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**25. NEDELJA  
MED LETOM**

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

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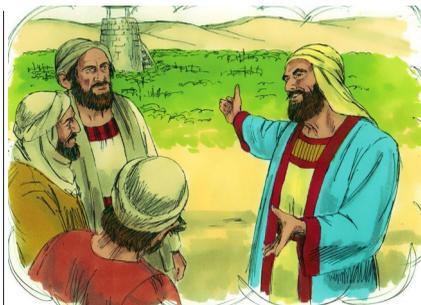
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## Pretkani oskrbnik

Prilika o pretkanem oskrbniku spravlja v zadrego. Že sv. Avguštin jo je skušal braniti in je predlagal zelo svobodno in »duhovno« razumevanje. Priliko, ki je res živahna in izvirna je mogoče zlahka razumeti, če enkrat odkrijemo pravo vez, ki povezuje celotno pripoved in njeno simbolično vrednost.

Gre za zgodbo pooblaščenega svetnika neke agencije, ki ima za seboj zgodbo o korupciji in nezvestobi. Spričo grozeče seje upravnega sveta svojega podjetja se ne obotavlja ponarediti obračuna s pomočjo sokrih dolžnikov, tako da bi lahko ohranil svoj stolček. Njegovo razmišljanje je tipično za »otroke tega sveta«, ki zna izjemno hitro zbrati energijo in se odločiti za edino rešilno pot, potem ko doživijo dramatičen preobrat svojega življenja.

Jezus seveda ne želi predložiti goljufije, ki jo je naredil oskrbnik, kot vzorec ravnanja, ampak bolj stil naglice, s katero jo je izpeljal in uresničil. »Zakaj vi, otroci luči - tako se zdi, da opominja Jezus - ne razumete nuje te ure, ki jo zdaj živite? Zakaj ostajate nedejavni, ravnodušni in površni ter se ne zatečete h krepkemu in odločil-



nemu zdravilu, ki je spreobrnjenje in dejavno poslušanje besede evangelija?« V življenju ne moremo biti kakor muhavi in leni otroci, ki se nočejo igrati in brezskrbno zapravljajo svoj čas. Jezus gleda z žalostjo na dolgo vrsto brezbriznih, brezobličnih, plehkih in površnih ljudi, obrnjenih le k stvarim in k bogastvu.

Ta prilika pravzaprav postavlja v ospredje trdo grajo, s katero Jezus nastopa proti skušnjavi zaradi denarja. Silovito napada utvaro, da je mogoče hkrati sedeti na dveh stolihi, na onem božjem in na stolu bogastva. Jezus uporabi izraz feničanskega izvoza, mamon, besedo, ki je pomenila ekonomsko gotovost in stabilnost, uspeh in blišč življenja, a ga postavi v nasprotje z Bogom in ga s tem naredi za neke vrste malika. Med drugim sta v tedanjem pogovornem jeziku bese-

di mamon in amen očitno kazali druga na drugo zaradi podobnosti izgovarjave. Gre kakor za dve zvestobi ali za dve temeljni izbiri: z ene strani izbira ljubezni in plemenitega bratstva, kar je božanska in pristna vera; z druge pa logika imetja, dobička, ki je smisel samemu sebi in je temelj malikovalske vere.

Luka vztrajno ponavlja nujnost izbire:

»Nepošteno« bogastvo, ki povzroča druge krivice, je glavna ovira za vstop v božje kraljestvo, je bistveni razlog za vse brodolome v veri. Zato tako »nabit« poziv, ki se zdi že skoraj nerazumljiv: z vašim nepoštenim bogastvom si delajte prijatelje med ubogimi, med zadnjimi in potrebnimi, tako da jim pomagate; oni nas bodo namreč pripeljali v božje kraljestvo, ko bomo odvrgli težo bogastva, ki zaustavlja naše korake proti Bogu. Ob bok tema dvema Jezusovima prilikama proti gospodarskemu-finančnemu malikovanju postavlja današnja liturgija krepak odlomek o pravičnosti preroka Amosa.

