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## Kristusova potrpežljivost

Priliko o dobrem pastirju mnogi razumejo in preslišijo. Vendar je Jezus sodnik; potrpežljiv in popustljiv kljub našim napakam in naši brezbriznosti. Tak je bil tudi v Palestini. Ker ljudje niso razumeli njegovega oznanila, jim je razlagal v prilikah, učil jih je kot otroke, jim risal v pesek, če so ostale besede nerazumljive. Prenaša našo lahkomišelnost in ujetost v malenkosti. Čaka, da nas bo opozoril na resnično pomembno: »Še veliko bi vam rad povedal, a zdaj ne morete nositi« (Jn 16, 12).

Zaradi naše revščine pričjenja vedno znova. Sporoča resnico, ki ji mi, zaradi utesnjenosti in vsakdanji skrbi, ne moremo slediti. Jezus jim je povedal to prisposodbo, pa niso razumeli, kaj jim je hotel razodeti z njo. Jezus je znova spregovori; mogoče bo tokrat uspel.

Znova ponovi in poudari: »JAZ SEM VRATA«. Jezus želi opogumiti vse, ki jih je družba ali pa verska skupnost izrinila na rob. Ponuja varno bivališče sredi resničnega božjega ljudstva. Življenje je radodarno, vsak dan sprejemamo veliko stvari. Ali nam ni tega namenil Bog? Jezus nas osvobaja strahu: »Kdor stopi skozi mene, se bo rešil: hodil bo noter in ven in bo našel pašo.« Varuje pred roparji, obljublja polno življenje in obilje vsega, kar potrebujemo za življenje. Prek evangelija prejemamo dobrine, ki jih svet nima: mir, ki presega vsa naša pričakovanja, mir sredi zmede, v trpljenju in skrbeh. Skozenj vstopamo v božji svet in v resnično življenje. Vse to je vpleteno v Pavlov vzklik: »Hvala torej Bogu, ki nam daje zmago po našem Gospodu Jezusu Kristusu« (1 Kor 15, 57).

Jaz sem vrata, nam govori Jezus in mnogi vstopajo skozi ta vrata.



## 100 LET OD FATIMSKIH PRIKAZOVANJ

Odlomek iz knjige Luciana Nervija: *Fatima: 13. maja 1917: prvo prikazovanje*

»Ko smo se 13. maja 1917,« piše Lucija v četrtem Spominu, »na pobočju nad Irijsko globeljo z Jacinto in Franckom igrali, smo nenadoma videli nekakšen blisk. Bilo je okoli poldneva. 'Bolje je, da gremo domov,'« sem rekla sestrični in bratrancu, »bliska se. Najbrž bo nevihta.' In zagnali smo ovce po bregu navzdol proti cesti. Ko smo prišli nekako do sredine pobočja, blizu velikega grma, smo zagledali drugi blisk. Ko smo naredili še nekaj korakov, smo videli nad hrastičem Gospo, oblečeno v belo, ki je sijala bolj ko sonce. Presenečeni smo obstali. Bili smo ji tako blizu, da smo stali v luči, ki jo je obdajala ali se širila iz nje. Morda smo bili od nje oddaljeni poldrugi meter. Tedaj nam je Marija rekla: 'Ne bojte se. Nič hudega vam ne bom storila.' 'Odkod si?' sem jo vprašala. 'Iz nebes.' 'In kaj želiš od mene?' 'Prišla sem vas prosit, da bi prihajali sem trinajstega v mesecu ob tej uri šest mesecev zaporedoma.' 'Bom šla tudi jaz v nebesa?' 'Da, boš.' 'In Jacinta?' 'Tudi ona.' 'Pa Francek?' 'Tudi on, vendar mora zmoliti še veliko rožnih vencev' /.../

Potem je dodala: 'Ali ste se pripravljene darovati Bogu in prenašati trpljenje, ki vam ga bo poslal, v spravo za grehe, s katerimi ga žalijo, in se žrtvovati za spreobrnjenje grešnikov?' 'Smo pripravljene.' 'Precej boste morali trpeti, vendar vas bo krepila božja milost.' Ko je izgovorila ti dve besedi, je prvič razprla roke in na nas razlila tako močno luč, da smo v njej po Bogu, ki je bil ta luč, lahko videli sami sebe jasneje, kakor se vidimo v najboljšem ogledalu. Padli smo na kolena in ponavljali molitve, ki nas jih je naučil angel. Nato je Marija dodala: 'Vsak dan molite rožni venec, da boste svetu izposili mir in konec vojne.' Zatem se je pričela narahlo dvigati proti vzhodu, dokler ni izginila v daljavi.«

Pastirčki se vrnejo domov in si obljubijo, da ne bodo nikomur pripovedovali, kaj so videli. A Jacinta

je obljubo prelomila in doma vse povedala. Ko svakinja Olimpija Lucijino mater pobara o zadevi in ta od hčere zahtevala pojasnilo, hči trdovratno molči. Mati povzdigne glas, a deklica se ne zbeга.

