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**26. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**26TH SUNDAY IN
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Božja velikodušnost

S preroškim videnjem v bodočnost je z geslom »Sveta vera bodi vam luč, materin jezik pa ključ do zveličavne narodove omike«, je A.M. Slomšek spodbujal slovensko ljudstvo k največji vrednoti naše biti, to je h krščanski veri in slovenski besedi. Gre namreč za luč tiste vere, ki je razsvetljevala naše prednike dolga stoletja in ki bo svetila tudi prihodnjim rodovom. Zagotovilo tega je samo v zvestobi in v zedinjenju s Kristusom. Slomšek v eni izmed pridig pravi: »Njegovo meso se združi z našim, njegova kri teče po naših žilah ter se tako izpolnjujejo Jezusove zlate besede: Jaz sem trta, vi mladike.« O teh Kristusovih besedah nam poroča tudi današnji evangelij. S prisposodobno vinske trte nas želi Jezus, podobno kot nekoč apostole, spodbuditi k zvestobi njegovemu evangeliju. Namreč, če želimo biti oznanjevalci evangelija v današnjem času, moramo ostati zakoreninjeni v njem, kakor mladika s trto.

S priliko o trti pa nas Jezus svari pred nerodovitnostjo in zagledanostjo vase, saj pravi: »Brez mene ne morete ničesar storiti!« Ločiti se od Njega pomeni duhovno umreti. Vsak od nas ve, kaj se zgodi s cvetom, če ga odtrgamo z veje, ali kaj pomeni za otroka, če ga odtrgamo od staršev. In če vse to razumemo, potem velja tudi za nas, da brez Kristusa in Cerkve ne moremo biti kristjani oz. prinašalci Kristusa, ki je edini smisel našega življenja.

Slomšek je zrastle v svetnika z molitvijo in daritvijo. Za molitev pravi, da je »naši duši dih življenja; kakor hitro molitev opustiš, dušo umoriš«. Zato je treba »vsak dan začeti z Bogom in ga z Njim končati, vsa svoja dela mu izročiti, naj bodo njemu v čast, nam pa v zveličanje«. Znal je razumeti tudi tiste, ki iz različnih vzrokov niso veliko moliti. Takšnim je svetoval naslednje: »Če kristjan veliko in dolgo ne utegneš moliti, moli večkrat ... Moli kratko, pa dobro! Takšne molitve so dragi kamenčki, ki si jih nabiraš za nebeško krono.« V središče vsega bogoslužnega delovanja pa je postavil evharistijo, za katero pravi, da je »sonce službe Božje, jedro naše vere, srce naše pobožnosti ter živ studenec Božjih milosti. Sveta maša je gostija in hrana za vernike.« Bodimo torej rodovitne mladike na trti Kristusa in naše življenje bo v »Božjo čast, nam pa v zveličanje!«



KITCHENER OKTOBERFEST

Sava Club - Breslau

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Sponsored by

Slovenian St. Joseph Society
Slovensko društvo Sv. Jožefa

**JOIN US for our ANNUAL
TREK and FUN DAY**

Departure from St. Gregory's Church at
12:30 PM

56 passenger coach
Visit to St. Jacob Market
Delicious family style dinner
Great music for your listening & dancing
Oktoberfest entertainment & dancers
All gratuities included

PACKAGE: \$65 per person

(Payment by cheque or cash to St. Joseph Society)
For confirmation & payment contact **Frank
Erzar** at Sunday Masses, October 1st and
8th, Peter Novak on Tuesday, October 3rd,
at Villa Social Night or
Jerry Ponikvar @ 905-333-5813

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FALL BANQUET - JESENSKI BANKET

Sunday was another wonderful day at our parish... combining the scholarship banquet with our fall banquet gave us the opportunity to celebrate not only our parish but also our youth who are continuing their education which will in turn help them reach their potential. We shared the afternoon with family and friends enjoyed a wonderful meal and still had the afternoon to enjoy the sunshine! Our banquet donations brought in \$7810.00 - understanding that we had incurred some expenses in the organizing of our banquet, I think we can be grateful for the generosity of our members. Wishing everyone a wonderful fall season. *Heidy Novak*

