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**19TH SUNDAY IN
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JEZUS HODI PO VODI

Danes beremo pripoved o drugem velikem čudežu: Jezus hodi po razburkanih vodah Galilejskega jezera.

Dogodek nas zaradi svoje izrednosti preseneti vsakokrat, ko ga beremo, in nam postavlja vedno nova vprašanja. Kašen je pomen za Jezusovo delovanje, kaj sporoča apostolom in kaj Cerkvi? Odgovor je odvisen predvsem od pozornega opazovanja samega dogajanja.

Po čudežu pomnožitve kruha, o katerem smo brali preteklo nedeljo, je Jezus učencem ukazal, naj stopijo v čoln in gredo pred njim na drugi breg jezera. Medtem bi on odpustil množice. Potem se je Jezus, ki je bil sedaj sam, zadržal na kraju do poznega večera. Medtem so čoln z učenci, ki je bil že nekaj milj od kopnega, začeli premetavati valovi zaradi nasprotnega vetra. Toda glej, proti jutru pride Jezus k njim, hodeč po vodi. Ko ga apostoli vidijo, se prestrašijo, ker ga zamenjajo za prikazen, in začnejo kričati od strahu.

Jezus jih takoj pomiri: "Bodite pogumni! Jaz sem. Ne bojte se!" Sedaj se zgodi prizor s Petrom, ki pri Jezusu doseže, da sme tudi hoditi po vodi, toda zaradi pomanjkanja vere se začne potapljati, potem pa mu Jezus pomaga. Jezus končno stopi v čoln; veter nenadoma poneha in drugi apostoli izpovedo vero: »Resnično si Božji Sin«.

Po vsem opisanim ni težko videti celotno dogajanje, ki je usmerjeno v to, da apostole vodi h globlji veri v Jezusa, ki jim bo vedno blizu in bo vedno tudi sredi svoje Cerkve.

Današnji dogodek močno spominja na neki drug, prav tako izreden dogodek: na Jezusovo spremenitev na gori Tabor. Kot vemo, je imela spremenitev v "Očetovem načrtu" namen apostole potrditi v veri v Jezusa, Božjega Sina, Očetovo Besedo, novega Mojzesa, in jih z vnaprejšnjim opozorilom na slavo vstajenja zavarovati pred prihodnjim pohujšanjem križa.

Podobno je namen dogodka, o katerem poroča današnji evangelij,

potrditi apostole v veri v Jezusa. Ko je Jezus prišel apostolom naproti in je hodil po razburkanih vodah jezera, je dokal njegovo popolno gospostvo nad naravnimi silami. Prav tako, je hotel apostolom zagotoviti, da bo on Gospod svoje Cerkve tudi ob prihodnjih viharjih, na katere bo naletela, in da bo on vedno sredi med njimi v najhujših časih stisk in preganjanja. Vode jezera, ki so premetavale čoln, namreč niso bile nič drugega kot podoba nasprotovanj in viharjev, ki jih bo Jezusova Cerkev srečala v teku zgodovine.

Kakor apostoli tudi mi verujemo v Jezusa, vendar vemo, da tudi za nas lahko pridejo trenutki preizkušnje in težav, ki so lahko materialnega ali duhovnega značaja - preizkušnje vere v Božjo ljubezen do nas, dvomi, občutek, da nas je Bog zapustil, itd.

Ko torej pridejo takšni trenutki se moramo spomniti Jezusovih besed iz današnjega evangelija, to je, da nam je on kljub našemu občutju vedno blizu in da je v načrtu Božje ljubezni cilj vseh teh preizkušenj predvsem ustvariti v nas močnejšo vero in nas pripeljati do vedno tesnejšega združenja z njim.

Številne kristjane, ki želijo ostati zvesti Jezusu, lahko prevzame občutek tesnobe in strahu - podoben temu, ki so ga doživljali apostoli v čolnu, ko so ga premetavali valovi - kot bi bila Cerkev v nevarnosti, da bo zaradi butanja valov sekularizacije doživela brodolom. Jezus tudi nam ponavlja iste besede: "Ne bojte se, jaz sem!" Namesto da bi se torej pustili premagati strahu in obupu, se moramo tesneje zbrati okoli Jezusa.

Z večjo zavzetostjo moramo živeti njegov nauk, da bi poživili krščansko skupnost. Bolj ko bo med nami rasla edinstvo, bolj bomo tudi zaznavno doživljali navzočnost Jezusa, ki je luč, mir, veselje, gorečnost, junaštvo, rodovitnost krščanskega življenja.

Skratka, doživljali bomo, da je Jezus med nami pravi, veliki odgovor, ki ga moramo dati današnjemu sekulariziranemu svetu.