Dnevi minevajo in pastirčki še bolj vztrajno molijo; molijo vse tri dele rožnega venca in se žrtvujejo. Novica se hitro razširi in vsi nestrpnost pričakujejo 13. junij. V vasici vre, radovednost je neizmerna.

### PRIKAZOVANJA

1915 prikazen angela; 1916 tri prikazovanja angela, ki uči tri pastirčke moliti; 1917 od maja do oktobra šest Marijinih prikazovanj.

### VIDCI

**Lucija Jezusova**, rojena 22. marca 1907, ima ob prikazovanjih deset let. Pozneje stopi k sestram dorotejkam, ki so ji bile učiteljice. Sprejme ime Marija Lucija Dolorosa, pozneje v samostanu bosonogih



karmeličank, kjer ostane do smrti, pa ime Marija Lucija Brezmadežnega srca. Večkrat obiše Fatimo: leta 1946, ko se vrne iz Španije; 13. maja 1967, ko se sreča s papežem Pavlom VI.; leta 1981, ko v karmelu svetuje, kako upodobiti prikazovanja; 13. maja 1982, leta 1991 in 2000, ko se sreča s papežem Janezom Pavlom II. – Umrta leta 2005.

**Francek Marto** je rojen 11. junija 1908. Ko vidi Marijo, mu je devet let. Umrje na svojem domu, 4. aprila 1919, zaradi španske gripe. Njegovi posmrtni ostanki počivajo na župnijskem pokopališču do 13. marca 1952, ko jih prenesejo v baziliko v Irijski globeli. Dne 13. maja 2000 ga papež Janez Pavel II. razglasi za blaženega.

**Jacinta Marto**, rojena 11. marca 1910, ima ob Marijinih prikazovanjih sedem let. Umre zaradi kostne tuberkuloze v lizbonski bolnišnici D. Estefania. 12. septembra 1935 prenesejo njegovo krsto iz družinske grobnice barona Alvaiàzerja v Ourému na fatimsko pokopališče, k posmrtnim ostankom brata Francka. Od tod ju 1. maja 1951 prenesejo v baziliko v Irijski globeli. Janez Pavel II. 13. maja 2000 tudi njo razglasi za blaženo.

*(Francek in Jacinta bosta 13. maja 2017, ob papeževem obisku v Fatimi, razglášena za svetnika.)*

### TRETJA FATIMSKA SKRIVNOST JE V EVANGELIJU

Na pragu tretjega tisočletja krščanske zgodovine, ko nekateri "preroki nesreče" napovedujejo konec sveta, je še bolj živo vprašanje "tretje fatimske skrivnosti". V svojih spominih jo je leta 1943 zapisala sestra Lucija, edina še živeča od treh pastirčkov, ki se jim je v Fatimi prikazovala Marija od 13. maja do 13. oktobra 1917. Besedilo "tretje skrivnosti" ni bilo objavljano, temveč je bilo v zapečatenem pismu izročeno papežu Piju XII. Njegov naslednik Janez XXIII. je pismo dobil v roke leta 1959. Nadškof Loris Capovilla, tajnik tega papeža, ki mu je besedilo dal prebrati, je v pogovoru za verski tednik Famiglia cristiana konec novembra 1997 izjavil, da tretja fatimska skrivnost ne napoveduje katastrofe za človeštvo in Cerkev, temveč poudarja, da moramo bolj zares vzeti evangelijski klic k pokori in spreobrnjenju.

Prerokom "konca sveta" je hotel zapreti usta tudi papež Janez Pavel II., ki je v drugi polovici letošnjega novembra pri splošnih avdiencah ob sredah začel s katehezami priprave na jubilej druge tisočletnice odrešenja. "Edino Bogu je znano, kakšna bo prihodnost. Mi pa vemo, da bo to vsekakor prihodnost milosti, izpolnitev božjega načrta ljubezni za vse človeštvo in za vsakogar od nas. Zato gledamo v prihodnost polni zaupanja in se ne prepuščamo strahu."



Papež Janez XXIII. je pismo sestre Lucije, ki vsebuje tretjo fatimsko skrivnost, prejel 17. avgusta 1959, deset mesecev po svoji izvolitvi. Kako ga je sprejel, so vprašali nadškofa Loris Capovilla, tedaj papeževega tajnika.

Zelo umirjeno, z vero preprostega krščanskega človeka. Pismo so mu izročili v ponedeljek. Jaz bi ga odprl takoj, on pa mi je rekel: "Odprl ga bom v petek s svojim spovednikom." To dokazuje njegovo modrost in resnost. Besedilo je res prebral skupaj s svojim spovednikom, potem pa se mu je zdelo primerno, da ga pokaže svojim najbližjim sodelavcem pri nekaterih vatikanskih uradih. Ne vem, kako so ga sprejeli, ker nisem bil zraven. Dejstvo je, da mi je potem narekoval pripombo, s katero dokončno in pastoralno odločitev glede tretje fatimske skrivnosti prepušča drugim. Kot bi hotel reči: Ne prenačimo se. To stališče se mi zdi trezno, uvidevno.

