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1. POSTNA NEDELJA

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is now upon us. It is an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught. In fact, if we take seriously the Lenten program, it offers us the opportunity to renew our whole life!

Traditionally, Lent is a privileged time for **prayer, fasting** and **almsgiving**.

During Lent, we seek time **to pray more** – alone and with others. We might choose to read something that will nourish our spiritual life and lead us to more focused personal prayer. We might join our Parish community on Friday evenings for the Stations of the Cross; or we might decide to pray the Rosary as a family on certain evenings during the Lenten season. Many choose to attend Mass during the week with other parishioners.

When we **fast**, we usually cut back on what we eat and drink. Not only will this benefit us in a physical way, but it will also help us in our spiritual life. Fasting often leads us to understand that we depend on God to nourish us in every way. We will recognize the blessings we receive every day, which leads us to be ever more grateful and generous.

As a child, it was a practice in our family to “give up” something during Lent. One year I was courageous enough to give up watching television! It proved to be too difficult, and I confess that I cheated by watching one or two special television programs – in the mirror!!! The only person I cheated, in fact, was myself – knowing that I had failed in my Lenten resolve. The experience taught me that Lent is not about “my” tenacity, rather it is about God calling me always forward, always nearer!

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“Giving up” something gives us time to “take up” something of greater value. Giving up social media for two hours each day in Lent could give time to read a book or two, or to write long-overdue letters to distant family members or long-forgotten friends. “Giving up” something might save us money to offer to a local food bank or other charitable cause. Even more, it might give us time to volunteer our talent to make life easier for others in some helpful way. That is **almsgiving**

It has always amazed me what can be done when everyone contributes even a little. One generous offering of time, talent, or treasure is something; many generous offerings can make a great difference in the lives of those who live on the margins. For 50 years our own Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) has made an incredible difference for people in developing countries the world over by supporting projects that changed lives. Perhaps during this 50th anniversary year, we can increase our Share Lent offering to allow them to do even more!

By prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our spiritual life is nurtured, our personal life is purified, and our outreach to brothers and sisters on the margins is encouraged. It is an effective Lenten program leading us to a deeper personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

I wish you a blessed Lenten season during which you learn how to live freely and fully in Him!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ *Douglas Crosby*, OMI

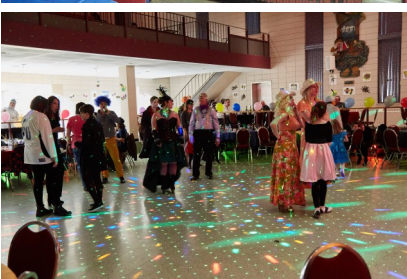
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton

PUSTOVANJE

V soboto, 25. februarja 2017, smo imeli vsakoletno pustovanje. Letos je bil obisk malo manjši, verjetno tudi zaradi dogodka »Raise the Roof«. Vsekakor je bilo lepo vzdušje, nekaj čez 50 je bilo oblečenih v maske. Ansambel SLO-BEAT je sedaj že z nekajletno tradicijo spraval v dobro voljo in na plesišče tako mlajše kot tudi starejše. Nancy, Aranka in Dragica so poskrbele, da so vsi, ki so želeli, dobili dobro pustno večerjo. Jožica Vegelj je s svojo ekipo ocvrla krofe in ker so bili zelo dobri, jih je kmalu zmanjkalo. Tudi pri baru je Tony s svojo ekipo poskrbel za vse žejne.

Zvečer ob osmih je bilo ocenjevanje mask za najmlajše, malo po deveti je bila na vrsti druga starostna skupina od 7 do 13 let - ti so bili zelo številčni. Malo po deseti uri pa so prišli na vrsto še starejši, ki jih je bilo tudi zelo veliko. Člani zadnjih dveh skupini so se - vsak s svojo številko - sprehodili po dvorani, da so jih vsi lahko dobro opazovali, potem pa je vsaka miza v dvorani glasovala za prve tri najboljše maske. Te so dobile tudi nagrade. Okrog enajste pa je bilo še žrebanje nagrad, vstopnic in pa »Raffle«. Hvala članom župnijskega sveta, ki so organizirali dogodek, hvala tudi vsem, ki so pripevali nagrade.







St. Gregory the Great CWL Annual Parish Bazaar



Donations:

to the Penny Sale Table
of new or crafted items
will be graciously received
Saturday Morning
March 4th

Baked Goods
will be accepted
early on the
morning of
the Bazaar!


