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**4. POSTNA
NEDELJA**

**4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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Veselje sprave z Bogom

V središče današnje liturgije je postavljen biser Lukovega evangelija, to je prilika o izgubljenem sinu, ali bolje, o očetovi razsipni ljubezni. To je čudovita predstavitev življenjske poti, najprej zaznamovane z grehom in potem na novo vzpostavljene v spreobrnjenju in končno poglobljene v miru in veselju. Jezus v tej priliki zarisuje ozračje v katerem se vsi prepoznamo. V srčki pripovedi je božje čakanje, njegova neutrudljiva ljubezen.

Velika mistikinja je takole molila: »O, ljubljeni mojega srca, ničesar nimam razen tebe; bodi danes usmiljen z grešnico, ki prihaja k tebi. O, moje upanje, moj počitek in veselje, srce noče ljubiti drugega kot tebe, kajti tvoja ljubezen je neuničljiva in nas ne boš nikoli zapustil.«

Lukova prilika je podobna triptihu, kjer so upodobitve skrbno povezane druga z drugo. **Prva slika** je predgovor zgodbe, in ne, kot se je pogosto domnevalo, njen bistveni del. Bistvo prilike ni pripoved o neki krizi, temveč zgodba »vrnitve«. Hebrejska beseda dobesedno pomeni »vrnitev«, grška beseda »metanoein« - »spremeniti mišljenje« - nakazuje prav obrnitev smeri, kar stori beduinski pastir, ki se obrne k oazi, seveda takrat, ko se zave, da hodi po poti, ki ga vodi stran od vode. »Naša hoja je daleč od tebe, o Gospod,« je zapisal sv. Avguštin, ko je iskal drugo, ačeno pot in drugo izkušnjo.

Središče prve slike triptiha v priliki je torej odločitev, spreobrnjenje: »Vstal bom in se vrnil k očetu.« Potem, ko je ugotovil, da je ta način življenja nepravilna, se odrasel, zrel in odgovoren človek odloči in »se vrne« k Bogu, ki ga je vedno pričakoval.

Zdaj pridemo do **drugega prizora** v priliki, kjer prevladuje podoba očeta, ki skrbno opazuje samotno pot, ki upa proti upanju. Bog nas pričakuje, čeprav smo blodili kot izgubljene ovce; on je središčna oseba, ki



se vedno bolj razodeva kot zgodba o nikoli načeti in nikdar ugasli ljubezni.

Kakor hitro oče zagleda podobo sina v daljavi, mu pohiti naproti, da bi ga objel. Kot pravijo njegove prve pozdravne besede sinu, gre za smrt, ki se je preoblikovala v življenje, zabloda pa se je spremenila v veselo srečanje. V naporu, ki ga vsebuje vsakršno spreobrnjenje, je tudi gotovost, da nismo nikoli sami, da nikakor ne tvegamo, da bi na koncu poti naleteli na zaprta vrata ali pa očeta, ki je nepopustljiv sodnik in brez usmiljenja.

Tako prihajamo k **tretji podobi** te pripovedi, kjer je v središču starejši brat. Ta je sicer dobro misleči človek, ki je zadovoljen s svojo dozdevno poštenostjo, pa vendar postane hladen in neprizanesljiv sodnik svojega brata.

Starejši brat meni, da se morajo spreobrniti le tisti ubožci, ki jih on kritično in vzvišeno presoja, pač, po njegovem, v skladu s svojo občudujočo in vsega priznanja vredno pravičnostjo. Razmišlja tako, kot razmišljajo farizeji vseh časov:

»Zahvaljujem se ti, Gospod, ker nisem tak kot vsi drugi ljudje, roparji, krivičniki, prešuštniki ...« Trdno je prepričan, da ima pred Bogom veliko v dobrem. Vendar Pavlova obtožba brez usmiljenja zadene tudi tovrstne družbene sloje: »Vsi so grešili«. Tudi tisti, ki so ostali v očetovi hiši, potrebujejo odpuščanje in ljubezen, kajti »vsi so grešili in so brez Božje milosti« (Rim 3,23).

