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**31. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**31ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Nič nas ne more ločiti od Kristusa

Božja beseda današnje nedelje, ki govori o največji zapovedi - ljubezni do Boga in do bližnjega - se zelo lepo ujema s praznikom vsem svetih in spominom vernih rajnih.

Na praznik vseh svetih se ne spominjamo samo svetnikov, ki so bili razglašeni za svete, ampak tudi vseh drugih. Nešteto jih je: toliko kristjanov, ki so zvesti krstni milosti hodili za Kristusom in so sedaj z njim v slavi in veselju nebes. Klic k svetosti je namenjen vsem.

Božja beseda pravi, da je teh svetnikov neizmerna množica. Za nas je veliko veselje, ker vemo, da je svetnikov toliko in da smo tudi sami poklicani k svetosti.

V Razodetju beremo: »Prikazala se je velika množica, ki je nihče ne bi mogel prešteti, iz vseh narodov, rodov, ljudstev in jezikov.« Poklicanost k svetosti ne pozna meja. »Stali so pred prestolom in pred Jagnjetom, ogrnjeni v bela oblačila, v rokah pa so držali palmove veje.« Gre za veliko nebeško slavje, polno hvale in zahvale Bogu. Svetost namreč prihaja od njega, je njegov dar in jo je treba sprejeti z zahvalo.

Apostol Janez nam v prvem pismu spregovori, da je bistvo svetosti vtem, da smo božji otroci in da kot taki tudi živimo. Svetost je zaupna vez z Bogom: on je svet in tudi njegovi otroci morajo biti sveti.

Vse to je izraz božje ljubezni. Janez ves začuden vzklika: »Poglejte, kakšno ljubezen nam je podaril Oče: Božji otroci se imenujemo in to tudi smo!« V resnici smo božji otroci. V sebi imamo tisto korenino svetosti, ki je božje otroštvo.

»Zdaj smo Božji otroci; ni pa še razodeto, kaj bomo.« Naša prava resničnost se bo razodela, ko bo Jezus vnovič prišel, da nas vzame s seboj v svojo slavo.

V evangeliju praznika nam Jezus poda »veliko listino« svetosti, ko nam predstavi blagre. To besedilo nas mora voditi v našem krščanskem



življenju in nam vlivati zagon, zaupanje in veselje.

Blagri se zaključijo z Jezusovim zagotovitom: »Veselite in radujte se, kajti vaše plačilo v nebesih je veliko.« Ne govori o prihodnjem, ampak o sedanjem plačilu. Že sedaj, v času preganjanja se moramo veseliti, ker smo že imamo plačilo, nebeško plačilo.

Jezusovi blagri so program sreče, ki nas sili, naj spremenimo svoje običajne poglede, da bi sprejeli Jezusove misli in želje. Vsi smo poklicani, da živimo blagre, vsak glede na mero milosti, ki jo je prejel. Vsakega izmed nas velika božja ljubezen kliče k zares krščanskemu življenju, k življenju združenosti z Jezusovim srcem v mislih, željah, odločitvah in dejanjih.

Veseliti se moramo in biti neizmerno hvaležni Bogu, ki nas kliče k takemu življenju in nam pripravlja neskončno veselje v večni združenosti z njegovim življenjem ljubezni.

V prvem berilu današnje nedelje smo slišali, da Bog terja od nas vse naše srce, celotno srce z vsemi njegovimi močmi. Ljubezen od znotraj zahteva nerazdeljeno srce in vso njegovo moč.

Iz zapovedi, ki je bila dana Mojzesu, Jezus nadaljuje, da je druga njej enaka: »Ljubi svojega bližnjega kakor samega sebe.« Ljubezen do bližnjega nas popelje v vse presegajočo ljubezen do Boga. Rečeno je celo, da Jezus pohvali farizeja, ki ga sprašuje in mu pove, da »ni daleč od Božjega kraljestva.« Naša obveznost do Boga je, da verujemo vanj in pričujemo o njem. V molitvenem bogoslužju prosimo in molimo, naj nam Bog razvname srce in duha, da bomo v luči božjih zapovedi vedno hodili za njim, svojim vodnikom in vladarjem. Zapoved ljubezni do bližnjega postaja zahtevna.

Ob včerajšnjem spominu vernih duš nas današnja božja beseda dobesedno nagovarja, da se zapovedi prelivajo v izpolnjevanje tudi do ljubezni naših rajnih. Posmrtno življenje se začneja že sedaj! V sebi ga nosimo kakor seme, ki poganja, razraslo se bo in razcvetelo šele na koncu časov v večni pomladi. Dobra je seveda drža tistega, ki ne misli na plačilo, ampak predvsem išče, kako bi živel kot pravi kristjan. Kdor izpolnjuje zapovedi, raste v ljubezni.