V pokvarjenem okolju visokega razreda v Samariji je bil glas tega »pastirja in gojitelja smokev« v 7. stoletju pred Kristusom kot vojna napoved. On je »izstrelil« ogorčeno besedo in svoj gnus stepskega delavca proti »sladkemu življenju« izkoriščajočih razredov, ki »teptajo ubožca in pokončujejo reveže v deželi«. Njihov edini bog je denar. Njihov vsakdanji kruh so goljufije in izkoriščanje: potvarjajo mere, varajo pri menjavi, sistematično sleparijo bližnjega. In glej najbolj zloglasno sramoto: na samarijskem trgu so reveži predmet gospodarskih pogajanj, da bi jih naredili za sužnje, in njihova cena ne presega cene par sandalov. A ni samo Amos, ki ogorčeno vpije. Strašna je končna božja prisega: »Nikoli ne bom pozabil njihovih dejanj.«

Čeprav vemo, da mora vernik živeti v stiku z ekonomsko stvarnostjo, si ne mažimo rok in ohranimo čisto vest, krepimo moč plemenitosti in resnične nenavezanosti, kakor izpoveduje pisec v Pripovedi ruskega romarja: »Po milosti božji kristjan, po delih velik grešnik, po poklicu brezdomen romar najnižjega stanu potujem od kraja do kraja. Moje imetje: na hrbtu bisaga s suhim kruhom in pod pazduho Sveto pismo, to je vse.« (prim. Oznanjevalec 2004)

V nedeljo, 15. septembra so imeli zopet mašo pri **društvu Triglav**. Sveta maša je bila v cerkvi St. John the Divine v Londonu ob 4h popoldne. Lepo število Slovencev se je zbralo pri sveti daritvi. Po maši, pa so se zaustavili še malo v veži na kavi in piškotih, kar vedno pripravi Marie Kočevar.



# Mladi Glas & Planika

SECOND ANNUAL

## Used Clothing Drive Fundraiser

in support of the Kidney Foundation of Canada

### accepted items include:

- all used clothing - footwear and outerwear -
- belts, ties, purses - yarn, fabric, patterns -
- blankets, bedding, linens - draperies, pillows -
- luggage and sleeping bags
- and any other cloth based items!

Items can be dropped off at St. Gregory The Great Slovenian Parish, 125 Centennial Parkway N, Hamilton

Sunday September 29 after each mass

Thanks for your support!

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## BLED SLOVENIAN CULTURAL CLUB



Vas vabi na



## OKTOBERFEST

V sobota, 12. oktober 2019  
 6:30pm večerja



Igra  
**Ansambel SMEH**  
 iz Slovenije

"Glasba, ples in zabava za vso družino"

ADMISSION — \$30.00 Adults \$20.00 Students FREE - 6 and under



Sobota, 21. september - priprava dvorane na jesenski banket. Tokrat je bil res lep in velik odziv in zato je bila dvorana pripravljena zelo hitro. Hvala vsem, ki ste prišli!

# St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish Fall Banquet

Sunday, September 22, 2019



10:00 am – 11 am Mass (Combined Slovenian and English language)  
11:00 am - Noon Pictures of parish life over last 6 months  
Noon – 2:00 pm Lunch  
2:00 pm Presentation of Canadian Slovenian  
Scholarship recipients

Laško is back in Hamilton!  
Slovenian Beer  
Available at the banquet!



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

## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Response:

**Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.**

**First Reading** Amos 8:4-7

Liturgy is not something to get over with. It is the point of living.

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Our opinion about leaders is worth so much less than our prayers for them.

**Gospel** Luke 16:1-13

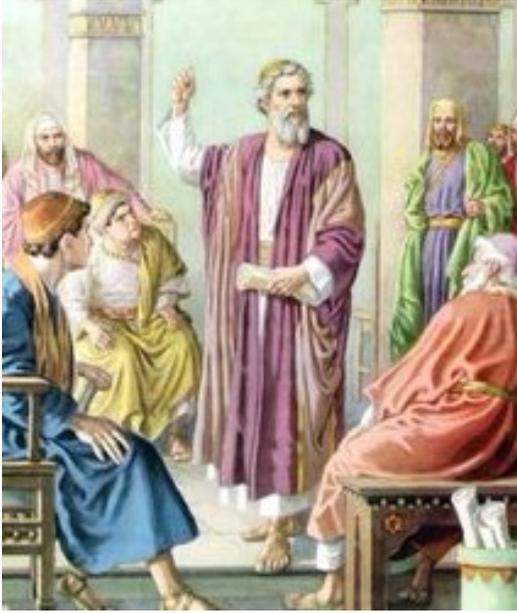
The unjust steward is driven by his own self-interest, but this does not fool his master.

*“How much do you owe my master?”*

## Illustration

A few years before the great global financial crisis began in 2008, a man who worked in the insurance trade was explaining to his friend how when they insured a ship, the company often could not actually afford to pay out, so that company would take out insurance itself for the possible loss, with another company. Sometimes, he said, you would find that this company had also taken out insurance, in case it was asked to pay out. The friend asked what seemed an obvious question: “Who is insuring the ship, then?” The man had to stop and think about this for a moment, and then said, “That’s a good question.”