- (Prim. Oznanjevalec št. 3, 2011)

19TH SUNDAY IN OT

FIRST READING: *1 Kings 19.9, 11-13*

God is not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire, but in the still small voice of calm.

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Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: *Romans 9.1-5*

We hear of Paul's sorrow for a people who seem to be separated from God and his desire to bring them closer.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Psalm 130.5*

Alleluia. - I wait for the Lord; I hope in his word. - *Alleluia*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 14.22-33*

Jesus walks on the water towards the disciples and stretches out his hand to a sinking Peter.



Illustration

The wind is howling; the rain is pouring, trees bent over, umbrellas turned inside out. Thunder crashes and lightning cracks the sky. The noise and the power of the weather can be intense. Frightening. We can be left feeling small and powerless against all that is raging around us. It is a time to huddle up somewhere safe and warm, with a cup of tea and wait for it to be over. Or perhaps like Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*, we resort to distractions – singing about our favourite things – to comfort ourselves and others.

The storm we face doesn't always have to be weather-related. Sometimes we can feel equally buffeted by the circumstances around us. The noise of the overwhelming demands on our time – work, family, friends, advertising, bills, the house, all needing something from us now. Perhaps we have faced a run of diffi-



cult circumstances: illness, grief, financial difficulties, broken relationships. Either way the same response feels natural, to distract ourselves from reality, or to find a safe place to weather the storm. Perhaps our ways of distracting ourselves aren't always as wholesome as Julie Andrews' singing. Perhaps we turn to alcohol, to food, to shopping or to scrolling endlessly on our phone to dull the fear and numb the pain.

Gospel teaching

But what if we turned to God? God who is with us through all these storms – both real and metaphorical.

Elijah looked for God in the earthquake, the fire, and the wind but did not find him. Instead, Elijah found God in the quiet whisper. It is a beautiful image and a powerful one. God does not need to shout and rage for us to hear. His voice comes when we least expect, gently encouraging us and guiding us in the right direction. But we do need to take the time to listen – something that can be increasingly difficult to do in the busyness of our daily lives.

Peter recognised Jesus walking across the water towards him. He even impulsively jumped out to meet him – buoyed by faith to answer Christ's call to walk on water. But he was easily distracted, frightened by the wind and began to doubt. When Peter began to sink, Jesus reached out his hand and held him, keeping Peter safe amidst the waves.

Perhaps there are times in our life when we start out with the best of intentions. When we are filled with enthusiasm and a renewed energy that today is the day that we are going to live as God calls us to. But the moment it is hard or we are distracted by something else, we founder. We struggle to keep our heads above water. It is at this moment, that we must hold onto hope – that Jesus is right alongside us, reaching out his hand, calling us to let go of our doubts and lean into our faith. If we do so, we may be able to do things that feel impossible.

Application

How then, do we do this? How do we strengthen our faith, restore our hope and make time to listen for God's quiet promptings in our own hearts? Our prayer life can help to muffle the raging of the world. It may feel counterintuitive amongst all the daily tasks to stop and breathe, to pray and to listen, but it is in this way that we can find a moment of stillness which strengthens us for all that we face and which leads us to do something wonderful.

In the same way that Jesus reaches out to Peter, whom do we notice reaching out to us when we are struggling? What do the people who help us in the stormy times teach us about God's steadfast presence in our lives? How does our support for those around us help them to feel God's never-ending love and mercy?

Whatever the storm that we face, once it is over we emerge blinking into the sunlight, surveying the destruction – the damage done to our surroundings or to our lives – and working out where we go next. In this moment we can also turn to God. Offering up in prayer our struggles, our hopes and listening for gentle guidance of where we are called to go.

Let us pray then that God will guide us through the storm and as we rebuild afterwards. May we be filled with courage and faith that we are never abandoned and let us stand alongside and support one another in the difficult times.

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2026

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Slovenski Park

August Long Weekend at Slovenski Park

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day on Saturday for our August Long Weekend activities at Slovenski Park. The basketball and bocce (balinanje) tournaments were well attended, and everyone who participated enjoyed a day of friendly competition.

A big thank you to Lucas Grdadolnik for organizing the basketball tournament and to Johnny Hocevar for organizing the bocce/balinnanje tournament. Your time and effort helped make the day a success.

Congratulations to our tournament champions!

Basketball Tournament Winners: Masun Gallimore, Amro Matti, Noel Matthews, Mark Hajsan

Bocce/Balinnanje Tournament Winners: Danny Demsar, Gerry Finn, and Mike Brajkovic
Well done to all participants!

A big thank you to Steven and Evan Horvat for their incredible work as our DJs – keeping the people dancing late into the evening!

