlade. Svet sovraštva, krivic in zamer je zastarel, naporen in dolgočasen. Nebesa, po katerih hrepenimo, pa so večna novost. Zazrimo se vanje in tudi ta svet oblikujemo po molitveni prošnji: kakor v nebesih, tako na zemlji!

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2006-2007, št. 2)

## Response:

**The Lord is merciful and gracious.**

### First Reading 1 Sam. 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Though the king set out with an army to kill him, David refrained from harming Saul, even when the opportunity presented itself.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Human beings have bodies. Yet a physical being may become spiritually minded and bear the image of Christ.

### Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Those who are truly God's children resemble their heavenly Father in showing indiscriminate kindness, even towards their worst enemies.

*“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”*



## Illustration

Ice cream, chocolates, doughnuts... many of us crave sweetness. Sugary food may not be a healthy option, but it triggers the release of feel-good chemicals in the brain that give a momentary rush of pleasure. So does the thought of getting even with those who hurt us. Neuroscientists have discovered that revenge really is “sweet”, for that part of our brain responsible for reward also governs vengeance. Like things full of sugar, thinking about how to get our own back may seem irresistible. Some might say not just irresistible, but justified. After all, revenge is provoked by someone else's wrongdoing. Taking matters into one's own hands may be tempting where there is no effective system of justice. However, so-called “honour killings” still take place even in the most advanced societies when people react with extreme violence to protect their reputation or their family name.



Revenge may be sweet, but it is sweetness of the bitterest kind. It does not try to reform the offender's behaviour but rather to inflict pain. The sweetness is only momentary, for after the "sugar rush" follow feelings of despondency. Research has found that an act of vengeance merely intensifies our focus on the wrongdoer and makes us brood even more on what they have done to us. In the end, people are no happier for getting their own back.

### **Gospel Teaching**

Jesus taught us to love our enemies. The idea sounded preposterous at the time. The Jewish nation was under occupation and its people felt justified in despising their Roman oppressors, as well as others outside their own religion. Revenge was enshrined in Jewish Law, from where we get the phrase "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". The commandment to "love your neighbour" was important to the Jewish people, but they understood the term "neighbour" to be restricted in its scope – which is why Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus taught that every human being is our neighbour and that peace is something anyone can make. He detailed the kind of provocations people might face and suggested radical ways of dealing with them. You might, for example, treat your enemies well, only to find that they treat you badly in return. So what do you do? Keep on loving them just the same. If they mutter curses, mutter blessings back. If they abuse you, pray for them. If they slap you in the face, give them the other cheek

to slap. If they pinch your coat, hand over your shirt. Whatever they might take, let them. Don't ask for it back.

This was revolutionary talk, a completely undefended way of being. It ran counter to the human instinct to be self-protective. Kindness is natural within families and between friends, and easy enough when it is in our interests. Jesus, however, taught indiscriminate kindness to everyone, even when it is never reciprocated, nor likely to bring us any benefit. Why? Because that is how God is, forgiving the ungrateful; showing kindness to the underserving. Be like God, said Jesus.

### **Application**

Everyone gets annoyed from time to time. Anger is natural, but it need not trigger insults or violence. After the flaring up of irritation comes a choice and, by a steadfast refusal to retaliate and a quiet insistence on meeting negativity with goodness, we choose to imitate the way God is with us. Sometimes the loving choice may be to stand up to unacceptable behaviour, to be protective, or to help people understand the consequences of their action. That is not revenge. Love restores and teaches and heals: it does not harm or destroy.

More important than feeling love for our enemies is showing love. It was by watching how Jesus showed love that people began to understand what God is like. When Jesus, with his dying gasp, forgave those who jeered at him, the Roman officer said in amazement, "In truth this man was a son of God." All who imitate the loving forbearance of God are recognisably God's children. People can see God's likeness in us whenever we look for the good in others. Jesus calls us to transcend our instinctual behaviours in order to imitate the ways of God. And it's as we forgive others that God forgives us. Jesus used the colourful analogy of someone who deals out as generous a measure as possible, pressing it down and shaking the container to make space for more. So God pours love and mercy into our hearts and lives.



Cilj naše kampanje je v treh letih zbrati vsoto \$200,000.00 za našo župnijo.

Nekateri še vedno ne razumejo, da vse, kar boste darovali preko te kampanje, bo prejela naša župnija in še 10% iz skupnega sklada. Škofijski uradi pa bodo vodili vse računovodske zadeve, tako, da nam ne bo potrebno tega dela urejati.

V Vestniku objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofijskega računa** in koliko je že dejansko »vplačanega«. Iz škofije so nam sedaj poslali kodo, da lahko sami pogledamo tekoče stanje na našem računu.