Nedeljsko slavje smo začeli z obhajanjem evharistične daritve, pri kateri sta sodelovala oba zbor, v prvem delu slovenski, nato angleški in za zaključek zopet slovenski zbor. Berili sta prebrala Mirko Zorko in Mary Ann Demšar, g. Vinko Vegelj pa je prebral evangelij. Družina Adama Novaka je prinesla darove. Polna cerkev je dokazala, da je lepo, če smo za take slovesnosti skupaj. Del maše je v angleškem, del pa v slovenskem jeziku. Hvala vsem za sodelovanje.

Po maši smo se v veliki večini preselili na praznovanje v dvorano. Heidy Novak je pozdravila vse navzoče, blagoslovili smo hrano in že pred dvanajsto se je začelo kosilo. Nancy je s svojo ekipo in z mladimi strežniki uredila vse, da smo se lahko dobro najdeli. Hvala vsem, ki so pomagali v kuhinji. Trije najmlajši člani župnijskega sveta, Steven, Clark in Eric so poskrbeli pri šanku za vse žejne, Tony Horvat pa je prodajal pijačo in uredil, da je bil bar založen in nato pospravljen. Ob koncu kosila so besedo prevzeli Karl Ferko, Teresa Zupančič in Rosemary Pavlič in začel se je program »Scholarshipa«, ki smo ga letos vključili v praznovanje jesenskega banketa. Štirim mladim so podelili štipendije - imena imate na naslednji strani. Ob koncu pa je John Kranjc še predstavil dobitnika »Slovenian Community Service Award« in mu plaketo tudi izročil. Priznanje je letos prejel JOHN DOMA, častni generalni konzul republike Slovenije v Torontu.

JESENSKI BANKET - FALL BANQUET



Srečanje treh bratov Vegelj: Ivan, Stanko, Vinko



Mlada ekipa strežnikov v kuhinji



in pri baru!





21st Scholarship



\$1500.00 Scholarship Award

Leah Marie Škerl - Leah is entering her second year of study in Global Development at Queen's University.

\$750.00 Bursary Awards

Kristina Hode – Kristina is in her first year of a four year Kinesiology Program at Brock University.

Ashley Kukovica – Ashley is currently in her third year of her Sociology Program at Brock University.

Samuel Letnik – Samuel is in his first year of a four year Creative Industries Program at Ryerson University.

Slovenian Community Service Award

John Doma - Honorary Consul General



Leah Škerl
Kristina Hode Samuel Letnik
Ashley Kukovica



John John Elka Sonya Karl Teresa Rosemary
Kranjc Doma Peršin Podrebarc Ferko Zupančič Pavlic

Heidy Clark Eric Steven Drago
Novak Novak Škerl Horvat Gačnik

Presented by Slovenski Dom & Bled Planica Social Club
2017 1ST Annual Ontario Polka Festival

PolkaFest

All Day Music

at Bled Planica Slovenian Social Club (Hall)
4650 South Service Road, Beamsville

Slovenian Style Polka

with performances by

Walter Ostanek *Canada's Polka King*

Saturday September 30th

Ansemble Gregoric (Michael Gregoric)	11:00 - 12:30
The Polka Maestre (Tony Jalovec)	1:00 - 2:30
Niagara Button Boxers (Derek Uhilk, Sue Augustin)	3:00 - 4:30
Ansemble Brajda (Michael Gregoric)	5:00 - 6:30
Europa (Steve Cafuta)	7:00 - 8:30
Nu Tones (Tony Habjan)	9:00 - 10:30
Nu Tones (Tony Habjan)	10:30 - 12:00

Sunday October 1st

The Polka Maestre (Tony Jalovec)	12:00 - 1:30
Mladi Glas Slovenian Dance Group (Nancy Kajin)	1:30 - 2:00
Walter Ostanek Band (Walter Ostanek)	2:00 - 3:30
Mladi Glas Slovenian Dance Group (Nancy Kajin)	3:30 - 4:00
Niagara Button Boxers (Derek Uhilk, Sue Augustin)	4:00 - 5:30
Mladi Glas Slovenian Dance Group (Nancy Kajin)	5:30 - 6:00
Walter Ostanek Band (Walter Ostanek)	6:00 - 7:30