**Children's
Centre**



**Pecivo
Noodles
Strudel
Krofe**

**Raffle
Penny Sale
Lottery
50/50**

LUNCH

served promptly at 12:30pm
Paid Reservations \$15/adult
(at the door \$20)
Child 4-10 yrs \$5
3 and under free

Please Join us for an Afternoon
of fun with
Family and Friends!
We look Forward to your support!

Sunday, March 5, Doors Open 11am

Slovensko kulturno društvo SAVA / Slovenian Association SAVA

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SPOMLADANSKI BANKET SPRING BANQUET

sobota, 18. marca 2017

v društveni dvorani v Breslau

Začetek ob 6:00, večerja ob 7:00

Saturday, March 18, 2017

in the main hall in Breslau

Starts at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00



Glasbeni gosti / Musical Guest:

Ansambel VIŽARJI
iz Slovenije / from Slovenia

For reservations please call:

Zinka Mirt: 519-884-6194 Angela Prilesnik: 519-579-8620

Tickets: \$40 (Adult) • \$30 (Youth) • Children (to 12 yrs.) Free



Slovensko društvo sv. Jožefa
Slovenian Society of St. Joseph

ANNUAL BANQUET

Celebrating our 80th Anniversary (1937-2017)
and the 25th Anniversary of Villa Slovenia



Featuring: **Ansambel VIŽARJI**
from Slovenia

Sunday, March 19, 2017
at 12 Noon

St. Gregory Slovenian Parish Banquet Centre
23 Delawana Drive, Hamilton ON

Lipa Park 50th Anniversary



July 1967 - July 2017

Celebrating July 2 and August 6, 2017

LIPA PARK - JUBILEJNO LETO

V nedeljo **25. marca 2017** bo na Lipa parku **koncert Ansambla VIŽARJI** iz Slovenije v počastitev 50 letnice ustanovitve društva **Lipa park**. S tem koncertom se prične jubilejno leto praznovanja.

Ob 12.30 bo na razpolago odlično slovensko kosilo, tudi jabolčnega zavitka in krofov ne bo manjkalo. Bar bo dobro založen.

Ob drugi uri bo koncert ansambla **VIŽARJI** iz Slovenije, nato pa družabno popoldne.

Vstopnice so po \$30 in jih lahko naročite pri MaryAnn Barich tel: 905-945-3750 ali pri Francki Seljak tel: 905-735-5207.

Vsi ste prav lepo vabljeni!

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Response: **Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned!**

First Reading Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Adam and Eve succumb to the temptation of the serpent and eat of the tree forbidden to them by God.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

Jesus Christ gives the utterly free gift of salvation to all people.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fights the temptation of the devil and reminds us to worship God alone.

"Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall."

Illustration

The newspapers are full of medical advice. We are told that too much fatty food leads to heart disease. We receive contradictory messages about the positive and negative effects of red wine or fizzy drinks. Many people try to watch their diet, eat five portions of vegetable or fruit each day, and do more exercise. People run with monitors attached to their wrist or use their phone to keep account of exercise, distance travelled, altitude climbed and their changing heart rate. Monitoring our physical health has become a full-time preoccupation and a growing industry. We know that when arteries become blocked, blood flow decreases and poor health follows.

Lent, in contrast, invites to focus on our spiritual lives and keep track of the spiritual well-being of our heart. We can become more aware of the ways



in which we are selfish, stubborn and concerned about ourselves rather than others. It is a time when we can learn how we are tempted and recognise that we sometimes feel unhappy and ashamed as a result of those petty, sinful ways that we tend to return to again and again.

Gospel Teaching

The story of the Fall, which we heard in today's first reading, endlessly fascinates us because it is also the story of Everyman and Everywoman, of each one of us. At some points in our life we all face the possibility of a fall when we are tempted to "be like gods". It may occur through the betrayal of a person we love, through a lie that has serious effects, or a business practice that destroys other people for the advancement of our own career or for the sake of profit. Then we are like our first parents, Adam and Eve, who chose to go against God and to be satisfied by eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The story tells us that the serpent tempts Eve, who then tempts Adam. Both wish to be like gods and choose for themselves. The effects of sin bring about the downfall of others. The results are disastrous; the relationship with God is broken, their own relationship is damaged and they feel shame. They find it hard to look at each other. They will be expelled from the garden of Eden, and will need to work for their living and experience the suffering of hard labour and toil.