**- Lahko bi to razumeli kot prelaganje odgovornosti na ramena drugih, svojih naslednikov...**

Ne bi rekel. Sicer pa je bilo pismo naslovljeno na Pija XII. in če je tudi ta veliki papež sklenil, da ničesar ne objavi, je pač že moram imeti razlog za to. Časniki so pisali, da bo to besedilo sestre Lucije objavljeno leta 1960. Glede tega nikoli nisem slišal ničesar iz ust papeža ali njegovih najbližjih sodelavcev; vsem se zdi primerno, da spoštujejo odločitev Pija XII.

- Nekateri so obtožili papeža Janeza, da besedila tretje fatimske skrivnosti ni hotel objaviti zato, ker naj bi se le-ta nanašala na zmote in odpade v Cerkvi zaradi drugega vatikanskega koncila, ki ga je bil sklical papež Roncalli. Kaj pravite na te obtožbe?

Zelo preprosto jih lahko zavrnem: papež Janez XXIII. je umrl leta 1963. Ko bi on "cenzuriral" fatimsko sporočilo, bi njegovi nasledniki lahko objavili, kar je bilo po vesti nujno.

- Brali ste besedilo "tretje skrivnosti"? Ali ste se kdaj o tem pogovarjali s papežem Janezom?

- Ne, nikoli. Seveda pa to ne pomeni, da se papežu sporočilo ni zdelo važno. Lahko pa si mislim, da je bilo vključeno v njegov notranji pogovor z Bogom. Papež Janez je v svojih nagovorih romarjem in v svojih dokumentih pogosto omenjal Fatimo, fatimsko sporočilo. Globoko sled je v njegovem srce pustilo romanje v Fatimo leta 1956. Ko je kardinala Roncallija, ki je bil tedaj patriarh v Benetkah, junija 1958 obiskal publicist Tommaso Gallarati Scotti, sta se s patriarhom pogovarjala o cerkvenih zadevah, tudi o možnosti skorajšnjega konklava (papež Pij XII. je bil že v letih). Kakor bi svojega sogovornika hotel povabiti h globljemu razumevanju mističnega življenja Cerkve, je patriarh šel po dve podobici, kakršne je delil otrokom pri svojih pastoralnih obiskih po župnijah: na eni je bil Francek, na drugi pa njegove sestra Jacinta, fatimska pastirčka, ki sta videla našo Gospo in sta svetniško umrla že v nežni otroški dobi. V svojega gosta je uprl oči in dejal:

"Postati moramo podobni tema otrokoma, če hočemo priti v nebeško kraljestvo." Bil je ves prevzet nad sporočilom preprostosti, ubožstva, molitve in spokorno-sti teh fatimskih otrok.

- Ali se vam ne zdi, da bi bilo pametno objaviti "tretjo skrivnost" Fatime, da bi tako naredili konec raznim "ugibanjem"?

Mislim, da bi bilo treba na neki način razsvetliti javno mnenje in sredstva obveščanja glede tega, da bi se izognili takim zastrašujočim ali zavajajočim razlagam.

- Vi poznate "tretjo fatimsko skrivnost"; ali lahko rečete, da so razlage, ki jih širijo, izmišljene?

Niso mi znane vse razlage. Lahko pa povem le to: ko sem pozorno in zbrano prebral tisto besedilo, je to pripomoglo, da se je okrepilo moje čiščenje Marijinega Brezmadežnega Srca. Sporočilo mi je prineslo zares veliko duhovno korist.

- Kaj menite o verzijah, po katerih naj bi besedilo vsebovalo katastrofalne napovedi za človeštvo ali za Cerkev?

Ne ozirajte se na to, kar je zapisano na tistih listih, lahko iz Svetega pisma, iz samih evangelijev zvemo, da človeštvo čakajo številne preizkušnje. Kar pa zadeva Cerkev, nam dajo misliti Jezusove besede: "Ali bo Sin človekov, ko pride, našel vero na zemlji?" To so skrbi in težave vsakega dne. Vsakdanje so tudi razmere boja, nasprotovanj in preganjanj.

- Ali nam - dokler besedilo ni objavljeno, če sploh kdaj bo - lahko ponudite ključ za branje "tretje skrivnosti"?

Takega ključa nimam. Najdemo pa ga v evangeliju. V prvem poglavju Markovega evangelija beremo sporočilo: "Božje kraljestvo se je približalo. Spreobrnite se in verujte evangeliju." Kardinal Roncalli, poznejši Janez XXIII., je kot romar v Fatimi dejal, da se je božje razodetje sicer zaključilo, vendar

pa Bogu ni nemogoče posredovati novih razlag starega razodetja v duhovno korist nas samih, za življenje Cerkve in v blagor vsega človeštva.