**Na računu »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega je:**

**\$124,843. - Pledged - Feb 14, 2022**

**\$99,478. - Paid - Feb 14, 2022**

**Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali. Smo že krepko čez polovico zastavljenega cilja. Tokrat so se številke kar dvignile.**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

40 Days for Life is HERE! A first for Hamilton!

We invite YOU (young and old) to participate in a PEACEFUL prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, happening each day (March 2 - April 10) from 7am to 7pm.

We will send a message of love to the community, to those who work for abortion, and those who may be seeking an abortion; showing them that there are other options.

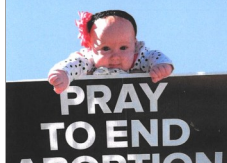
SIGN UP ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton>  
OR CALL 905-962-2864 (Volunteer hours to High School Students can be offered).



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## KOLINE - BLED

We would like to thank everyone for their support this year. We also would like to thank all the volunteers that make this a successful annual event. There are still some left if anyone would like to purchase, please call Roman at 289-241-8218. We have white ones only and some "bujta repa". - Roman

Še nekaj slik, ki so mi jih poslali; prikazujejo delo iz ozadja, kako so koline nastajale.



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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

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Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Lukežič, Volčanšek  
March 5<sup>th</sup> Jožica Vegelj and team  
March 12<sup>th</sup> Gosgnach team  
March 19<sup>th</sup> Groznik, Erzar, Lukežič  
March 26<sup>th</sup> Lojska Novak team

## CWL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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We would like to thank our members for faithfully renewing their membership by giving envelopes directly to Pamela Gosgnach or placing them in the collection basket located in the church vestibule.

Members who have not yet submitted their payment of \$25 please do so by the end of February. Thank you. - *Rosemary Šušteršič*

## DAROVI - DONATIONS

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Za potrebe cerkve so darovali:  
\$100 - Julija Sagadin  
Iskrena hvala za vaš dar.

## HEART-TO-HEART: BISHOP CROSBY'S MESSAGE

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OUR OWN DR. MOIRA MCQUEEN has written a very informative book on the synodal experience in the Church.

In Walking Together-A Primer on the New Synodality, Dr. McQueen explains the purpose and history of synods, the desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council regarding synods, and the commitment of Popes since the Council to the synodal process.

She reflects on the 20 synods since the Council, Pope Francis' approach to synods, and his plan for the 2023 Synod. Moira shares her own experience as a participant at a recent Synod. The book is available through No-

valis. Once read, you will want to participate in the preparation process for the upcoming synod which is being encouraged throughout the Diocese.

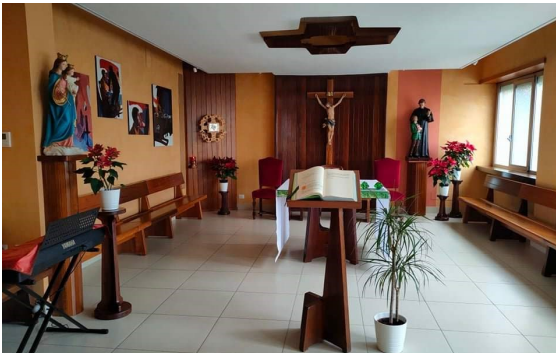
**CHARLES AND MARGARET JURAVINSKI** donated a remarkable Valentine's Day gift of \$5.1M to the Hamilton Community to support new research projects at the Juravinski Research Institute (JRI) focused on child and youth health, integrated care and burn trauma. The JRI improves the health of Canadians by advancing groundbreaking health research at Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster University and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.

Just two days later, we learned of the death of Charles Juravinski. He and Margaret have been incredibly generous to many healthcare opportunities in Hamilton, including a major gift to the construction of Margaret's Place at the Villa, a beautiful hospice on the grounds of St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas. May they be blessed for their good works!

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ST. PETER'S SEMINARY** meets four times each year. For the past two years, these meetings have been virtual! The Bishop of Hamilton, being a Director "Ex Officio", participates in the meetings. Monsignor Martin Vallely is also a Director, being appointed from among the Priests of the Diocese. Bishop Ronald Fabbro, Bishop of London, is the chairperson of the meeting and oversees the work of the Board. Father Richard Grecco, is the Rector of the Seminary. Father Jason Kuntz, from the Diocese of Hamilton, is a Professor of Moral Theology at the Seminary. We pray for the good formation of our seminarians at St. Peter's and the other seminaries where they are studying. And we

pray for vocations to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton!