Slovenian foods & baked goods, Beer, Wine & Cocktails

First 50 Seniors Free

~ Entrance & Meal Each Day ~

For Tickets or Details

okoren@sympatico.ca or fgimpelj@gmail.com

call 905-531-0894 or visit www.bled.ca

Free Parking
Groups & Buses welcome



Grounds Open

Saturday
September 30th

9:30 am - 1:30 am

Sunday
October 1st

9:30 am - 8:00 pm

One Day Admission

\$25 Adults

\$20 Seniors & Students

* Children under 6 FREE

Weekend Pass

\$40 Single

\$80 Family (of 4)*

* additional members \$20/each

Onsite Camping

\$25 per person

September 30th - October 1st, 2017

Let's Raise The Roof



All proceeds to the St. Gregory the Great Building Fund - Roof Replacement



Invite your Family
Invite your Friends
Invite your Neighbours



Fun Games FOOD Friends Family



Tarok Bucket Toss Dart Poker
Toonie Toss 50-50 Raffle
Joker Poker Corn Hole Toss
Plinko



Admission
only \$20
Includes:
door prizes
and buffet
at 8pm



**Saturday, October 21, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall



A family oriented event of fun and games
A great way to get re-acquainted with your friends and support
St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish

An event and facility presented for members and supporters of St. Gregory and the Hamilton Diocese

KITCHEN SECRETS COOKING SESSION

Many of you may have already heard that there is a movie being made celebrating Canadian Slovenians across our great country. I have been asked if they could join us to film one or two of our cooking sessions. Of course, the recipe of choice for filming is our famous "**Potica**".

So, for anyone interested in not only making potica, but participating in this film, please contact me directly.

The date of this cooking session will be **Saturday, October 14th**, beginning at **9:00 a.m. sharp in the lower hall**.

Unfortunately, I **only** have **1 spot still available** so if interested, I will fill this on a first come first serve basis. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

This film crew is considering coming out to a second session tentatively set for Saturday November 25th, once that is confirmed I will let you all know.

Heidy Novak novakh@sympatico.ca

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response:

Lord, be mindful of your mercy!

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The Lord's ways are fair and just, ours are not.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

Though Christ was in the form of God, he emptied himself.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Two sons were asked by their father to go out and work. One says he will not go, but later changes his mind, the other says yes, but does not go.

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you."

Illustration

A rabbi was standing in the synagogue and began to pray in the traditional way of the Jewish faith, tilting backwards and forwards with words spoken in rhythm with the body's movement. As he moved, with his feet firmly on the ground, he began to chant his prayer, which was simply, "I am nothing, I am nothing at all." At some point during the prayer a cantor in the synagogue came along and joined the rabbi in his heartfelt prayer, and before long two voices were making the same prayer in chant, "I am nothing, I am nothing at all."

At some point further in the chanting prayer, the synagogue's janitor came into the main hall and witnessed the two men offering up their prayer to



God. So the janitor got in line with the other two men, joined his voice to theirs and began chanting, "I am nothing, I am nothing at all." At this point the rabbi turned to the cantor and said, "Look at him, who does he think he is?"

It does not matter who the story is being told about – it could just as easily be about a Catholic priest or bishop – the point of the story is that we are all able to allow ourselves to fall into the trap of not recognising our flawed nature and our sinfulness. We can all pray, "I am nothing, nothing at all," but the moment we make it our virtuous anthem, then we have failed to see the meaning of the prayer. At these moments we are putting ourselves very far from God's mercy.

Gospel Teaching

In today's Gospel Jesus is speaking to the chief priests and the elders of the people. His words are somewhat alarming and challenging, especially to anyone who claims religious faith. Jesus gives them a scenario and leaves them to find the appropriate answers. He begins by asking, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons..." and so begins the interrogation. Both the sons in the parable answer their father: one chooses not to tell the truth, saying he will go to work, and in fact does not; while the other son tells the truth, that he does not want to go, but afterwards changes his mind, and goes and does the work that his father has asked of him.