<http://revija.ognjisce.si/revija-ognjisce/67-PRICEVANJE/1882-fatimska-prikazovanja>



## MATERINSKI DAN PRI DRUŠTVU LIPA PARK

V nedeljo, 30. aprila 2017, so člani društva Lipa park v St. Catharinesu pripravili kosilo in kratek program za Materinski dan in izbor nove ambasadorke društva Lipa park. Vse se je začelo po eni uri, ko se je dvorana napolnila z gosti. Povabili so ansambel Europa (Milan Vinčec in Steve Cafuta), da je bilo poskrbljeno tudi za lepo razpoloženje in ples ob slovenski glasbi.

Program je pripravila in organizirala za to praznovanje ga. Francka Seljak.

Na začetku programa je župnik sv. Gregorija Velikega, g. Drago Gačnik, povedal par besed o pomembni vlogi metere v družini, potem pa sta Rezika Reiter in Pavel Žugič zapela pesem »Mamica je kakor zarja«.

Vodenje programa sta prevzeli Lidia in Isabella (mama in hči) Molek (Fotivec): »Spoštovane članice, člani in gostje dobrodošli na Lipa parku.

Letos je že 50. leto, ko ob tej priložnosti izberemo novega ambasadorja/ko, ki zastopa naše društvo skozi vse leto, posebno na Folk Art Festivalu in na naših prireditvah.

**Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and members of our club Lipa park. Welcome to our 50<sup>th</sup> annual ambassador banquet. I am Isabella Molek, and this is Lidia and we will be your MCs for today.**

Ker danes praznujemo posebni praznik Materinski dan dragi gostje naj Vam v imenu društva Lipa park in v mojem imenu iskreno cestitam za vas osebni praznik. Hvala vam drage mamice, mame in babice za vse kar ste nam dale v zivljenju, posebno za vso ljubezen, s katero ste nas obdajale vse zivljenje .Hvala vam za vse.

**The Lipa Park organization would like to recognize and wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's and grandmothers as well as to all the**



## women who share their love with others.

Pričeli bomo z našim programom. Najprej se moramo zahvaliti in se posloviti od dosedanje ambasadorke, ki je tako lepo zastopala naše društvo skozi vse leto pri Folk Art Festivalu, na dnevu odprtih vrat in pri drugih prireditvah etičnih društev na Niagari, še posebej pa na naših prireditvah. Vabimo Ireno Brandula in njenega spremljevalca, brata Vladimira, da prideta na oder.

We are here today to crown our new ambassador at Lipa park for the year 2017. But first Lipa Park would like to express appreciation to the ambassador who has proudly represented the club for this past year, by attending folk arts festival and Lipa park events, like open house.

A sincere thank you from our members for your dedication Irena."

*Irena je spregovorila nekaj pozdravnih besed.*

»Zdaj ste pa prav gotovo zelo radovedni kdo bo naša naslednja ambasadorka v našem jubilejnem letu, 50. obletnici, našega društva. Letos bo naša nova ambasadorka zelo zaposlena, ne samo na Folk Art Festivalu, ampak na vseh naših gala prireditvah, ki so posvečene naši 50. obletnici društva.

Naša izvoljenka je dekle druge generacije slovenskih staršev, je zelo pridna in rada pomaga servirati na naših banketih, rada pomaga stari mami pri kuhanju slovenskih jedi in s ponosom pove, da je slovenka. Stara je 21 let in je dokončala Holy Cross Secondary School. Pred par leti je obiskala rojstni kraj kjer sta bila rojena njena babica in dedek. Zelo jo zanima odkod prihajajo njene korenine. Sedaj obiskuje šolo za rejo živali in upa da, ko jo bo končala, da bo odprla svojo podjetje. Želimo ji vso srečo. Trenutno dela kot blagajničarka v trgovini. Naša izvoljenka ima samo enega brata, ki je že bil tudi dvakrat ambasador Lipa parka, sedaj pa pomaga očetu pri vsakem delu na Lipa parku.



Naj vam predstavimo novo ambasadorko. Njena starša sta: John, predsednik društva in njegova žena Linda, ima brata Tylor-ja, stara starša, Avgust in Rezika Reiter. Vsi so naši dolgoletni delovni člani Lipa parka.

Now we would like to share a few words about our new ambassador, who will be representing Lipa Park through its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Her responsibilities will include attending Folk Arts Festival, and participating in all the events that will take place in celebration of Lipa Park's 50th Anniversary. Our new ambassador is 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Slovenian, and has been an active member and volunteer to Lipa Park for many years. She always has a smile on her face, and greets everyone with a hug. She has volunteered much time helping at picnics, serving for banquets and weddings, and at many, many Lipa Park events. I am sure she is a familiar face to you all!

Our ambassador is 21 years old. She completed her high school diploma at Holy Cross secondary school, and a little while ago, she took the opportunity to travel to our heritage land Slovenia. She especially appreciated to visit and see the regions where her grandparents were born.

Now, she works as a cashier while her main focus is on her studies to become a pet grooming. She hopes to open her own clinic one day. We wish her well in her studies and great success in her future.

Our ambassador for 2017, is daughter to John and Linda Reiter, sister to Tyler, who has represented Lipa Park as an ambassador two times previously, and granddaughter to August and Theresa Reiter.

Please welcome Ashley Reiter!