Some years after the collapse of 2008, his friend reminded him of this conversation. The man had forgotten it, but he did say that analysis of some companies had shown that they were relying on other companies to pay out, who themselves relied on other companies. Yet it turned out that this could



be circular: company A is insured with company B, which is insured with company C, and so on till you come to a company that is itself insured with company A. We are, in effect, living in a world of never-ending debt.

### **Gospel Teaching**

So in fact the unjust steward in today's Gospel parable is, perhaps, on to something, because one solution to the problem of debt is to let people off with their own debt. But the steward does it for unjust reasons, seeking his own benefit. However, remember that all Jesus' parables are about God. To the question, "How much do you owe my master?" – if the master is, in fact, God – the answer is, quite simply, "Everything".

We owe everything to God; not just our life, our existence, but the redemption we are offered in Christ and the promise of eternal happiness. If it were a matter of justice, there could be no possibility of us ever being able to pay off our debts. The saints and the angels joyously live in eternal debt to God, because God is the giver and we – all of us

who are part of God's creation – are the receivers. Only pride would make us resent this undeniable truth. It was through pride, and pride alone, that the bad angels fell. Yet it is also true that, because God became incarnate in Jesus Christ, we are allowed to share in the redemption of the world. This is not because God needs us to do it, nor is it because we need to do it. We could perfectly well be redeemed by a simple act of God's mercy. Yet God has decided to give us the greater gift of allowing us to act as givers ourselves. It is a bit like parents giving their children money so that the children can buy them presents.

The unjust steward abuses his master's money, driven by his own self-interest. Yet it is mercy that is the wealth of God that we are to share with others; God is "generous with his mercy", or, in some translations, "rich in mercy", as St Paul tells the Ephesians. The Lord's Prayer speaks of debts as well as sin, because sin is a kind of debt. Yet it is a debt we have no claim on. We forgive the debt of other people's sins against us, because we are in such an enormous debt to God ourselves.

### **Application**

It is not the function of the Church to solve financial problems. Often there are complex reasons behind a financial crisis, which require a great deal of thought and discussion to resolve. Yet at the same time there are also, often enough, simple reasons behind the economic turmoil: greed, dishonesty, pride. Such qualities are very much the concern of the Church. They are sins of the heart.

It is only grace that can resolve the knots which those sins make in people's lives, and only grace can offer the mercy that God has asked us to share with all God's people. Merciful people cut the knot, open the door, lead the way forwards and bring us to heaven. Or, to put it another way, the best kind of economy is an economy of giving, and the best kind of giving is forgiving.

# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 22. september: **St. Gregory the Great** - Mass 10:00 a.m.; **Fall Banquet & Scholarship awards** presentation to follow
- ◆ 5. oktober: **Bled** - Fall clean-up, Park Shutdown
- ◆ 6. oktober: **Sava** - Mass 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ 12. oktober: **Bled** - Oktoberfest - **Ansambel SMEH** from Slovenija
- ◆ 16. oktober: **St. Gregory** - Mass at 11:00 a.m. with the anointing of the sick
- ◆ 18. & 19. oktober: **Sava** - **Oktoberfest Festival**
- ◆ 19. oktober: **Slovenski park** - Oktoberfest, **Ansambel SMEH** from Slovenija
- ◆ 19. oktober: **St. Joseph's Society** - Oktoberfest trip to Sava
- ◆ 20. oktober: **Lipa Park** - Luncheon
- ◆ 21. oktober: **SCCN** - **Niagara Coordination** meeting at St. Gregory's 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2. november: **Triglav** - Mass at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Cemetery - London
- ◆ 3. november: **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** - Mass at 2:00 p.m. - Prayer on the Cemeteries
- ◆ 9. november: **Slovenski Park** - Clean-up Day
- ◆ 9. november: **St. Gregory** - Martinovanje 6:30 p.m.

## GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ◆ 22. sept. 10:00 a.m.: Poppa family
- ◆ 29. sept. 9:30 a.m.: Zorka Rev & Sonja Peternel

## SLOVENIAN & ENGLISH MASSES

From Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> until the end of November, Slovenian Masses are at 9:30 a.m. and English Masses are at 11:00 a.m.

## PEVSKE VAJE

Za mešani pevski zbor so odslej vaje vsak četrtek po večerni maši. Zbor poje naslednjič 6. oktobra, na rožnovensko nedeljo, pri slovenski maši.

## URADNE URE ZA KONZULARNE ZADEVE V TORONTU

- torek, 24. sept., od 15.00 do 18.30 ure.
- torek, 22. okt., od 15.00 do 18.30 ure.
- torek, 19. nov., od 15.00 do 18.30 ure.
- torek, 17. dec., od 15.00 do 18.30 ure.

Konzularne ure so v prostorih Generalnega konzulata na naslovu: 731 Brown's Line, Toronto, Ontario M8W 3V7.