Bogoslužje današnje nedelje je klic k spreobrnjenju in pokori, vendar pa je tudi osrečujoča gotovost, da človek ne ostane sam, niti takrat, ko se zavestno zapre in oddalji od Boga. Gre za spev božje ljubezni in odpuščanja, ki pozabi na maščevanje in preseže hladno pravičnost. Ta pesem lahko postane tudi notranje vodilo vsake močne izkušnje v duhovnosti. Favstina Kowalska zapiše: »Tudi če bi bili naši grehi črni kot noč, je božje usmiljenje močnejše kot naša revščina. Potrebna je le ena stvar: grešnik naj pusti vsaj nekoliko priprta vrata svojega srca, ostalo bo naredil Bog. Vsaka stvar ima začetek v tvojem usmiljenju in se v tvojem usmiljenju tudi zaključi.«

(Prim. Oznanjevalec -leto C_2006/7, šte. 3)

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

First Reading *Joshua 5:9-12*

The shame of Egypt is taken away but not the memory of Egypt, which will sustain the new life.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

The creation of humanity is not yet complete but it continues as an act of reconciliation in Christ.

Gospel *Luke 15:1-3. 11-32*

The story of the prodigal son is not just his story. It is the story of a whole family; indeed it is the story of the family of humankind.

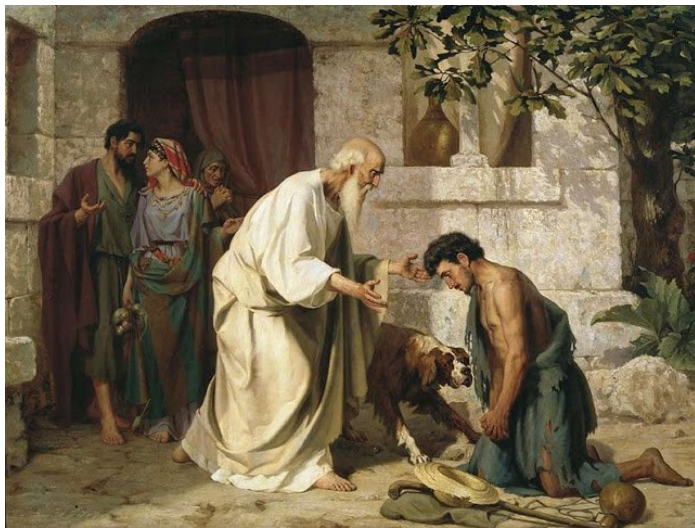
"Your brother here was dead and has come to life."



Illustration

One of the big problems with funerals, as any funeral director knows, is not the attitude of the family to the deceased person but the attitude of those who come to mourn to each other. A Catholic funeral is an act of mercy by its nature, which is what the Catholics who come to a funeral should always keep in mind. They come to pray for the dead, which means that God has put God's own mercy at our disposal. Not absolutely, of course, as if we could stand in the way of God's mercy, but the way God forgives is left, to some extent, in our hands.

Yet forgiving the dead is easier than forgiving the living. Or to put it another way, forgiving the living might be more real than our forgiving the dead. As for the dead forgiving us, either they



forgive everyone or they forgive no one. Funeral directors become very adept at managing this lack of forgiveness. They make sure that wives and ex-wives are not seated together, for instance. In one case, when a priest was asked not to pray for someone who was living with the deceased, who had left his wife for her, he simply refused to comply. He said that he would bend a lot at funerals, but wouldn't ever refuse to pray for someone – if he did so, he would stop being a servant of Christ. In the end, that worked out well. If this seems too negative, it's important to remember that funerals can also be a time and place for reconciliation of a sort. At least for a moment, people remember how unimportant our little squabbles are.

Gospel Teaching

What comes first, justice or mercy? You might think that mercy comes first because you have to do something wrong before you can be shown mercy. That might be true for people, but it is not true for God. That is because God always knows what God intends to do. So even in God's creating us there is a sort of mercy, which was what St Thomas Aquinas thought. Mercy is the desire for the happiness of someone else. No one is made by God to be unhappy, but we have our choices. Justice is, therefore,

never a final end, but people get stuck with justice because they won't accept mercy.

The story of the prodigal son is a parable about mercy, but it is not a human mercy. Human mercy needs something to forgive, whereas God does not. Human mercy also comes from our own sinfulness, which is not the case with God. God's mercy comes into this world as forgiveness, but that is down to us and our human behaviour. God does not need us to sin in order to show us love. So in the parable the elder son is loved perfectly by the father but somehow has lost sight of that. It is interesting that some of the words of the fa-

ther to the elder son are very similar to the words of Jesus to his heavenly Father in the Gospel of St John. The words of the father to the elder son in the parable, "you are with me always and all I have is yours", can be compared to Jesus' words to the Father in the Gospel of St John, "all I have is yours and all you have is mine". The mercy of God is the love of the persons of the Trinity for each other, shared with humanity. Mercy is the most godlike of all virtues.