Prosimo, da pride na oder nasa nova ambasadorka Ashley Reiter, ki jo spremlja njen dedek Avgust Reiter.«

*Rezika Reiter in Pavel Žugič sta zapela pesem »Slovensko dekle« za novo ambasadorko ko je prihajala na oder.*



## Slovensko dekle

(glasba: Gustav Ipavec, besedilo: Jože Virk)

Venček na glavi se bliska ti 'z kitice  
rožic zelenih, slovensko dekle!

Lilija, vrtnica, mila ti šmarnica  
ličice krasi, slovensko dekle!

Svetla ko svit neba plamena utrinjata  
v tvojih očeh se, slovensko dekle!

Žlahtno bo trtica, mila ko lunica,  
sonce deklet je slovensko dekle!

Dokler slovenski rod biva, po zemlji hod',  
bode slovelo slovensko dekle!

Sledila je predaja krone novi ambasadorki.

Nova ambasadorka Ashley je pozdravila vse navzoče, se zahvalila vsem, ki so ji pomagali vključiti se slovensko skupnost, spoznavati slovenske navade. Še posebej se je zahvalila staršem, ki sta jo poslala v Slovensko šolo, k plesni skupini, ko je bila še otrok. Zhvalila se je teti Terezi, ki ji je sešila prepasnico (Sash) z napisom. Zahvalila se je tudi prejšnji ambasadorki Ireni, ki je v letu 2016-2017 zelo dobro predstavljala Lipa park. Na koncu se je še posebej zahvalila staremu očetu Augustu, ki jo je spremljal na oder in bil prisoten pri prireditvi. To si je štela v veliko čast.

Nato je gospa Francka povabila ambasadorko, da je prebrala pesem v čast materam.

If she is a kind of a Mother who cares to be fun  
and wise and shy and she has said I am here for you

Gospa Francka je nato prosila vse, da se za spomin in zgodovino še poslikajo.

»Hvala lepa za vašo pozornost.

**Thank you for your attention.**

Želim vam lepo popoldne ob zvokih ansambla Europa. Zavrtite se ob lepih melodijah.«

Posebna hvala kuharicam za dobro in okusno kosilo in mladim za postrežbo.



## POKOJNI

V soboto, 6. maja 2017, je v Sloveniji, na Jesenicah v bolnici umrla DORA STENKO, sestra naše faranke Romane Novak. Pokojna je bila v 91. letu. Pogreb pokojne bo v sredo, 10. maja, v naši župniji pa se bo isti dan zvečer ob sedmih darovala sveta maša za pokoj njene duše. Iskreno sožalje sestri Romani in sorodnikom. Pokojna Dora pa naj uživa večni mir in pokoj.

## POVZETEK LETNEGA OBČNEGA ZBORA

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*Predsednica Župnijskega pastoralnega sveta, ga. Heidy Novak, je v nedeljo, 30. aprila 2017 pri obeh mašah na kratko povzela glavnino dogajanja iz letošnjega letnega občnega zbora. Tukaj objavljamo njeno poročilo za tiste, ki ga niste slišali.*

As you all know, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, we had our Občni zbor (AGM)... since some of you were unable to attend, I am here today to give you all a quick summary of the meeting as well as an update of Parish happenings.

**Slomškovo oltarno društvo** takes on many church responsibilities including the care and cleaning of vestments, altar and church. New volunteers to help with these tasks are always welcome.

**Katoliška ženska Zveza** (CWL) currently has 97 members and also works hard to help with functions to raise funds for our parish needs while maintaining a strong Christian faith. They always welcome new members to their organization.

Our **Parish choirs** play an active role at our masses and functions. A special thank you to Fr. Drago, Ivan Mertuk, Sonja Podrebarac, John Horvat and Carl Vegelj for their continued dedication and commitment to leading our Slovenian tradition of song here at St. Gregory's.

**Plesna Skupina** (our Dance Groups) reported no performances in 2016 and very little interest moving forward... Dave Antolin suggested the possibility of incorporating a youth club into the mix in the hopes of revitalizing interest. So, parents, grandparents, we ask you to try to invoke some excitement into the possibility of our youngsters as well

as older generations to revive folk dancing into our community.

**St. Joseph's society** has been working diligently to attract some younger blood by staying current and planning events that are timed so that younger generations can work them into their busy schedules. They are happy to announce that they have found success with their efforts. They have also welcomed new board members of younger generations which is a good sign for our future.

**The Catholic Gils Club** is planning a family carnival sometime soon. If this happens, we ask you all to show your support as you always do and help re-vitalize what would surely be a great community social event.

Also, the **Slovenian Summer Day Camp** will be welcoming an acrobatic group from Slovenia called "Flip" the hope is to invite not only campers, but to have a performance for all our members to enjoy... we hope to see you there.

**The Canadian Slovenian Scholarship Foundation** is also facing the challenge of moving forward in a more current fashion. For this reason, they, along with our parish council have decided to work together. While they will continue to have a selection committee and present successful candidates with scholarships, there will no longer be a separate banquet to do so, these presentations will be made at our Fall Banquet.