We were also grateful to welcome Father Gaspar to the park on Sunday, where he celebrated Holy Mass for our community.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the weekend so enjoyable. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the Slovenski Park Baseball Tournament during the September Long Weekend! More information to come soon.

Warmly,

Slovenski Park Executive Committee







MARMORA

Hamilton Bus Pilgrimage (#19/50) is taking place on

Tuesday, September 8, 2026



Dear Friends!

Please join us for the day of prayer🙏 on a pilgrimage to the Greensides Farm. Bus pilgrimage from Hamilton to MARMORA is taking place on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 to honor Our Blessed Mothers Birthday. If you can, please join us. 💕💕💕

HAMILTON PASSENGERS:

- At 8:00 am on Tuesday, the Holy Mass will be celebrated at the church of St. Gregory the Great, located at 125 Centennial Parkway N (Highway #20) in Hamilton.
- The 9:00 am bus will be leaving from St. Gregory's parking lot, off Delawana Drive, just across from Eastgate Mall.

BURLINGTON PASSENGERS:

- Let us know if you can drive in Hamilton to St. Gregory's for the 8:00 a.m. Mass. That will be the best way to do it. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange for bus pick-up or for Mass to be celebrated in Burlington.
- We will be returning to Hamilton between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

- Bring lunch, as no food is available for buying on the Farm, so pack your lunch bag for the day.
- On the way to Marmora, we will make one 15-minute stop for coffee and washrooms.
- When we get to the Farm, you can buy some small religious items at Josie's cabin.
- 1:00 pm we're joining with Dory's group, at the statue of Pater Pio, for prayers.
- Before returning to the bus, fill your empty bottle with Holy water, located on the Farm.
- 4:30 pm, all is back on the bus, as we will be leaving Marmora Shrine!
- First-time visitors on the Greensides Farm, please know to dress according to weather conditions.

The cost for the bus is \$70.00 per person and must be prepaid by September 1, 2026.

Donations, from your heart for Dory's Mission, and the upkeep of the Greensides Farm are greatly appreciated.

For reservations or more Information, please call one of the organizers:

Catherine, Tel.: 905-318-2242

Elsa, Tel.: 905-536-7676

Ana, Tel.: 289-389-6066

Angela, Tel.: 905-930-7442

Mary-Lou, Tel.: 289-707-2903

Halina, Tel.: 905-581-5152

SVET ZA SLOVENCE PO SVETU

Po dveh letih se je 10. julija, 2026 ponovno sestal **Svet za Slovence po svetu**, ki ga je vodil premier Janez Janša.

Kanado je zastopal g. Marjan Kolarič. Sprejeli smo sklepe za pripravo ukrepov za krepitev povezovanja mladih Slovencev po svetu, okrepitev gospodarskega sodelovanja ter ohranjanje slovenskega jezika, kulture in narodne identitete med Slovenci po svetu.

Slovenija ostaja domovina vseh Slovencev, ne glede na to, kje živijo.

Mr. Marjan Kolarič

Za Kanado član sveta vlade republike Slovenije za Slovence po svetu.



Slika prikazuje člane Sveta za Slovence po svetu
V prvi vrsti: so prisotni vsi glavni ministri Vlade RS, z g. Janezom Janšem na čelu
V drugi vrsti: so ostali člani Sveta prisotni na srečanju.

MARIJINO VNEBOVZETJE

Praznik Marije Device so v jeruzalemski Cerkvi začeli obhajati že kmalu po koncilu v Efezu leta 431 po Kr. in ga povezovali z Marijinim odhodom s tega sveta. Čeprav Marijino vnebovzetje sodi med najstarejše Marijine praznike (prve omembe segajo še v obdobje pred 4. st. po Kr.), je papež Pij XII. (1939–1958) versko resnico o Marijinem vnebovzetju slovesno razglasil šele leta 1950 z apostolsko konstitucijo *Munificentissimus Deus*. Številne cerkve po svetu – od mogočnih katedral do vaških in božjepotnih cerkvic – izpričujejo stoletno vero v Marijino vnebovzetje.

Pisna vira, ki poročata o Marijinem vnebovzetju ali zaspanju (lat. *dormitio*), sta t. i. apokrifna evangelija *Zaspanje svete Božje Matere* in *Prehod blažene Device Marije*. K tema spadajo še številni spisi in druga dela pomembnih teologov iz prvih stoletij krščanstva, npr. sv. Janeza Damaščana, sv. Efrema Sirskega, sv. Epifanija in Timoteja Jeruzalemskega.

V Sloveniji je Mariji posvečenih veliko župnijskih, podružničnih, zlasti pa božjepotnih cerkva in kapelic, zato je Marijino vnebovzetje v našem verskem izročilu globoko zakoreninjeno. Katoliška in Pravoslavna Cerkve ta praznik obhajata na isti dan.

