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**27. NEDELJA
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**27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

**THANKSGIVING
SUNDAY**

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Kje je danes gospodov vinograd?

Liturgija današnje nedelje nam ponuja priložnost, ki se nanaša na Gospodovo trpljenje. Jezus vnaprej vidi svoje trpljenje in to priložnost pripoveduje zato, da bi opomnil oblastnike svojega ljudstva, da so stopili na napačno pot. Priliko pripravlja prvo berilo s pesnitvijo preroka Izaija o Gospodovem vinogradu. Le da so v priložnosti opomnjeni voditelji ljudstva, v Izaijevi pesnitvi pa Bog opominja vse Izraelovo ljudstvo.

Izaijeva pesnitev izraža božjo žalost. Bog je predstavljen kot lastnik vinograda. Gospodar se predstavi kot tisti, ki zelo skrbi za svoj vinograd: okopal ga je, očistil kamenja in zasadil izbrane trte; na sredini je sezidal stolp, da bi lahko nadzoroval, in naredil stiskalnico. Vse je bilo tako narejeno, da bi ta vinograd obrodil izjemen sad. V resnici pa so sadovi tega vinograda neužitno, nezrelo grozdje.

»Kaj sem mogel še storiti svojemu vinogradu, pa mu nisem storil?« Vse je naredil, kar je bilo mogoče; zato neodziv izraelskega ljudstva za služi kazen, s katero Bog zagrozi: »Zdaj vam bom povedal, kaj bom storil svojemu vinogradu: odstranil mu bom ograjo, da bo izropan, podrl mu bom obzidje, da bo poteptan. Spremenil ga bom v puščino, ne bo obrezovan ne okopavan, poganjala bosta trnje in osat in prepovedal bom oblakom, da bi dež rosili nanj.«

Namen grožnje je bil doseči spreobrnjenje in se seveda tako izogniti kazni sami. Spreobrnjenja pa ni bilo, in grožnje so se uresničile - o tem govori spev po berilu. V njem psalmist skupaj z Gospodom toži, ne le zaradi tega, ker je zapustil vinograd, temveč tudi zato, ker je opustošen.

V takem položaju se je zato znašlo ljudstvo ob zasedbi Jeruzalema in v izgnanstvu. Ko ljudstvo ni dojemljivo za Boga, ko ne sprejema predpisov, ki so zakon ljubezni, in so dani prav zato, da vodijo k sreči - takrat pride nesreča in opustošenje.

Jezusova prilika, za razliko, ne govori o vsem ljudstvu, temveč le o



velikih duhovnikov in starešinah oziroma oblastnikov, ki naklepajo, kako bi Jezusa ubili. Zato jih opomni, da bi se zavedeli svoje zmote in hudobije in se tako lahko spreobrnili.

Jezus svojo pripoved začenja podobno kot v Izaijevi pesnitvi: »Bil je hišni gospodar, ki je zasadil vinograd, ga obdal z ograjo, izkopal v njem stiskalnico in sezidal stolp.« Sledi odločilni trenutek, ko gospodar zaupa vinograd najemnikom, da ga obdelujejo in odpotuje.

Ob trgatvi gospodar pošlje služabnike, da bi prevzeli pridelek. Vendar so ti najemniki zelo posestniško-lastniški: ne zavedajo se, da so le oskrbniki, temveč hočejo biti lastniki in nočejo izročiti pridelka. Pretepejo služabnike, še več, celo kamenjajo jih in ubijajo. Gospodar je potrpežljiv: pošlje druge služabnike, še več kot prej, vendar je rezultat enak.

Ti služabniki, kot jih pojmuje Jezus, so preroki, ki jih je Bog pošiljal. Pri preroku Jeremiju beremo: »Nenehno sem dan na dan pošiljal k vam vse svoje služabnike preroke. Toda niso me poslušali, ne nastavili ušesa, temveč so bili trdovratni, ravnali so huje kot njihovi očetje«.