The point Jesus is making becomes obvious very quickly; he does not allow us to carry on the journey without first understanding his meaning. He goes on to tell them that when John the Baptist came among them, as an example and model of "true righteousness", they, the people of religion and holy talk, did not believe him. At the same time, however, the tax collectors and the prostitutes were

making their way into the kingdom of God before them.

It is not difficult to imagine the reaction to Jesus' words among these people. It surely would not be difficult, too, for us to try to imagine our reaction to the words of Jesus if they were addressed to us. How we receive them depends on how we perceive ourselves, and others. Do we consider ourselves to be respectable religious people, or do we know ourselves to be sinners, just as much as the "tax collectors and prostitutes" of whom Jesus speaks? Everything depends on how we see ourselves, and on how we see and judge others.

Application

In our parishes Sunday after Sunday we can allow ourselves to be fooled into thinking that we are the good and holy people, while the many poor souls who never darken the door of a church are the castaways of God, outside God's love. This is exactly what Jesus was dealing with in his own day. We can learn from this Gospel passage and put away any superciliousness that may accompany us on our way to church.

There is no reason for us to become self-righteous or self-obsessed with regard to our religion and our God. Paul tells us that, even though Jesus was in the form of God, he emptied himself. We are to do the same, empty ourselves and allow God to fill us. In so doing, we will not be shocked that tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God before us; rather we will rejoice.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKE VAJE ZA MEŠANI ZBOR

V četrtek, 5. oktobra, so pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor. Zbor bo pel v nedeljo, 8. oktobra, na zahvalno nedeljo.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ 1. oktober: **Sava** - Maša ob 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ 11. oktober: **Srečanje bolnikov** - maša ob 11:00 a.m. - pri Sv. Gregoriju Velikem
- ♦ 13-14. oktober: **Sava** - OKTOBERFEST
- ♦ 14. oktober: **Društvo sv. Jožefa** - avtobus za Oktoberfest pri društvu Sava-Breslau
- ♦ 15. oktober: **Lipa park** - Oktoberfest - Thanksgiving Luncheon with the Band Blue Waves, Lunch starts at 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ 15. oktober: **Triglav** - Vinska trgatev - Oktoberfest
- ♦ 17. oktober: **SCON meeting** at St. Gregory the Great - 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ 21. oktober: **Sv. Gregorij Veliki** - »RAISE THE ROOF« - Fundraising event
- ♦ 29. oktober: **Mass at Holy Sepulchre** Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. - prayers after Mass

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ♦ 1. okt., 9:30 a.m.: Zorka Rev in Sonja Peternel
- ♦ 8. oktober, 9:30 a.m.: Angela in Jakob Antolin

100TH CELEBRATION OF THE LAST APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

All are invited for a pilgrimage day for the **100th Celebration of the Last Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.**

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Wa-

terdown. October 14, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be Mass, lunch and outdoor procession with Stations of the Cross and benediction.

Please make sure to bring a bagged lunch.

A plenary indulgence will be given to all who perform all the obligations.

Please visit www.stthomaswaterdown.com for more details.

CWL - KŽZ

At our executive meeting it was decided to resume our monthly **General meetings** starting **Wednesday, Oct 4th**, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass. This meeting will be **held in the Youth Room.**

As an incentive to attend, we will be having a **draw** at this meeting of the members present for **one annual membership to be paid for by our CWL.**

We have several important items to cover:

a) **A new executive needs to be established, as the present executive members term of 2 years has come to an end. We do have nominations but are open to others. Rosemary Šusteršič will be introduced as our new president** (she was voted as our president elect in September of 2015). She would like to **present her ideas for the CWL** moving forward as the new president.

b) We also need to **establish 2 sub-committees.** One for the 50th Anniversary preparations and our annual bazaar.

All of this will take place followed by a **members social** hosted by the executive.