Remarkably God does not forget them and is abundantly merciful to them, because God wants them to find a way back into God's love. In an ancient legend, Adam and Eve's third son, Seth, later returns to the gates of the garden and asks God's angel to help them. The angel gives Seth some seeds, one of which he places in the mouth of Adam as he lies dying. From this seed God will bring about the new Adam, Christ, who will be born of the Virgin Mary. He will be tempted but will conquer the devil. We receive the hope that we can do the same with God's grace. God is always planting new seeds in our hearts. The Lord forgives us when we return to him in the sacrament of reconciliation and our hearts are cleansed.

Application

Lent is about the expansion of the heart so that it becomes more loving and generous. Just as the heart muscle benefits from exercise, so our spiritual heart benefits from Lenten observances and practices. First, prayer opens the heart and helps us to listen to God's word. When we allow the word to echo in our hearts and to penetrate down into its depths, it will help us to grow in knowledge of God's mercy and love. Second, the invitation to fast expands our hearts so that we become more aware of the ways that we so often focus on satisfying our own needs and desires rather than being willing to open our hearts to our neighbour. Fasting can make us more grateful for what we have received and more generous to others in their need. Third, we can develop our Lenten exercises by giving to others, especially through almsgiving and charitable works. This exercise helps us to focus on the needs of our neighbour. By the end of Lent, with plenty of exercise, our spiritual heart will be in better shape and more ready to resist temptation and place its trust in God.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKE VAJE

Naslednje pevske vaje za mešani zbor bodo v četrtek, 9. marca po večerni maši. Zbor bo skupaj z angleškim zborom pel 19. marca - banket društva sv. Jožefa - maša bo takrat samo ob 10:00 a.m..

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- 12. marec: **Sava-Breslau** - maša ob 12:00 noon;
Triglav-London - Annual Membership Meeting
in ob 4:00 p.m. maša v dvorani Triglav
- 18. marec: **Sava-Breslau** - Spring banquet - igra
ansambel Vižarji iz Slovenije
- 19. marec: **Društvo sv. Jožefa** - maša **10:00 a.m.**;
Banket in praznovanje 80 letnice društva - igra
ansambel **VIŽARJI iz Slovenije**
- 26. marec: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki** - Letni občni zbor

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

- ♦ 5. marec, 10:00 a.m.: **Sandy & Brian**
- ♦ 12. marec, 9:30 a.m.: **Eva Erzetič & Jožica Vegelj**
- ♦ 19. marec, 10:00 a.m.: **Mx & Jožica Pavličič**
- ♦ 26. marec, 9:30 a.m.: **Ignac & Terezija Sarjaš**

INCOME TAX

Please, take your Income Tax receipt.

SV. JOŽEF

St. Joseph Society/Društvo Annual Meeting – March 5th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Villa Slovenia. All members are invited to attend. Elections will be held for three vacant positions. You are encouraged to put your name forward or nominate interested members. We need new members to serve and become involved as we celebrate "80 years" of service in our Slovenian parish com-

munity. For information contact Jerry Ponikvar @ 905-333-5813

Annual Banquet and celebration of the 80th Anniversary (1937-2017) of Slovenian Society of St. Joseph and the **25th Anniversary of Villa Slovenia** will take place on Sunday, March 19, 2017, first with the Mass at 10:00 a.m. and then celebration at the St. Gregory the Great Hall. Dinner will start at noon. Ansambel Vižarji, from Slovenia, will play on the stage.

For tickets & table reservations contact: Frank Erzar @ 905-643-0285. Tickets: Adults: \$30, Students: \$15, Children (ten & under) \$10.

POSTNA POSTAVA - KRIŽEV POT

Postni čas, ki se začne s pepelnično sredo, nas vsako leto pripravlja na veliko noč. Naj bo to res čas milosti, duhovne poglobitve in dobrih del, ki jih bomo darovali za potrebe Cerkve in vsega sveta.

Cerkev za postni čas določa tudi posebne oblike spokornosti. **Strogi post** je na pepelnično sredo in na veliki petek. Ta dva dneva se le enkrat do sitega najemo in se vzdržimo mesnih jedi. Strogi post nas veže od izpolnjenega 18. leta do začetka 60. leta.

Samo zdržek od mesnih jedi je na vse petke v letu. Zunaj postnega časa smemo zdržek od mesnih jedi zamenjati z dobrim delom pokore ali ljubezni do bližnjega. Zdržek mesnih jedi veže vernike od izpolnjenega 14. leta starosti. Kadar je praznik (cerkveni ali državni) na petek ali imamo v družini kakšno slovesnost (poroka, pogreb ...) post in zdržek odpadeta.