As for our **Spring Banquet**, the parish council discussed cancelling this event due to the work and volunteers required and having to work around the fluctuating dates of Easter. It was noted, however, that the older generations enjoy the afternoon events. For this reason, we combined our spring banquet with

the play from Slovenia this year and it was indeed a success. Moving forward, we will decide on a year to year basis if we will host a Spring Banquet.

**Martinovanje** this year is also going to look a little different this year. We will continue with our traditional celebration, however, we are planning to integrate a reunion of the 1960 and 1970 Soča dancers... so... be ready for another different but great event!

And finally, we are thrilled to **welcome 4 new members to our Parish Council**: Mike Brake, Steven Horvat, Clark Novak. Eric Škerl. They came to their first meeting in April and share some really wonderful ideas... I think we are all in for a fresh way of doing things around here.

A suggestion was also made that we host more coffee and donut socials after mass as this is enjoyed by all our members, so, we will work at organizing more of the after mass gatherings.

Lastly, our AGM/Občni Zbor was held after one 10:00 a.m. mass in the upper hall followed by a complimentary light lunch. This seemed to be a good idea as we had 25 more members than usual (funny how free food can increase numbers... ) We will continue with this format moving forward and hope to see you there next year.

On behalf of your Parish Council, we wish you all a wonderful Sunday afternoon.

*Heidy Novak*

## SVETI KRST - BAPTISM

V soboto, 6. maja 2017, je **LAYLA KATA VUJEVIČ** v naši cerkvi prejela zakrament svetega krsta. Starša deklice sta Ivan Vujevič in Saphia, roj. Khambalia. Iskrene čestitke ob krstu drugega otroka. Naj njuno družino spremlja božji blagoslov in varstvo božje Matere Marije.



## A LITTLE HISTORY ON THE SLOVENIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The first Slovenian Golf Tournament was held in Kirkland Lake where second generation Slovenians gathered together to play some golf and enjoy a social after their day on the course. After several such tournaments, John Stark and a number of his friends decided to create a trophy which would honour their first generation parents who emigrated from Slovenia. The trophy depicts a shovel and pick and commemorates the hard work of their fathers who worked so hard in the Gold Mines.

Many of the second generation pursued post-secondary school studies and because of the lack of work in their profession and job specialities moved to southern Ontario and in particular to the Golden Horseshoe. As a result the trophy lay dormant until our northern friends donated it to the Slovenian Scholarship Foundation for their annual fund raiser Golf Tournament.

The Slovenian Scholarship Foundation was established in 1997 to encourage our young people to pursue post-secondary college and university education and to continue to take pride in their Slovenian heritage. By supporting our young people financially in their studies, when they need it most and to recognize them for their accomplishments, the SCSF Board believes, that in time, they will pick up the torch and be our future leaders.

Karl Ferko, president

Jerry Ponikvar, past president



## Please join us this year for the "last" Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Golf Tournament

**When:** Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Where:** Rockway Glen & Estate Winery  
Golf Course

**Time:** Registration at 10:00 a.m.

Tee - Off 11:30 a.m.

**Cost per person: \$150**

Includes golf, cart, door prize, coffee & donut breakfast, hot dog/hamburger & beverage lunch, dinner at Lipa Park.

All funds raised go towards the support of our Slovenian youth bursary and scholarship awards program.

Dinner only is **\$25.**

For information contact:

**Karl Ferko** 905-578-5890 or

**Teresa Zupančič** 905-930-7545

Registration forms are located on the shelves at the back of the church

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Response:

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**First Reading** Acts 2:14. 36-41

In a loud voice Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 2:20-25

Christ Jesus leaves an example. Through his wounds we are healed.

**Gospel** John 10:1-10

Jesus uses the images of shepherd, sheep and sheepfold to show his love for us.

*“The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock.”*

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### Illustration

The priest was a Yorkshire man and he was visiting his family in Yorkshire for a few days. While there he saw a very special postcard and decided to send it to his friend who lived in Scotland. The friend was originally from Lancashire, the neighbouring county to Yorkshire in the north of England. The people of those two counties have enjoyed friendly rivalry down the years and they share a northern accent, which may sound similar to outsiders but is subtly different. These two men, the Yorkshire man and the Lancashire man, were great friends. One had remained in the priesthood while the other, having kept his faith but left the priesthood, was now married and working as a family mediator in Scotland. Both men, in their different ways, were



pastors, caring for sheep, for people who need love and guidance and tender watchfulness.

One morning the postman arrived and that special postcard came through the letterbox into the hallway of that Scottish home. The friend picked up the card, looked at the picture on the front and roared with laughter. The picture, taken in the Yorkshire countryside, showed a farmer's notice, nailed to a fencepost, and giving warning to all drivers on that road. The notice said, spelt out just as it might sound in that distinctive Yorkshire accent, "TEK CARE LAMBS ONT ROAD". The language might be blunt Yorkshire but the sentiment was as tender as could be.