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Response: *I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

First reading: *Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Second reading: *Hebrews 7:23-28*

Christ's power to save is utterly certain.

Gospel: *Mark 12:28-34*

Jesus gives us the two great commandments.

"You are not far from the kingdom of God."



Illustration

Modern life gives us access to lives and communities we might once have known only through the memoirs of intrepid travellers. Now we just switch on the television or the internet and anything, anyone or anywhere is laid out before us. It is a pity if we treat remote, indigenous societies superficially and unthinkingly, as passing examples of how other peoples live, for they often teach and challenge us. This is particularly true when we are introduced to groups of people whose lives might appear exotic and less complicated than ours; what we might miss is how coherent and caring they are. They cultivate a symbiotic relationship with the nature that surrounds them. Their hierarchies exclude nobody from their care and concern unless someone commits infractions which breach the unwritten laws and practices of the community. Everyone has a role to play



in the life of the group. That is how they survive. Strangers in their midst receive particular care because people recognise that they will be vulnerable in a world that can be dangerous. Perhaps these patterns of mutual support are easier to maintain in small communities, but their success challenges our assumptions that our more sophisticated approach to living is thereby more civilised. One suspects the opposite is often true.

Gospel Teaching

As Jesus comes to the end of his public career, he rounds up his teaching by having final exchanges with his old adversaries, the scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. In St Matthew's Gospel this discussion takes place with a Pharisee. Here, it is with a scribe. His message is the same. When you examine the Law, the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament, the instructions that stand out are these two great commandments: the love of God and the love of our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus has attempted to illustrate, through his life and teaching, how these two commandments may be lived out in practice. His criticism of his adversaries is that they say one thing and do another. They don't necessarily carry out these commands themselves, but they load up their listeners with a variety of rules that bear little relationship to these more fundamental principles of life. His critics are judgmental rather than compassionate, imposing burdens rather than healing or heartening. Jesus offers a life of service which lifts burdens, restores and nourishes in both

word and deed. To see and practise this is to be close to the kingdom of God, that is, to be a channel of God's loving presence in the world. Sometimes people feel uncertain about how to love themselves, but Jesus' life reveals the intimate link between the love of self and of our neighbour. We shouldn't exploit our neighbour or mistreat ourselves. Our concern and respect for our neighbour help give a true form to the concern and respect we have for ourselves.

Application

In the Synod held last year in Rome the concluding synthesis document concentrated less on the subjects that had been discussed and more on how they had been considered by what they termed "the synodal path". What had been important was the careful listening and exchange of views between lay, religious, clerical and episcopal voices. Theologically, this approach was founded upon the trinitarian nature of God and the lived experience of these two great commandments. The Synod document reflected on the individual concerns that had been raised but did so, not as edicts, but as matters for further reflection, hoping that the synodal process might be adopted by individual episcopal conferences, dioceses, parochial and other groups and might become the way we tackle all issues in our Christian lives. It is a bold challenge, but it is rooted in the great commandments. If we cannot practise them in the way we discuss, codify and guide our faith, how can we be sure we have remained on the right track? The trickling down of this approach to the local level will take time, and the pace will differ across countries and local communities. Some may find the synodal approach threatening and others will be impatient to move on faster. The synodal process aims to find ways in which all the diverse groups feel respected, heard and freed in their faith to practise more fully these two great commandments.



Please join us for the christening of the new wine...

Martinovanje

St. Martin's Luncheon

Sunday November 10, 2024



Featuring Music By:
Polka Maester Band



Doors open at 12:00 noon
Delicious home-style dinner served at 1:00 p.m.

- Paid Members \$40
- Non-Members \$50
- Student (ages 11-17) \$20
- Child (ages 6-10) \$10
- Ages 5 and under FREE



All amateur wine makers are invited to bring their wine for the competition (by noon), and all guests (of drinking age) are eligible to taste and judge the wines!

For Tickets:

MaryAnn Barich 905-945-3750
John Gerden 905-708-7221



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Thursday November 7**

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No Tickets At The Door

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23 NOVEMBER 2024



MUSIC BY: ANSAMBEL ŠIBAJ
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
DINNER AT 6 PM

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For Reservations: Call Milena at 905-393-6594
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LONDON - MAŠA ZA POKOJNE

V soboto, 2. novembra 2024, smo darovali sveto mašo za vse pokojne Slovence iz Londona in okolice. Po nekaj letih premora, zaradi Covida, smo se lahko zopet zbrali v mavzoleju na pokopališču sv. Petra v Londonu.