Na koncu pošlje gospodar še svojega sina, rekoč: »Mojega sina bodo spoštovali.« Vendar ti najemniki, mislijo drugače: »Ta je dedič. Dajmo, ubijmo ga in se polastimo njegove dediščine!«

Nato Jezus vpraša: »Ko bo torej prišel gospodar vinograda, kaj bo storil s temi viničarji?« Odgovorijo mu: »Hudobneže bo kruto pokončal, vinograd pa dal v najem drugim viničarjem, ki mu bodo ob svojem času dajali pridelek.«

V povedani priliki je Jezus na neki način vnaprej predstavil svojo velikonočno skrivnost in posledice vsega tega. Jezus se popolnoma zaveda usode svojih nasprotnikov, vendar želi, da bi se izognili - kolikor je pač mogoče - vsem tem nesrečam in katastrofam.

Ta prilika je lahko opomin tudi za nas. Vsak izmed nas ima odgovornosti: odločilno je, kako sprejemamo to odgovornost. Skušnjava je vedno, da bi se obnašali preveč posestniško. Posestniški odnos je osnova za mnoge grehe in velike krivice. Z njim bi si želeli doseči srečo, vendar pa se to ne zgodi. Prava sreča se namreč lahko doseže le v življenju, polnem ljubezni in služenja. Vsi darovi, vse sposobnosti, ki nam jih je Bog dal, so nam dani kot orodje, s katerim lahko ljubimo druge.

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

R: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

The vineyard of the Lord is loved and tended by God.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*

The God of peace will be with those who are virtuous and who fill their minds with all that is good and pure.

Gospel *Matthew 21:33-43*

In this parable, a landowner leases his vineyard to tenants, but when he sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest owed to him they are beaten and killed. When the landowner sends his son, he too is killed.

"Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"



Illustration

Rodne Galicha is a Filipino Catholic environmental and human rights defender. He has campaigned against the destructive activities of large mining companies in key biodiversity areas in the Philippines, including critical watersheds, agricultural areas, tourism sites and island ecosystems. Fifteen years ago, when a passenger ship carrying toxic materials sank near his home island of Sibuyan, Rodne criticised contamination of the island with chemicals and fuel "affecting the life and livelihood of our people who depend mainly on the abundance of the sea". He has spent much of his life responding to "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor", as Pope Francis put it in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. In 2018, Rodne successfully campaigned against the construction of a road through Mount



Guiting-Guiting Natural Park, fearing the huge project would damage the mountain, listed as a protected area. Last November he attended the United Nations climate talks in Egypt, calling on world leaders to take more serious action on climate change, which is causing ever more severe weather in the Philippines.

Rodne's engaging smile belies that the Philippines is regularly named the deadliest country for environmental defenders in Asia. Nineteen environmentalists were killed in 2021. Despite knowing some of those killed, Rodne refuses to yield to the threats and dangers. He says: "The risks involved in this advocacy are inevitable. Being an environment advocate is a lifelong commitment. We are all called to discover for ourselves the amazing link of our lives to nature."

Gospel Teaching

Today's Gospel parable tells of a practice that was commonplace in the first century: for a wealthy investor to buy property for a farm or vineyard and then leave it in the care of tenants. At harvest time, the owner would send someone to collect their portion of the proceeds. In the parable, the behaviour of the tenants in the vineyard is far from the expectations of the master of the vineyard. It echoes the first reading, in which the vineyard owner "expected the vineyard to yield grapes,

but sour grapes were all that it gave". The tenants refused to give the landowner what was due, and killed the servants he sent. He then sent his son. But the tenants, believing that they would inherit the vineyard if the landowner died without an heir, also killed the landowner's son. Jesus asks those listening to this parable what they think the landowner will do to those tenants.

Application

The chief priests and elders who had questioned Jesus' authority wanted to persecute Jesus for telling this story, because they felt that Jesus was talking about them. They understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner God, and the son Jesus. Were they the wicked tenants? But today this parable is often linked to the current environmental crisis. Thus, we can see the landowner as God, those who destroy the earth as the greedy tenants, and environmental defenders as those who are killed for their mission of trying to protect God's creation.

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* emphasised in 2015 that the world is not ours but God's, who graciously entrusts the vineyard of the world to our care. But too many of us focus on our own gain and treat God's world as a commodity to be exploited without thought to the future. We see landscapes mined to destruction, water sources poisoned and other species driven to extinction. Isaiah's words in the first reading say: "He expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress." In so many parts of the world, we see the relevance of those words. Over the centuries, how many prophets in our Christian communities have been rejected, abused and even killed? Who are the greedy tenants in today's world, destroying God's creation and its defenders?