### Gospel Teaching

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us warning about people who have no care for others except to take advantage of them and to exploit them for their own selfish purposes. He says anyone who gets into the sheepfold and does not use the gate is up to no good. The gate is the open entrance into the fold where sheep safely graze. The gate is the pathway of honest approach. If you approach people in a sly or

sideways manner you are up to mischief and people will have every reason to mistrust you.

A true shepherd uses the gate. The sheep see the shepherd and know they are safe. The shepherd's voice is familiar and to be trusted and the sheep feel secure. Every good parent or guardian knows this. Children look to those who care for them. Vulnerable people look to their carers to feel secure and safe from harm. They stay close beside them to guide and to encourage.

The story Jesus tells is especially suited for people in positions of pastoral care. Sometimes we find pastors who are simply career people, out for themselves and with no real concern for the sheep in their charge. But what applies to priests and pastors in the Church equally applies to any of us who have roles of responsibility towards others in life. Jesus sometimes had occasion to remark on religious leaders, whose only interest was in taking the best seats in the synagogue and in being greeted obsequiously in the marketplace, people who liked to wear the gear and secretly robbed widows. In such cases Jesus could be as blunt as any Yorkshire man.

### Application

Jesus, who is the great shepherd of our souls, is also the innocent lamb who was led to the slaughter. Speaking about this, St Peter, another blunt-speaking man, describes to us how the Lord in his suffering left us an example to follow. He never lied. He never retaliated to insults. He never threatened, even when he was being tortured. Peter was mightily impressed by this behaviour. The Lamb of God went to his death teaching us to

be wise and gentle with one another. His wounds heal our ills.

Peter's call to us today is stark in its message: "Save yourselves from this perverse generation." Every age has its evils and the exploitation of the innocents has raised its ugly features in our time, in the world and in the Church. "What must we do?" The people asked Peter. He told them straight. Repent of your sins and be converted to the Lord once more. If you do, the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will find yourself enjoying the role of being a shepherd to the sheep. The Spirit helps us to become like Christ Jesus in our own world. It is a most magnificent vocation, to love and to care for others. Or, as that Yorkshire farmer said: "TEK CARE LAMBS ONT ROAD".



The poster features a central illustration of a city skyline with a church spire, set against a background of large, stylized maple leaves. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts, with the word 'OTTAWA' in large red letters. The event details are clearly stated, including the date and time. There are two columns of text providing information about the embassy's invitation and the celebration's significance. A bus chartering notice is also included. The bottom of the poster features a logo for the 2017 Ottawa celebration and the embassy's name in both Slovenian and English.

**OTTAWA | 2017**  
SLOVENIAN DAY | SLOVENSKI DAN  
**Friday, June 23, 2017**

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia invites you to join in celebrating Slovenia Day in Ottawa as part of *Ottawa Welcomes the World 2017* on Friday, June 23, 2017. We will be proudly highlighting the many contributions of the Canadian-Slovenian community

as Canada celebrates its 150th anniversary of Confederation. The day-long celebration will feature entertaining music, colourful dancing, delectable foods and captivating displays. It promises to be a day to remember, so let's join in and help make the event a smashing success!

A bus will be chartered to take us to the event. It will leave early in the morning from the church parking lot at **739 Brown's Line**, and will be departing Ottawa the same evening. The price is **\$60 per person**. Please reserve your seat before **June 1, 2017** by calling: **Milan Vincec @ 416-347-4017** or email **milan.vincec@gmail.com**

**All are Welcome! Vljudno vabljeni!**

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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PEVSKE VAJE

Naslednje pevske vaje za mešani zbor bodo v četrtek, 11. maja po večerni maši. Zbor bo pel v mesecu maju za materinski dan in prvo obhajilo.

## DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- 7. maj: **Društvo Bled - Mother's Day** at 1:00 p.m.
- 14. maj: **Slovenska šola** - maša ob 10:00 a.m. - po maši **Materinski dan - Mother's Day**
- 21. maj: **Slovenski park** - maša ob 1:00 p.m.
- 28. maj: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki - Prvo sveto obhajilo - First Communion** - maša ob 10:00 a.m.

## GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

- ♦ 7. maj, 9:30 a.m.: Družina Glavač
- ♦ 14. maj, 10:00 a.m.: Družina Horvat
- ♦ 21. maj, 9:30 a.m.: Jožica Novak & Helena Špiler

## COOKING SESSION

Our next cooking session will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017, we have decided to prepare "kuhane štruklje". If you are interested in learning to prepare this recipe, please email me or call me to reserve a spot. We will begin at 9am on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> in the lower hall. Looking forward to seeing you all in the kitchen. Heidi



## DAROVI

Za rože je Oltarnemu društvu darovala \$50 Družina Malevič. Za gradbeni sklad sta,

namesto rož za pokojnega Ignaca Korošca, darovala \$100 Mirko Zorko in Amalija Štadler .

George in Nadia Marinič sta darovala \$200 za gradbeni sklad in \$300 za cerkev.

Hvala vsem za vaše darove.