Application

Mercy starts with prayer, because mercy starts with God. It is the fundamental purpose of God for all God's creation, so we cannot really be merciful without prayer. In a family, in our friendships, in our workplaces, we need to be merciful, and that means having a power that is from God alone. Gestures and actions help, but unless we are convinced we are carrying out God's work in being merciful, we will fail.

This is why forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer and why a life of prayer is always a life of mercy. To put it another way, we might start from our own heart in committing ourselves to a course of action, but if we wish to commit ourselves to mercy, we must start from the heart of God, from the life of the Holy Trinity.



Cilj naše kampanje je v treh letih zbrati vsoto \$200,000.00 za našo župnijo.

Nekateri še vedno ne razumejo, da vse, kar boste darovali preko te kampanje, bo prejela naša župnija in še 10% iz skupnega sklada. Škofjski uradi pa bodo vodili vse računovodske zadeve, tako, da nam ne bo potrebno tega dela urejati.

V Vestniku objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofjskega računa** in koliko je že dejansko »vplačanega«. Iz škofije so nam sedaj poslali kodo, da lahko sami pogledamo tekoče stanje na našem računu.

Na računu »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« - »One Heart, One Soul« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega je:

\$128,543. - Pledged - March 25, 2022

\$104,683. - Paid - March 25, 2022

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali. Smo že krepko čez polovico zastavljenega cilja. Tokrat so se številke kar dvignile.

LIPA PARK

Curbside Food and Bake Sale Saturday, April 9, 2022

Slovenian Breaded Chicken
with Home Fries and Coleslaw, \$20

Oven-Roasted Pork with Home Fries
and Coleslaw, \$20

Apple Strudel (unbaked, frozen), 24-inch
length (*limited quantities*), \$20

Lipa Park would like to thank COBS Bread, Ridley Square, for their packaging donations for our strudel sales!

Potica (baked, frozen) *
Whole (approx. 10-inch across) \$40
Half (cut that morning) \$20

**only a very small quantity available/limit one per customer*

Slovenian Wine, \$25 per bottle:

Janževce (white, 1L, sugar code 0)

Ranina (white, 750 ml, sugar code 1)

Modra Frankinja (red, 750 ml)

(Must be 19 years or older to purchase wine)

**Pre-Orders only
from March 28 to March 30
by email only:**

info@lipapark.ca

Please specify the name of the person who will be picking up the order.

You will receive a confirmation email after ordering with your pick-up time, and total cost.

Please bring cheque or exact change on pick-up day.

Thank you for your support!

CONFESSION

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

It's Lent. Here's an old-fashioned Catholic idea: **go to confession before Easter.**

In our world today, many Christians regard confession as an unimportant act of piety, if not mere ceremony. The practice of going to this wonderful sacrament has disappeared. Why? Lots of reasons: we don't have a sense of sin as being something offensive to God.

We are un-catechized about the importance of the grace we receive from sacraments. We don't want to repent – so why should we confess? Some of the blame also rests on our parishes and schools for not promoting confession. How often do you hear messages from the pulpit or in the parish bulletins about going to confession? How many of our Catholic schools schedule confession? Many parishes don't offer weekly opportunities for the sacrament but "by appointment" only! Who wants to make an appointment to receive God's mercy?

For those of us who do frequently or even occasionally go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation – we need to work harder to amend our lives. It's time to get serious about fighting the devil's temptations, and fight against spiritual mediocrity.

Be thoroughly convinced of the immense importance of this sacrament. Be filled with an earnest desire of approaching it worthily, taking care and giving attention to doing a good examen in preparation for this great duty. If we truly desire to obtain eternal salvation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with the Eucharist are the great tools for holiness offered by the Church.

Confession is one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ for us sinners. This means that all people who have committed mortal sin after baptism can hope to save their souls by confession. Thank God for the salvation and mercy of Christ who cleanses us from all the stains of our sins. His divine forgiveness is dispensed to us by the priest in the moment of absolution.

It's a good old-fashioned Catholic idea that hasn't been cancelled.

Go to confession before Easter.