Priporočamo, da pred nameravanim obiskom konzularnih ur v Torontu, preverite termin na Veleposlaništvu v Ottawi. Telefon: + 1 613 565 5781

## MULTICULTURAL MASS

Each year, at the Multicultural Mass celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, we recognize the many cultures present in our Diocese.

**This year the Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2019.**

It is always a colorful, vibrant and joyful event, drawing together Priests and parishioners in their national costumes, praying and singing in a variety of languages, and expressing gratitude for the welcome given to them in Canada and in our Diocese.

### Diocesan Newsletter

For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

## POKOJNI - FUNERAL

V petek, 13. septembra 2019, je odšel k Bogu po večno plačilo naš faran, JOHN ANTHONY SELŠEK. Pokojni je bil star komaj 53 let. Iskreno sožalje družini in sorodnikom. Pokojni je ležal v Smith's Funeral Home, v Stoney Creek, kje ste se od njega lahko poslovili v petek, 20. septembra popoldne. Mašo zadušnico smo obhajali v naši cerkvi v soboto, 21. septembra ob 10:00h dopoldne. Pogreb na pokopališču bo kasneje, ker bo žara.

Naj pokojni John počiva v božjem miru.



V dvorani - priprave na jesenski Banquet. Prostovoljci!



## SVETI KRST - BAPTISM

V soboto, 21. septembra 2019, je deček **Kolton Cruz Knezevic** prejel zakrament sv. krsta in postal član cerkve. Oče otroka je Zelimir Mijo Knezevic, mati pa Lidija, roj. Šemen. Iskrene čestitke staršema ob krstu otroka. Naj ju spremlja božji blagoslov in varstvo nebeške matere Marije.



**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slovenian), 11:00 A.M. (English); From Long weekend in July to the Long weekend of the September Sunday Mass is only at 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English) - **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

od 22. 9. 2019  
do 29. 9. 2019

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<b>25. NEDELJA</b> <b>MED LETOM</b> <b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT</b> 22. SEPTEMBER <i>Slomškova nedelja</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Ivan Tompa † Matilda Berkovič, obl. † Frank Drvarič, obl. † Alojz Sampl	10:00 A.M. ----- Janez Lovrenčec Sin Zlatko z družino Hči Fani Adamič z družino
<b>FALL BANQUET</b>		<b>12:00 NOON Parish Hall</b>

## PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

23. SEPTEMBER  
*Pij iz Pietrelcine, duh.* Ne bo maše v župniji

## TOREK - TUESDAY

24. SEPTEMBER  
*Anton Martin Slomšek, šk* † Viktor Grobelnik, obl.  
Za nove duhovne poklice 7:00 P.M. Rose Marie in Tony Vengar z dru.  
Slomškovo oltarno društvo

## SREDA - WEDNESDAY

25. SEPTEMBER  
*Sergij, menih* †† Pok. iz družine Malevič, obl.  
†† Pok. iz družine Oberman, obl. 7:00 P.M. Martin Malevič z družino  
Stanka Malevič z družino

## ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

26. SEPTEMBER  
*Kozma in Damjan, muč.* † Irma Dorenčec  
† Ante Čule 7:00 P.M. Matilda Prša  
Emilija Mertuk

## PETEK - FRIDAY

27. SEPTEMBER  
*Vincencij Pavelski,  
ustanovitelj lazaretov* † Jože Pust, obl.  
† Volf Karel  
† Ana Nedelko  
† Ado Fabina 7:00 P.M. Družina Pust  
Ivan Kirec z družino  
Ivan Kirec z družino  
Dragica Rahija

## SOBOTA

**SATURDAY**  
28. SEPTEMBER  
*Venčeslav, mučenec* † Matija Vlašič  
† Ana Nedelko  
† Ana Nedelko  
† Viktor Grobelnik, obl.  
† Marija Bukvič  
†† Ana Nedelko in Irma Dorenčec 5:30 P.M. Žena in otroci  
Lily Ferenčak  
Gizela Žalik  
Sestra Jožica z družino  
Marija Hočevar  
Štefan Petek z družino

## 26. NEDELJA

**MED LETOM**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT**  
29. SEPTEMBER  
*Mihael, Gabrijel, Rafael  
nadangeli* † Irma Dorenčec  
† John Krenos  
† Alojz Peternel  
† Brane Ramuš  
† Stanko Žerdin  
† Elizabeta Gerič, obl. 9:30 A.M. -----  
Angela in Štefan Kelenc (TO)  
Društvo sv. Jožefa  
Žena Sonja z družino  
Sestra Sonja Peternel  
11:00 A.M. Joe in Kathy Prša  
Joe in Family