V preteklosti so ljudje na ta dan veliko romali. Romanja imajo globlji verski pomen zato, ker verujoče spominjajo, da je naše celotno zemeljsko življenje pravzaprav romanje, katerega cilj je večno življenje v nebesih.

Marijino vnebovzetje je praznik upanja, saj nam sporoča, da je Marija dosegla polnost življenja v večnosti. To dejanje predstavlja napoved vstajenja mrtvih, ki ga bomo ob sodnem dnevu deležni vsi ljudje.

Marijino vnebovzetje pomeni poklon ženi, saj je Bog Marijo, ženo in mater, poveljčal v nebesih. Katoliška Cerkve s praznovanjem tega praznika poudarja dostojanstvo in poklicanost vsake žene.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- Aug. 9th - **Lipa Park** - Music in the Park Picnic
- Aug. 15th - **Bled SCC** - Bogračfest (Ans. Šibaj)
- Aug. 23rd - **Bled SCC** - Gofl Tournament
- Sept. 5th - **Bled SCC** - End of summer Picnic
- Sept. 6th - **Slovenski Park** - Mass at 1:00 p.m. - Long weekend Sept. 5 - 7 Baseball Tour.
- Sept. 12th - **Midland** - Slovensko Romanje
- Sept. 13th - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20th - **St. Gregory the Great - FALL BANQUET**

BRALEC - READER:

- Mirko Zorko

ČIŠČENJE - CLEANIN OF THE CHURCH

- Aug. 21st - Štefka Eržen team



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

Žagar	Anne	August 10, 1982
Kremesec	Terezija	August 10, 1988
Tompa	Ivan John	August 11, 2015
Dorenčec	Irma	August 13, 2019
Doma	Ana	August 13, 2023
Troha	Zdravko	August 14, 2016
Erzetič	Slavomir Stan	August 15, 1998
Simončič	Michael Ivan	August 15, 2018
Bratuž	Stanko	August 16, 1986
Peršin	Jacob	August 16, 1987
Krampač	Ignac (Ana)	August 16, 2012
Hočevnar	Anna	August 16, 2017

Praznovanje Marijinega vnebovzetja nas želi spomniti tudi na to, da sta v življenju pomembni tako materialna kot duhovna sestavina, tako zemeljsko kot večno.

Krščansko versko izročilo uči, da si s prizadevanjem za zemeljski napredek posameznik pripravlja večno bivanje. Marijino vnebovzetje v vernikih pogloblja upanje, da je z življenjem po Marijinem vzoru želeni cilj bivanja pri Bogu dosegljiv za vsakega vernika. Vir: RKC



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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
Cheques: When you write a cheque for donation to our church, please write: **St. Gregory the Great Parish**

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

19. NEDELJA MED LETOM 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9. avgust <i>Terezija (Edith Stein)</i> <i>redovnica-mučenka</i>	†† † † †† † ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Paula in Franc Pelcar Ivan Zelko Stanislav Novak Pokojni iz družine Ramuš Jožica Novak Janez (obl.) in Joža Šušteršič	10:00 AM ----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Matilda Bratuž Lorraine & Joseph Virc Sonja Peternel z družino Choirs Družini Šušteršič in Novak
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 10. avgust <i>Lovrenc, diakon-muč.</i>	†	Eileen MacKenzie	7:00 PM N. N.
TOREK - TUESDAY 11. avgust <i>Klara (Jasna), devica</i>	†	Martin Malevič	7:00 PM Ljubica Resijan
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 12. avgust <i>Ivana Šantalska, red.</i>	†	Jožica Novak	7:00 PM Sonja Langenfus
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 13. avgust <i>Hipolit in Poncijan, muč.</i>	††	Štefan in Ana Kričaj	7:00 PM Marija
PETEK - FRIDAY 14. avgust <i>Maksimilijan Kolbe, muč.</i>	†	Ludvik Prevec	7:00 PM Žena Ida z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 15. avgust MARIJINO VNEBOVZETJE	† † †† †† ††	Prva roža rožnega venca Zoltan Gergyek Franc Erzar Za duše v vicah Za pokojne iz družine Kobe Pavel, Jožica in Paul Richard Novak	5:30 PM Albina Antolin Žena Ana z družino Marija Zupanc Marija Košir Angela Kobe z družino Helen Špiler z družino
20. NEDELJA MED LETOM 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16. avgust <i>Rok, spokornik,</i> <i>Štefan Ogrski, kralj</i>	†† † †† † ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Stanko Bratuž, obl. Pokojni iz družine Peternel Monika Gašpar Peter in Linda Novak	10:00 AM ----- Žena Matilda Družina Peternel Družina Gašpar Lojzka in Frank Novak z družino