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Get on the voters' list

Your vote is your voice.

When you cast your vote, you're declaring your support of Catholic education.

On **October 24th, 2022**, make sure your **voice is heard**. Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm that your name is on the Preliminary List of Electors for the upcoming municipal and school board elections.

If you haven't declared your Catholic school support, by default your property taxes are directed to the municipality's English public school board. As a property owner in Ontario, you're entitled to direct your school support to English separate Catholic — which, in Hamilton, is the **Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board**. [Learn more about school support. \(Changing Your School Support | MPAC\)](#)

As a registered Separate school supporter, you have a say in who will represent your interests at the school board and other levels of government. You don't have to have children in a Catholic school to register as a Separate school supporter ... you only have to be Catholic.

Have your say. Log onto voterlookup.ca today.

For more information, please contact Nicole Baldini, Assessment Clerk, HWCDSB at 905-525-2930, Ext. 2006 or baldinin@hwcdb.ca, the City of Hamilton at 905-546-2424, Ext. 4408, or M PAC at 1-866-296-6722.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

April 2nd Lukežič, Volčanšek
April 16th Jožica Vegelj and team
April 30th Gosgnach team

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA

Na mizi v cerkveni veži so kuverte za člane društva sv. Jožefa. V kuverti je izkaznica za leto 2022. Dajte denar za članarino (\$15) v kuverto in kuverto oddajte v nabiralnik za nedeljsko nabirko.



SUNDAY MASSES

From **Palm Sunday April 10, 2022** and on we will go back to **two Sunday Masses**. Slovenian at 9:30 a.m. and English at 11:00 a.m.

Od 10. aprila naprej, t.j. od Cvetne nedelje, bomo zopet imeli ob nedeljah dve sveti maši: slovensko ob 9:30 a.m. in angleško ob 11:00 a.m.. Povejte tudi tistim, ki morda ne pridejo tako redno, da bodo vedeli za spremembo.

CONFIRMATION & FRIST COMMUNION

This year our celebration of both sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 29th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m..

The Most Rev. Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the celebrant. Please let us know ASAP which children would like to be part of celebration.

You can email to me, drago.gacnik@gmail.com or Lorie Mramor: princesslorie2000@hotmail.com

SLOVENIAN EMBASSY OTTAWA

Please note that from March 1st, 2022, it is a new email: consular.ottawa@gov.si for all consular enquiries and transactions.

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GIFT BEARERS

Now that we are able to worship together in person, without restrictions, we will restart the Gift Bearer tradition at St. Gregory's on Palm Sunday at the 9:30am Slovenian Mass.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the chart in the foyer, or give your name to Pamela.

Heart to Heart

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY to His Excellency Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki! His birthday is March 25th, the Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Hamilton. Bishop Ustrzycki has given his life in service to the Diocese of Hamilton, from Parish Associate, to Pastor, to Rector of the Cathedral, and to Auxiliary Bishop (40th Anniversary next year!). His love for the Church, his service to the faithful, and his fraternal con-

cern for the Priests of the Diocese, have made him the beloved Bishop he is. We wish you good health and much happiness. Ad multos annos!

THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (CCODP) financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean. It also provides information to Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. NEXT Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, also called Solidarity Sunday, a special collection is held in Parishes across the Diocese to support the many projects and programs of CCODP. The Diocese of Hamilton has always been strong in our support of the Organization. Because of the COVID challenges of the past two years, our support is more important than ever! Please be especially generous this year!

DAROVİ - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad je darovala \$50 Olga Slobodnik. Neimenovana oseba je darovala Društvu sv. Jožefa \$100; društvo pa je to vsoto darovalo za potrebe naše cerkve.

Iskrena hvala za vaš dar.

POKOJNI - DECEASED

22. marca 2022 se je poslovil s tega sveta **Mario Medica**, star 85 let. Pokojni je bil dolgoletni član društva Sava. Pokojni bo ležal v Henry Walser Funeral Home, Kitchener, v soboto, 2. aprila. Od njega se boste lahko poslovili med 12:00 in 12:45 p.m.,



nato bo sledil pogrebni obred v kapeli pogrebnega zavoda. Pokojnega bomo položili k večnemu počitku na Woodland pokopališče. Iskreno sožalje ženi Olgi in njeni družini, pokojnemu pa večni mir in pokoj.