The parable suggests that each of us is responsible for a portion of the "vineyard". Have we provided shelter to those who are homeless, and fed those who are hungry? Have we provided a means of livelihood for those who have no means of living? Have we been responsible stewards of the natural world? These are questions that we should ponder. God gives us everything we need to make our vineyard flourish. We can manage the vineyard as we choose – but we do not own it. Let us be "good tenants" and do all we can to repair the damage done to the vineyard, which is our common home. What fruits will we produce for the Lord?



Bled Slovenian
Culture Club

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Cultural Club

Celebrate with us

Oktoberfest

Saturday October 14, 2023

4650 south service rd.,
beamsville, ontario

**Dine in. Doors open 12:30,
Lunch served at 1:00**

**Lunch includes: Roast pork,
sausage, potatoes, sauerkraut
and salad \$25/meal**

For more information call

Sylvia (905) 518-2457

Milena (905) 393-6594

Band: Ansambel Šibaj

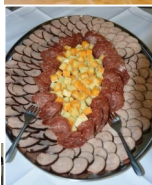


Lipa Park

EVENT CENTRE

Društvo Lipa Park je v nedeljo, 1. oktobra 2023, povabilo člane in prijatelje na »Thanksgiving Lunch-eon«. Dvorano se je dodobra napolnilo. Lepo okrašena, z dobrotami založena je pričakala goste. Na odru pa Ansambel Gregorič z veselimi slovenskimi melodijami.

Kmalu po eni uri se je začelo. Predsednik društva Frank Chermaz je z nekaj uvodnimi besedami nagovoril navzoče, čestital Fr. Dragotu Gačniku za 20 let delovanja med Slovenci na Niagarskem polotoku, izročil mu je čestitke in lep slovenski šopek. Z blagoslovom hrane se je začelo družabno nedeljsko popoldne. Marsikateri spomini iz mladih let so se obudili v pogovorih pri mizah. Gospodinje v kuhinji in pomočniki so hitro postregli s hrano tako da je ostalo še nekaj časa tudi za tiste, ki so z veseljem zaplesali. Hvala vsem za lepo nedeljsko popoldne.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **Oct. 11 - St. Gregory the Great** - Srečanje bolnikov in starejših - Maša ob 11:00 a.m.
- **Oct. 14 - Bled** - Oktoberfest
- **Oct. 28 - St. Gregory the Great** - Oktoberfest
- **Oct. 29 - Cemeteries** - Mass 2:00 p.m. at Holy Sepulchre and prayers on Cemeteries
- **Nov. 5 - London** - St. John the Divine Church - mass for deceased Slovenians
- **Nov. 12 - Lipa Park** - Martinovanje luncheon
- **Nov. 12 - Sava/Breslau** - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 25 - Bled** - Hunter's Banquet
- **Nov. 26 - Slovenski Park** - Fall AGM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- Oct. 14th - Lojzka Novak & team
- Oct. 28th - Lukežič & Volčanšek team

BRALEC - READER

Slovenian - Sue Augustin
English - Sidonia Poppa

GIFT BEARERS AT SLOVENIAN MASS

- Oct. 8th - Danny Fujs & Aranka Dundek
- Oct. 15th - Milena Volčanšek & Majda Lukežič

2023 SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP

2023 Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation Awards Application Now Available
The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation was created to provide students of Slovenian-Canadian descent, residing within the Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, and Niagara regions, the opportunity to be recognized for their academic achievements, community involvement, and



appreciation of their Slovenian heritage. Select applicants will be granted a monetary award in the form of a scholarship or bursary from the foundation. The presentation of awards is to be determined.

Application forms are available via email request to Teresa Zupancic at (teresa.zupancic@gmail.com). Completed application packages must be submitted via email to teresa.zupancic@gmail.com by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023 for award consideration. Please forward any questions to Teresa at 905-930-7545 or via email.

BOLNI IN STAREJŠI

V sredo, 11. oktobra bo ob 11h dopoldne sv. maša za bolnike in starejše. Med sveto mašo boste lahko prejeli bolniško maziljenje. Je prav, da smo tudi zakramentalno pripravljeni, ker ne vemo ne dneva ne ure, ko nas pokliče Gospod.