V postnem času bomo ob **petkih**, pol ure pred mašo, t.j ob 6:30 p.m. molili **KRIŽEV POT**. Vabljeni k molitvi.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad je darovala:

\$200 - Manja Erzetič

Hvala za vse vaše darove, Bog vam povrni.

COOKING SESSION

On March 11th, we have another cooking session booked before Easter. I had plans for a different session, however, I have had requests to again repeat the Potica session - so that people can have a potica made for Easter. So... If I get enough response, we will host another potica making session on the 11th. If you can please let me know if you are interested at your earliest convenience, I can figure out before next weekend if I will move forward making this recipe at our next session. I will have room for approximately 12 participants, so sign ups will happen on a first come first serve basis. For those who may not have received it, here is the potica recipe again.



Thanks and looking forward to seeing you in the kitchen, Heidi

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS FOR DOCTORS

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of ON requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the

introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. We are asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. It is important for the Catholic voice in Ontario to be heard. There is a suite of materials with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Here are the links to the materials and to a video which explains the situation, or you can visit the website at:

<http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

Resources: bit.ly/callforconscience

Video: <http://bit.ly/consciencevideo>

No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience. Let's help make sure Ontario protects the conscience rights of all.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – NOV. 2017

Fr. Ted Slaman, together with **Fr. Robert Hetu**, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, leaving on Nov. 13 and returning Nov. 22. It includes four days in the Galilee area, and four days in Jerusalem, with Mass and/or other prayer and reflection times every day. **Fr. Ted & Fr. Robert would LOVE to have our parishioners participate with them**, experiencing this wonderful spiritual opportunity to get more connected with Jesus and His times. You can pick up an information brochure, with details and pricing, at the back of the church, or at the parish office, or you can call Fr. Ted on his cell phone 905-334-9869 or email: tedslaman@rogers.com, or call Fr. Robert at 519-853-8579 or email: rhetu@hamiltondiocese.com.



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 26. 2. 2017
Do 5. 3. 2017

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

1. POSTNA NEDELJA 5. MAREC <i>Hadrijan, mučenec</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	BAZAAR
	† Marija Kociper †† Pokojni iz družine Bohnc † Štefan Gonza †† Eufemija in Jože Tompa BAZAAR - CWL - KŽZ	Brat Štefan Godina Vera Gonza z družino Žena in hčerka z družino Alojz Sarjaš z družino 12:00 Župnijska dvorana	
PONEDELJEK-MONDAY 6. MAREC <i>Miroslav, opat</i>	† Ida Ftičar, obl. †† Sofija in Ciril Virant † Gizela Čurič (Montreal)	7:00 P.M.	Jože Ftičar Jožica Novak z družino Olga Glavač z družino
TOREK - TUESDAY 7. MAREC - <i>Perpetua in Felicita</i>	† Marija Keber	8:00 A.M.	Družina Klepec
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 8. MAREC <i>Janez od Boga, redov.</i>	† Matija Vlašič, obl. †† Milka in Boško Todorovič	7:00 P.M.	Žena in otroci Sonja Langenfus
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 9. MAREC <i>Frančiška Rimska, red</i>	† Frank Brajer † Tončka Zalokar † Jože Kodrič	7:00 P.M.	Frances Jervis Sestra Štefka Eržen Sestra Štefka Eržen
PETEK - FRIDAY 10. MAREC <i>40 mučencev Makarij, škof</i>	† Štefan Gonza, obl. †† Pokojni iz družine Bohnc † Rudi Cvernik (Tunder Bay) † Jožef Ftičar, obl. † George Madronich	7:00 P.M.	Tončka Smodiš z družino Tončka Smodiš z družino Gonza Vera z družino Jože Ftičar Ida Madronich
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 11. MAREC <i>Benedikt, škof Marko in Aleš, mučenca Kvatre</i>	†† Anka in Marica †† Tilka in Anton Vengar †† Za duše v vicah † Ivan Sobočan † Janez Hočevnar † Štefan Gabor, obl. † Jože Pust	8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Družina Gačnik N.N. N.N. Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak Angela in Ivan Antolin z dr. Družina Pust
	2. POSTNA NEDELJA 12. MAREC <i>Justina, redovnica Gregorijevo</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane †† Pokojni Žižek in Godina † Vid Kastelic Bogu v zahvalo za 60 let poroke	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.