24. aprila 2022 je odšel k Bogu po večno plačilo **Ivan Glavač**, oče naše faranke Jenny Antolin. Bil je član slovenske skupnosti in župnije v Montrealu. Od njega se boste lahko poslovili v nedeljo 27. marca v J.A. Guilbault Funeral Home med eno in peto uro popoldne. Pogrebna maša bo v ponedeljek, 28. marca ob 10h dopoldne v slovenski župniji Sv. Vladimirja v Montrealu. Iskreno sožalje ženi Ani in otrokom z družinami, pokojnemu Ivanu pa večni mir in pokoj.



OBČNI ZBOR - AGM

Danes po maši imamo letni občni zbor; na obisku pa je Dr. Helena Jaklitsch, ministrica za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu. Dobrodošla v naši sredi.



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

Hajdinjak	Rudolf Rudi	March 28, 1987
Pavlich	Marjan	March 28, 2007
Rapozo	Joseph	March 29, 1984
Mlinarich	Marija	March 30, 1993
Osterman	Antoinet	April 1, 1965
Gyorkoš	Walburga	April 1, 2016
Volf	Karel	April 2, 2019
Zelko	Marija	April 3, 1997



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English - For the time of Covid-19 it is only one Mass on Sundays) - **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

4. POSTNA NEDELJA 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 27. MAREC RUPERT, ŠKOF	Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	-----
	† Ana Ferenčak		Franc in Ljudmila Zadravec
	† Marija Dominko		Franc in Ljudmila Zadravec
	† Alojz Prilesnik		Žena Marija z družino
	†† Jožef in Emilija Balažic		Hči z družino
	†† Pokojni starši Zagorc		Hči Jožica Erzar z družino
	† Juraj Fabina		Matthew & Mary Glavač z družino
	† Martin Glavač, obl.		Matthew & Mary Glavač z družino
	† Viktor Glavač		Matthew & Mary Glavač z družino
	OBČNI ZBOR - AGM	11:00 A.M.	Po maši v cerkvi
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 28. MAREC, <i>Bojan, knez</i>	† Zoltan Gergyek	7:00 P.M.	Milka in Karol Ferko
TOREK - TUESDAY 29. MAREC, <i>Bertold, red.</i>	† Milka Skale	7:00 P.M.	Tone in Iva Kastelic
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 30. MAREC, <i>Amadej, vojvoda</i>	† Hilda Žigon	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Novak z družino
	† Ema Mencigar		Matilda Zupančič
	† Edward Madronich, obl.		Žena z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 31. MAREC, <i>Kornelija, muč.</i>	† Ignac Horvat	7:00 P.M.	Rozina Horvat
	† Angela Zorko, obl.		Sin Mirko z družino
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 1. APRIL <i>Irena in Agapa, muč.</i>	Križev pot - Stations of the Cross	6:30 P.M.	
	†† Pokojni iz družine Svašnik	7:00 P.M.	Ana Gergyek
	† Zoltan Gergyek		Družina Dragaš
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 2. APRIL <i>Frančišek Paolski, red. ust.</i> <i>Teodozija, mučenka</i>	† Adolf Košir	5:30 P.M.	Marija Košir
	† Marija Bukvič		Anton Bukvič z družino
	† Marija Ifko		Alojz in Agata Sarjaš
	†† Rudi (obl.) in Terezija Hajdinjak		Dragica in Lojze Ferenčak z druž.
	† Marija Kociper		Žena Marija
	† Karel Volf, obl.		Marija Volf (Barlake)
	† Frank Verdinšek		Hči Anica Miklavčič
	†† Jožef in Marija Heric		
5. POSTNA-TIHA NEDELJA 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 3. APRIL SIKST I., PAPEŽ-MUČENEC	Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M.	-----
	†† Pok. starši, bratje in sestre (Slo)		Aranka Dundek
	† Marija Mrak		Milka Pavlič z družino
	† Ante Čule		Anica Miklavčič z družino
	† Franc Raduha		Družina Raduha
	† Maks Pavlič		Družina Raduha
	Za Zdravje		N.N.
	† Jože Konte		Martin in Anica Škrban
	† Jože Konte		Vera in Jožko Rajner
	† Jože Konte		Ivan in Irena Kelenc
	†† Pok. iz družine Škrban		Martin in Anica Škrban
	†† Pok. iz družine Žizek		Anica in Martin Škrban
	†† Pok iz družin Kisner in Sagadin		Julija Sagadin z družino