Še posebej pa smo se spomnili vseh, ki so odšli k Bogu od lanskega novembra. Tokrat jih je bilo kar 6: **Victoria Zamuda, August Gerdevič, Albin Rozman, Janez Kržič, Ludvik Lovšin in Elizabeth Bačun.** Za vsakega smo pred oltarjem prižgali svečo in napis, na koncu maše pa smo povabili sorodnike pokojnih, da so vzeli svečo in napis domov.

Hvala Ivanu in Micki, ki sta poskrbela, da je bilo v mavzoleju vse dogovorjeno. Hvala, ki so sodelovali pri maši. Tokrat se nas je res veliko zbralo, morda je nekaj pripomoglo tudi lepo vreme.





Moya Financial has relocated their offices to the Parish Offices in order to better serve their Members and Community.

During their regular office hours of Tuesdays from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Thursdays from 11:00am to 5:00pm, and Fridays from 11:00am to 4:00pm, the exterior door into the Parish offices will be left unlocked.

If you are visiting the credit union, please do not ring the bell, enter the Parish Office door and a Moya staff member will buzz you into the branch. If you are coming to see Father Drago, please ring the bell, and Father will greet you at the exterior door. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

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Moya Financial je svojo pisarno preselila v v prostore poleg župnijskega urada, da bi bolje služila svojim članom in skupnosti.

V času rednih uradnih ur ob torkih od 11.00 do 16.00, četrtek od 11.00 do 17.00 in petkih od 11.00 do 16.00 bodo vhodna vrata v župnijske prostore odklenjena.

Če ste namenjeni v MOYA (Credit Union), prosimo, da ne pozvonite, vstopite pri glavnih vratih (office) in delavka od Moya vam bo odprla vrata v poslovalnico.

Če pa hočete v župnijsko pisarno (Fr. Drago), pozvonite in gospod Drago vas bo pričakal pri vhodnih vratih.

Hvala za nadaljnje sodelovanje in podporo.



RESULTS OF THE DEANERY MEETINGS

CLERGY CARE

We have not yet fully understood the effects that COVID-19 has had on everyone. This is also true of our clergy.

We know that the shutdowns, lockdowns, the isolation, the rules, the limitations and the lack of socializing have all had an effect on our clergy. The lack of vocations requiring priests to take on more work with higher expectations has created a demand on our priests that is draining their energy and their resilience. Many priests are experiencing burnout. Conversations are needed to determine what our clergy need to help them on their healing journey, to help them remain healthy, and to determine what they need to be shepherds after the Heart of Jesus in the Church today.

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15)

- **The people of God truly love and care for their priests.**
- **When laity have ideas for the betterment of the parish, they also need to have a plan to implement their ideas and not just put more on the pastor's desk.**

- **There needs to be a clearer distinction between pastoral ministry and administration.**
- **Priests should learn to seek help from the laity in areas of administration.**
- **The role of deacons needs examining and possibly more responsibility given to them.**
- **Clergy are also human with weaknesses and limitations. Their days off and downtime need to be respected.**
- **Helping with basic human needs, such as food and socialization .**
- **When there is a conflict with the clergy, first, approach him in charity. Going to the bishop should be done only when all direct courses of communication have failed.**
- **The diocese should be more attentive to priests by providing ongoing training, support, regular check-ins, ensure holiday time is taken or not taken advantage of, encourage priest support groups, and greater care for retired priests.**
- **Priests should not be moved as often.**
- **There should be consideration to closing or consolidating smaller parishes.**
- **There needs to be a greater effort to foster vocations.**
- **Intentional prayer for the clergy needs to be encouraged and increased.**

To be continued

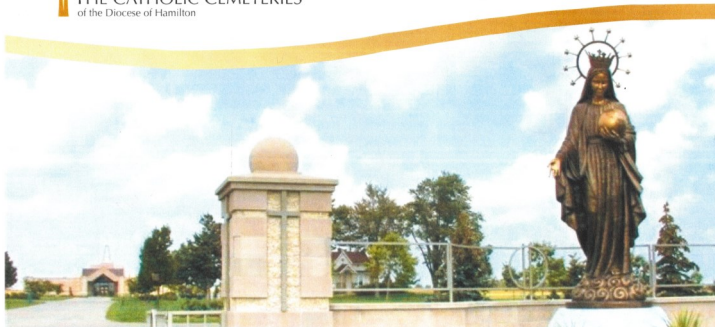


ALL SOULS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Sunday, November 3, 2024
5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Stoney Creek

Join us for a time of prayer and a remembrance walk through the cemetery
Refreshments to follow



Heart-to-Heart: Bishop Douglas Crosby

DILEXIT NOS

He Loved Us is the title of the fourth Encyclical of Pope Francis, published Thursday in Vatican City.