We encourage and look forward to our members joining us for this very important meeting.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - SLOVENIAN SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH

The Slovenian Society of St. Joseph invites you to attend Social Evenings, held at Villa Slovenia. Current members of the society have requested that we start the 2017/18 season earlier so this year we will hold the **first Social Evening on Tuesday, October 3rd**, after evening Mass.

All current and new members are welcome to attend and enjoy some fellowship. A light "okrepčilo" will be served.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu oktobru bo večna luč svetila po namenu družine Žvan za vse pokojne sorodnike.

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden tudi prvi petek. Čez dan bom obiskoval bolnike, zvečer ob šestih pa bo priložnost za zakrament odpuščanja - sveto spoved in molitev pred Najsvetejšim.

SREČANJE BOLNIKOV

V sredo, 11. oktobra 2017, bo srečanje vsakoletno srečanje starejših in bolnih.

Dobili se bomo za sveto mašo ob 11:00 dopoldne. Med sveto mašo boste lahko prejeli tudi zakrament bolniškega maziljenja.

RETRouvaille - WEEK #1 ANNOUNCEMENT

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples.

For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **November 3, 2017**, please call **905-664-5212** or email: hamilton-retrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

RAISE THE ROOF

Our 2nd annual Raise the Roof event is just around the corner... **Saturday, October 21st** right here at our Parish. Last year was such a success, we hope to build on that beginning and make this year's event even better! In order to have another successful fundraiser and community builder, we turn to our parishioners for help... We are looking for volunteers to help organize, to help on the night of our fundraiser, to donate prizes and of course, to come out and participate in our event.

So, **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 21st, 2017...** details will be here soon!



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 8:00 A.M. and 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 in 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 (person counselling) with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Od 1. 10. 2017
Do 8. 10. 2017

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

26. NEDELJA MED LETOM 1. OKTOBER <i>Rožnovenska nedelja</i> <i>Terezija Deteta Jezusa</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane †† Viktorija in Marta † David Salander † Susan Kotel †† Apolonija in Ivan Gjerek †† Za pokojne člane društva Sava	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.	Sestra Zorka z družino Marija, Peter in Lojze Marija Peter in Lojze Hči Terezija Prša z družino Maša: Sava-Breslau
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 2. OKTOBER <i>Angeli varuhi, Modest</i>	Za duše v vicah	8:00 A.M.	Tone in Marija Bukvič
TOREK - TUESDAY 3. OKTOBER <i>Gerard, opat</i>	† Jožica Kastelic, obl. † Zdravko Troha	7:00 P.M.	Ivan Kastelic Danica Maradin
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 4. OKTOBER <i>Frančišek Asiški, red.u.</i>	† Tony Letnik †† Milka in Boško Todorovič Po namenu	7:00 P.M.	Žena Anica Sonja Langenfus CWL - KŽZ
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 5. OKTOBER <i>Marija Favstina, red.</i>	†† Tilka in Anton Vengar Po namenu	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Novak Ana Tadič
PRVI PETEK FIRST FRIDAY 6. OKTOBER <i>Brunu, ust. Kartuzianov</i>	Za duše v vicah †† Za pokojne farane † Ludvik Hull † Mike Pyrda	7:00 P.M.	Tone in Marija Bukvič Tone in Marija Bukvič Milka in Karol Ferko z dr. Angela Kobe
SOBOTA SATURDAY 7. OKTOBER <i>Rožnovenska Mati</i> <i>Božja</i>	† Alojz Gačnik †† Marija in Jože Kuzma in sin Metod † Ana Veselič † Rudi Hanc †† Ana in Rudi Hanc	8:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Žena Francka Jožica Vlašič z družino Družina Vlašič Sestra Agnes in Mate Sutlič Hčerka Agnes z družino
27. NEDELJA MED LETOM 8. OKTOBER <i>Pelagija, spokornica</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane †† Pokojni iz družina Sraka †† Pokojni iz družine Rajter †† Pokojni iz družine Sobočan	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	Amalija Štadler Amalija Štadler Elizabeta Gerič