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

Lukšič	Jožefa	October 9, 1998
Selšek	John Janez	October 9, 2014
Žonta	Ferdinand	October 10, 1994
Virag	Franc	October 10, 2000
Jesih	Stanislav	October 11, 1983
Žekš	Adela	October 11, 1989
Korošec	Rudi	October 11, 2004
Varl	Joseph	October 11, 2021
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Skalij	Marija	October 12, 1994
Pust	Frances	October 12, 2015
Antolin	John Cyril	October 13, 2021
Ferko	Frančiška	October 14, 2018

This year Slovenski Park has decided to cancel their Oktoberfest event which many were looking forward to.

After much discussion, your Parish Council has decided to host Oktoberfest in place of Martinovanje which will return next year.

This event will be held in the lower hall and there will be a limited number of tickets available.

So if you are looking forward to a night of fun, singing and dancing, please call :

Heidy Novak at 905-317-6002 for your tickets.

Entrance to the Oktoberfest event will be **\$20**.

Food and drink available for purchase and **entertainment** will be provided by **Slo Beat**.

Oktoberfest



**Saturday
October 28, 2023**

at

St. Gregory the Great!

Reserve you Spot!

Limited tickets Available

\$20 Entry Fee

Food & Drinks available

Call or text to

Heidy Novak 905-317-6002

Svete maše - Masses

27. NEDELJA MED LETOM 8. OKTOBER <i>Pelagija, spokornica</i>	††	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 A.M.	-----
	††	Paula in Franc Pelcar		Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z družino
	††	Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo		Jožica Novak z družino
	††	Marija in Evgen Ferletič		Milan in Sandy Ferletič z družino
	††	Pok. iz družine Vuk		Marija Hočevar
	††	Elizabeth Gerič, obl.	11:00 A.M.	Joe Gerič z družino
	†	Lojze Lesica, obl.		Žena Marija z družino
	††	Katarina, obl. in Franc Kapušin		Hči Sonya in Joe z družinama



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. **POROKE / 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

DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 9. OKTOBER <i>Abraham in Sara</i>	†	Jožefa Lukšič Na čast Kristusove krvi	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Hapke Slavica
TOREK - TUESDAY 10. OKTOBER <i>Danilo, mučenec</i>	† †	Franc Levstik Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo Anton Vinčec	7:00 P.M.	Teodor Klepec Jožica Vegelj z družino Brian in Štefica Marković
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 11. OKTOBER <i>Janez XXIII., papež</i>	† †	Za bolne in trpeče Rudi Korošec, obl. Franc Jernejčič	11:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.	Srečanje bolnikov in starejših Gertrude Korošec z družino Hči sonja Langenfus
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 12. OKTOBER <i>Maksimiljan Celjski, muč.</i>	† †	Za mir in spravo na svetu Anton Vinčec Ivan Zelko	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Novak z družino Ignac Dorenčec Ignac Dorenčec
PETEK - FRIDAY 13. OKTOBER <i>Koloman, mučenec</i>	† † †† ††	Rudi Zorčič, obl. Marjan Svoljšak Starši Ceklin Starši Svoljšak	7:00 P.M.	Jožica Vegelj z družino Ana Plosinjak Amalija Svoljšak z družino Amalija Svoljšak z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 14. OKTOBER <i>Kalist I., papež-muč. Silvan, mučenec</i>	† † † † †† †† † ††	Marija Vlačič Karel Volf Janez Kosednar Za duše v vicah Joe, John in Norma Tompa Jože Zagorc Tony Vinčec Ivan Zelko	5:30 P.M.	Žena in otroci Žena Marija Žena Hema z družino Marija Košir Terezija in Ignac Sarjaš Sestra Jožica z družino Terezija Prša z družino Terezija Prša z družino
28. NEDELJA MED LETOM 15. OKTOBER <i>Terezija Avilska, red.</i>	†† †† † †† †† †† †† †	Za žive in rajne župljane Franc in Cecilija Antolin Paula in Rudy Levstek Francka Pust Franc, Ana in Frank Jr. (obl.) Cecilija in Janez Frumen Maks Pavličič Slavica in Frank Mramor Joe Lackovič	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	----- Družina Čule Levstek & McLean Družina Pust Albina in Jože Antolin Hči Vera z družino Helen Špiler Družina Berkovič Joe Gerič z družino