The Pope reflects on the enduring symbol of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** and refers to several passages from the Gospel of St. John in the opening paragraph of the letter.

He emphasizes the importance of “the heart” and urges the reader to nurture lives of mercy and hope – two central themes for the upcoming Jubilee Year of Hope.

The encyclical will surely be an important read as we reflect on our lives as Pilgrims of Hope.

LISTENING TOGETHER, a reflection series will be hosted by the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis throughout the month of November, discussing the pre-Synod meditations from Cardinal-Elect Timothy Radcliffe from the 2024 Synod gathering in Rome. These discussions are virtual sessions, hosted on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00pm with readings provided as digital texts a week in advance. All are very welcome to participate, registration can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/10/fall-book-club-emlistening-together-continued-em/> .

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE: Msgr. Kroetsch and Christina Mines will be hosting preparation sessions for Adult Faith Formation Leaders in anticipation of the **Jubilee of Hope** beginning on December 24, 2024. This is an important moment in the life of the Church! Four brief sessions will be offered around the Diocese of Hamilton throughout the month of November to equip pastoral leaders for adult programming initiatives throughout the Jubilee year. All are welcome to participate. For registration and more information contact: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/10/preparing-for-the-jubilee-a-planning-day-for-pastoral-leaders/> .

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **Nov. 3rd - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** - Mass at 2:00 p.m. - Prayers at the Cemeteries
- **Nov. 10th - Lipa Park** - St. Martin's lunch
- **Nov. 10th - Sava-Breslau** - Mass 1:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 20th - CWL-SOD** - Memorial Mass
- **Nov. 23rd - Bled** - Hunter's Banquet
- **Dec. 1st - Slovenska šola** - Miklavž - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

BRALCI - READERS:

Slov. Mass: Mirko Zorko (9:30 a.m.)
Eng. Mass: Mary Ann Demšar (11:00 a.m.)

ČIŠČENJE - CLEANING

Nov. 9th - Štefka Eržen team

GIFT BEARERS

- Nov. 3rd - Albina in Jože Antolin

CEMETERY MASS & PRAYERS

The annual **All Souls Day Mass** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, **November 3rd, 2024** at 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Prayers at the three Cemeteries:

- 3:00 p.m. - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (at the Cross)
- 3:30 p.m. - Gate of Heaven Cemetery (at the Chapel-Slovenian section)
- 5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery (in the Mausoleum)

ODPUSTEK

Cerkev naklanja v prvih osmih dneh novembra popolni odpustek za vsak obisk pokopališča in molitev za rajne.

• Prav tako ga je mogoče prejeti v vseh cerkvah in javnih kapelah 1. in 2. novembra ter na prejšnjo ali na naslednjo nedeljo, če smo bili pri spovedi in obhajilu ter molimo po namenu svetega očeta. (Po namenu svetega očeta izmolite Oče naš, Zdravo Marijo, Slavo. Vendar morate pred molitvijo izreči: "Po namenu svetega očeta")

• Odpustek lahko namenimo rajnim, ki so še v stanju očiščevanja in jim lahko pomagajo tisti, ki so že pri Bogu in mi, ki še romamo po zemlji s svojimi molitvami, darovanimi mašami, dobrimi deli in odpustki, sami sebi namreč ne morejo več pomagati.



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

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| Šverko | Anton | November 6, 2014 |
| Levstek | Pavla | November 7, 1974 |
| Doma | Štefan | November 8, 1982 |
| Malevich | Anton | November 8, 1996 |
| Raduha | Franc | November 8, 2017 |
| Vičič | Miroslav | November 9, 1976 |
| Germ | Sophia | November 9, 1990 |
| Zorko | Juliana | November 9, 2006 |
| Kolenko | Joseph | November 9, 2022 |
| Simončič | Ethel | November 10, 2012 |
| Skale | Vinko | November 10, 2012 |

CWL - KŽZ

We invite family, friends and parish members to our annual **Memorial Mass** being held Wednesday, **November 20th at 7:00 p.m.**



Please consider joining us, at this special mass, honoring our deceased members of the CWL and SOD.