## FR. BRANKO BALAŽIC



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

Nedelko	Ivan	February 21, 1978
Zabukovec	Izidor	February 22, 2003
Nemec	Yolanda	February 22, 2020
Skale	Milka	February 22, 2021
Prša	Veronika	February 23, 1987
Bembenek	Marta	February 24, 1997
Ritlop	Martha	February 24, 2009
Stegne	Neža	February 24, 2018
Zelko	Martin	February 26, 1999
Mozetič	Ljudmila	February 27, 2003

Fr. Branko se je oglasil iz Rima. Sedaj je že našel svoj prostor in fakulteto, kjer bo poslušal predavanje. Vreme je tam veliko bolj pomladansko kot smo ga vajetni tukaj. Prav lepo vse pozdravlja.

## ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

We have received inquiries regarding the distribution of ashes on **Ash Wednesday - March 2nd, 2022.**



Similar to last year, parishes will distribute ashes during Mass. After praying the blessing of ashes and sprinkling them with holy water wearing a mask, the Priest, Deacon, or Minister distributes ashes on those who come forward, **SPRINKLING THE ASHES ON THE TOP (ABOVE) EACH PERSON'S HEAD**, reciting the formula found in the Excerpts from the Roman Missal: **“Repent, and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

The distribution of ashes in schools or long-term care homes is strongly discouraged at this time.

The Diocese will release to the schools via the Diocesan website a virtual Liturgy of the Word to assist those who are not able to participate in Mass or do not yet feel comfortable celebrating at the Parish.

Deacon John Moss, *Coordinator of Liturgy*



**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English - For the time of Covid-19 it is only one Mass on Sundays) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** For an appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** 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 with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

DON BOSCO 561-5971.

<p><b>7. NEDELJA MED LETOM</b>  <b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>  <b>TIME</b>  20. FEBRUAR  <b>LEON SICILSKI, ŠKOF</b></p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane  † Terezija Gönc  † Mirko Šega  †† Janez Krenos  †† Pok. iz družine Koščak  †† Pok. iz družine Ulčar  †† Pok. iz družine Kodrič  †† Pok. iz družine Letnik  † Štefan Gonza  †† Pok. Slovenci iz Londona</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. -----  Olga Glavač  Edward Arko  Družina Kolmanič  Robbie &amp; Laurie Letnik z druž.  Robbie &amp; Laurie Letnik z druž.  Robbie &amp; Laurie Letnik z druž.  Robbie &amp; Laurie Letnik z druž.  Hči Sandy Carre z družino  3:00 P.M. St. John the Divine Church</p>
<p><b>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY</b>  21. FEBRUAR  <i>Irena (Mira), devica</i></p>		
<p><b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b>  22. FEBRUAR  <i>Sedež apostola Petra</i></p>	<p>V čast in priprošnjo sv. Jožefu  † Milka Skale, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Ana Tadič  7:00 P.M. Hči Elizabeth z družino</p>
<p><b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b>  23. FEBRUAR  <i>Polikarp, škof-muč.</i></p>	<p>†† Verona, Štefan in Joe  Na čast Materi B. in sv. Jožefu  †† Štefan, Verona in Joe Prša</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Družina Prša  Ana Tadič  Cecilia Sobočan</p>
<p><b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b>  24. FEBRUAR  <i>Matija, apostol</i></p>	<p>Za bolnike naše župnije  †† Ana in Štefan Kričaj  † Matija Vlašič</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Slomškovo oltarno društvo  Marija  Žena in Otroci</p>
<p><b>PETEK - FRIDAY</b>  25. FEBRUAR  <i>Alozij in Kalist, mučenca</i></p>	<p>†† Pokojni iz družine Rajbar  †† Avgust in Gizela (obl.) Čurič</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. Ana Gergyek  Olga Glavač z družino</p>
<p><b>SOBOTA - SATURDAY</b>  26. FEBRUAR  <i>Aleksander (Branko), šk.</i></p>	<p>†† Mila in Alfonz Mozetič  †† Marija in Alojz Mes  † Cenka Košir, 30. dan  † Joe Lackovič  † Maks Pavlič  † Zoltan Gergyek</p>	<p>5:30 P.M. Manja Erzetič  Kolman Mes z družino  Tomaž in Alenka Košir z družino  Žena Vera z družino  Vera Lackovič  Alojz in Agata Sarjaš</p>
<p><b>8. NEDELJA MED LETOM</b>  <b>8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b>  <b>TIME</b>  27. FEBRUAR  <b>GABRIJEL ŽALOSTNE MATE-</b>  <b>RE BOŽJE, REDOVNIK</b></p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane  †† Jožef in Emilija Balažič  † Anton Vengar  † Tilka Vengar  †† Pokojni sorodniki in prijatelji  † Irma Dorenčec  † Janez Stanko  † Franc Virag</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. -----  Hči z družino  Rose Marie in Tony Vengar z dru.  Rose Marie in Tony Vengar z dru.  Rose Marie in Tony Vengar z dru.  Ignac in Gabriella Robačar  Janez Lovrenčec  Janez Lovrenčec</p>