## CWL - KŽZ

During the **week of May 7-13<sup>th</sup>**, all **CWL members** have been asked to **focus their prayers for Palliative Care** which is a god-send for most people to live out their last days. However, it is not just the patient that we need to pray for but there are the caregivers, family members, and friends. It is anticipated that all league members will find some time to call upon Our Blessed Virgin Mary, in one of her many titles within our church, to aid us in her compassionate way with this great cause. Perhaps with our prayers someone will find the inner peace that they need.

If any of our CWL members have had **any address changes** (that have **not** been **reported and recorded by Pamela**) please **notify her**. It is very important that we have your correct information. **Contact Pamela: 905-304-8719.**

If there are **members** who are **questioning their years of service, missing pins, lost** and would like a **replacement pin, please contact Sidonia: 905-578-8896.**

**Convention 2017** takes place **May 26-28 weekend in Kitchener**. We will be carpooling from St. Gregory's the Great. If there are **any members interested in joining us please contact Sidonia at 905-578-8896 no later than this coming Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## MATERINSKI DAN

Slovenska šola pri sv. Gregoriju Velikem prireja kosilo in bogat kulturni program za **Materinski dan v nedeljo 14. maja, 2017.** Sveta maša je ob 10:00 dopoldne. Po maši, ob 11:30, sledi kratek kulturni program in "Graduation". Po programu vam nudimo mali pregrizek.

Vstopnice so \$10.00 za odrasle in \$5.00 za otroci (do 13 let). Že sedaj Vas prosimo, da si to nedeljo rezervirate za nas. Istočasno vas prosimo tudi, da si čimprej rezervirate vstopnice, **Sandy Ferletič** (905-977-8464) ali sferletic@gmail.com.

## MOTHER'S DAY

The Slovenian School at St. Gregory The Great cordially invites everyone to celebrate its annual Mother's Day with them on **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.** The format will be a little bit different this year: Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by a short cultural program and Graduation Ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

After the program, there will be a small luncheon buffet. Tickets are **\$10.00** for adults and **\$5.00** for children (up to 13 years). For **reservations**, please contact **Sandy Ferletič** by phone at 905-977-8464 or by email at sferletic@gmail.com as soon as possible.



## Društvo Bled

Vas vabi na

## MATERINSKI DAN

V nedeljo, 7. maja 2017  
ob 1:00 uri popoldne

You are cordially invited to

## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @1:00 p.m.

Featuring

Violinist Leanna Uccello  
Bled Children's Group  
Performance

For Ticket Information Contact:

Ivan Krušič: 905-393-6594  
Frank Gimpelj: 905-531-0894



DON BOSCO

**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 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.

Od 7. 5. 2017  
Do 14. 5. 2017

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<b>4. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Franc Skarča	9:30 A.M.	Družina Seljak
7. MAJ <i>Gizela, opatinja</i>	†† Alex in Eddy Pučko	11:00 A.M.	Žena z družino
<b>PONEDELJEK-MONDAY</b>	† Janez in Vikca Zagorc in brat Janez † Za srečno pot	7:00 P.M.	Družina Erzar Jožica
8. MAJ <i>Bonifacij, papež</i>	†† Stanko, Janez, Marko, Jože Oberman † Ignac Korošec		Sestra Stanka Malevič Družina Malevič
<b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b>			
9. MAJ <i>Pahomij, puščavnik</i>	† Vili Kornhauzer	8:00 A.M.	Gizela Hauzar
<b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b>	† Za zdravje † Frank Gimpelj † Jože Bregar, obl. † Dora Stenko	7:00 P.M.	Francka Seljak Žena Elizabeth z družino Žena Marija z družino Sestra Romana Novak
10. MAJ <i>Job, svetopisemski mož</i>			
<b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b>			
11. MAJ <i>Estela, mučenka</i>	†† Ciril in Alojzija Novak	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Novak z družino
<b>PETEK - FRIDAY</b>			
12. MAJ <i>Pankracij, muč</i>	† Vid Kastelic † Ignac Korošec	7:00 P.M.	Žena Milka z družino Žena Marija z družino
<b>SOBOTA</b>	Po namenu Romarjev za Marmoró	8:00 A.M.	Angela Kobe
<b>SATURDAY</b>	† Vera Staniša	5:30 P.M.	Pepca Hapke
13. MAJ <i>Fatimska Mati Božja Marija Mazzarello Servacij, muč.</i>	† Anton Gomboša † Franciška Napast † Gizela Čurič †† Marija in Štefan Ritlop		Žena Slava Družina Pinter Veronika Čurič Družina Kirec
	Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	
<b>5. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA</b> <b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	† John Glavač, Bronco Balažic † John Glavač † Tončka Demšar		Jenny Antolin z družino Jenny Antolin z družino Druž. Demšar-Scarcelli
14. MAJ <i>Bonifacij, mučenec</i>	†† Roza in Mihael Fotivec †† Štefa in Franc Fotivec, Vera Despoja-Jugovič	11:30 A.M.	Hči Rozina in Ivan Doma Sestra Rozina in Ivan Doma Slov. Šola - Žup. dvorana
	<b>MATERINSKI DAN - Mother's Day</b>		