CWL Membership envelopes will be available on Nov.17, on the table in front of the chapel. Please take a moment to pick up your envelope to renew your membership. Your membership is very important to the CWL being able to represent our faith values at a provincial and national level.

We welcome any ladies of our parish, interested in a CWL membership, to attend one of our meetings. Watch our Vesnik for meeting dates and times.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 4th, following 7:00 p.m. mass.

THE SISTERS POOR OF JESUS CHRIST

Have you chosen sobriety or are you struggling with addiction? Are you a family member of someone who does? The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ offer an ongoing 12-step program to support you. The Be Sober meetings are held every Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 248 Mountain Park Ave, Hamilton ON. The evening is organized into three key moments: prayer, training on the 12 steps and spirituality, and group sharing.

For further information, please contact: (905) 512-8493 or besober.skateri@ocaminho.org

The program is meant to assist any persons or family members who are dealing with an addictions issue. It offers practical help through a spiritual lens.

Svete maše - Masses

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| <p>31. NEDELJA MED LETOM 3. NOVEMBER 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> | † | Za žive in rajne župljane | 9:30 A.M. | ----- |
| | † | Janez Kosednar | | Žena z družino |
| | † | Silvano Kosič, obl. | | Družina Kodarin |
| | †† | Eddy Kodarin | | Žena z družino |
| | †† | Pokojni iz družine Gosgnach | | Joe Gosgnach z družino |
| | †† | Marija in Martin Dominko | | Družina Čule |
| | †† | Franc in Cecilija Antolin | | Družina Čule |
| | † | Ante Čule | | Žena z družino |
| | † | Lojze Lesica | 11:00 A.M. | Žena z družino |
| | † | Ivo Delač | | Hči z družino |
| | † | Spomenka Delač | | Sestra z družino |
| | † | Ilija Bartula | | Družina Bartula |
| | † | Saveta Bartula | | Družina Bartula |
| | † | Maks Pavličič | | Žena Jožica z družino |
| | †† | Pokojni iz družine Žizek | | Družina Škrban |
| | † | Marija Špiler | | Družina Škrban |
| †† | Ljubica, Franc in Igor Perovič | | Dragica Đondraš | |
| †† | Ljuba B., Stjepan, Matija Đondraš | | Dragica Đondraš | |



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. **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

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

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| PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 4. NOVEMBER <i>Karel Boromejski, škof</i> | † †† | Frank in Francka Krajnc John in Norma Tompa Po namenu | 7:00 P.M. | Jožica Novak z družino Dragica Tompa Ivka Pašalič |
| TOREK - TUESDAY 5. NOVEMBER <i>Zaharija in Elizabeta</i> | † † | Terezija Jereb Eileen MacKenzie | 7:00 P.M. | Ančka N. N. |
| SREDA - WEDNESDAY 6. NOVEMBER <i>Lenart, opat</i> | † | Marija Joželj Za zdravje v družini | 7:00 P.M. | Hči Sonja Langenfus Ančka |
| ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 7. NOVEMBER <i>Ernest, opat</i> | † † | Karl Svetanič Monika Gašpar | 7:00 P.M. | Ana Gergjek Družina Gašpar |
| PETEK - FRIDAY 8. NOVEMBER <i>Bogomir, škof</i> | † † | Slavko Cimermančič Stanko Bratuž | 7:00 P.M. | Jožica Novak z družino Žena Matilda |
| SOBOTA - SATURDAY 9. NOVEMBER <i>Posvetitev lateranske bazilike Teodor, mučenec</i> | † † † † † † †† †† | Ciril Kovačič, obl. Frank Pinter Rudi Hanc, obl. Frank Pinter Joe Ivan Prša Franc Raduha, obl. Tereza in Štefan Marinič Bratje in sestre Marinič | 5:30 P.M. | Družina Mes Družina Pinter Olga Hanc z družino Kathy Simončič Družina Mes Žena in družina Raduha Hči z družino Raduha Družina Raduha |
| 32. NEDELJA MED LETOM 10. NOVEMBER 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Leon Veliki, papež in cerkveni učitelj</i> | †† † †† † †† † † † † †† | Za žive in rajne župljane Paula in Franc Pelcar Vinko Skale, obl. Franc in Cecilija Antolin France Frankovič Starši, bratje in sestre Frank Saje Štefan Prša, obl. Emano Lanari Lidia Scarcelli Pokojni člani društva Sava | 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. | ----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Hči Elizabeth Lukežič z družino Jože in Albina Antolin z družino Joe Gimpelj Aranka Dundek Žena z družino Žena Terezija Rina Scarcelli Family Breslau - bivša dvorana Save |