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KDO JE RESNIČNO PRAVIČEN

V evangeliju današnje nedelje Jezus močno vztraja pri tem, da moramo biti pripravljeni. Prvo berilo nam pokaže, da so bili Judje pripravljeni na izhod. Drugo berilo nam govori o veri, ki je tudi neki vidik pripravljenosti.

Jezus v evangelijih večkrat vztraja, da je nujno, da smo pripravljeni. Vtem odlomku predstavi priliko o dveh služabnikih, ki čakata svojega gospodarja, ki je odpotoval. Vrnil se bo, vendar se ne ve, kdaj točno, ob kateri uri. Zato morajo služabniki biti pripravljeni, opasani in s prižganimi svetilkami, da gospodarju lahko takoj odprejo in mu tako pokažejo, da so ga čakali.

Po drugi strani pa z odgovorom Petru Jezus pokaže drugi vidik tega pričakovanja: kdor ne pričakuje gospodarjevega prihoda in misli, da se bo zelo zakasnil, si vzame vso svobodo in se prepusti mnogim zlorabam. Služabnik, ki je na čelu služinčadi in misli: »Moj gospodar zamuja s svojim prihodom,« začne pretepati hlapce in dekle in se upijanjati. Kadar ne pričakujemo gospodarja, so mogoči vsi prestopki.

Za služabnika, ki je pripravljen, je najbolj pomemben odnos do gospodarja. Tak služabnik misli na to, kar bi gospodar želel dobiti ob vrnitvi in se potrudi, da bo gospodar v resnici zadovoljen.

Za krščansko življenje je to temeljna drža: biti pripravljeni, ker čakamo Kristusa. Najpomembnejši je odnos do njega. Biti moramo vedno na voljo za to, kar bi želel od nas.

Če pozabimo na to čakanje na Gospoda, tedaj gre naše življenje v napačno smer. Iščemo druga zadovoljstva, druge užitke in naše življenje izgubi smer, ki mora biti smer ljubezni do Gospoda. Kdor pa vse dela s to usmeritvijo, nima nobenega razloga, da bi se bal, kdaj se Gospod vrne: pripravljen bo in ga bo lahko sprejel z veseljem.

Evangelij nam pove, da mu bo Gospod tedaj pokazal izredno velikodušnost: »Blagor tistim služabnikom, ki jih bo gospodar ob

svojem prihodu našel budne! Resnično, povem vam: opasal se bo in jih posadil za mizo. Pristopil bo in jim stregel.« Gospodar bo postal služabnik, da bi stregel svojim služabnikom.

Tako nam Jezus da razumeti, kakšna je njegova velikodušnost do nas. Brez omahovanja je postal služabnik služabnikov; on, gospodar in učitelj, naš Gospod, je začel umivati noge svojim apostolom, da bi jim pokazal pot služenja in ljubezni (prim. Jn 13,3-17). Služenje in ljubezen morata namreč vedno hoditi skupaj: brez služenja je ljubezen prazna, brez ljubezni pa je služenje nepopolno.

Prosimo Gospoda za milost, da bi ga bili vedno pripravljeni sprejeti, ko bo prišel. To se bo zanesljivo zgodilo za vsakega izmed nas v trenutku smrti. Nikdar se ne smemo sprijazniti, da bi se znašli zunaj Božje milosti, v stanju, ki bi izzvalo našo upravičeno obsodbo z Gospodove strani.

Biti pa moramo pripravljeni sprejeti tudi navdihe, ki nam jih Gospod daje v vsakem trenutku življenja, in storiti, da bo naše življenje vedno odgovarjalo njegovim željam in da bo zato lepo življenje, bogato po dobrih delih, ki jih bomo naredili z Gospodovo milostjo.

Biti pripravljeni torej pomeni biti pozorni, da spoznamo Gospodove želje, da bi mogli nanje odgovoriti. Krščansko življenje, v katerem je vedno živ odnos z Gospodom, je zelo lepo in zbuja veliko upanje in veliko ljubezen!

V prvem berilu avtor knjige Modrosti pravi, da so bili Judje pripravljeni v času njihovega odhoda iz Egipta: »Tvoje ljudstvo je pričakovalo rešitev za pravične in pogubo za sovražnike.«

Judje so bili pripravljeni na poseg Boga, ki je prišel sodit. Zato so skrivaj darovali daritve in obljubljali, da so vsi enako deležni dobrin in nevarnosti. Tako so živeli v bratski ljubezni in hvalnicah Bogu.

V drugem berilu nam avtor pisma Hebrejcem govori o veri kot o »obstoju resničnosti, v katere upamo, zagotovilo stvari, ki jih ne vidimo.«

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

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FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9

God is faithful and saves his people when they are in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19

Even though they did not live to see it fulfilled, Abraham and Sarah had faith in God's promise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 5.3

Alleluia - Keep awake and be ready, for you know not when the Son of Man is coming! - Alleluia.

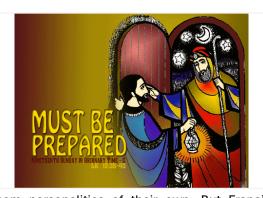
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus tells us that where our treasure is, that is where our hearts will be.



Illustration

I suppose if you mentioned the name of St Francis of Assisi to some people it would bring a smile to many a face, whether Christian or not. They may not know much about him, but they have an idea that he loved nature, and didn't he once preach to the birds? There are many delightful tales about the life of St Francis, and whether or not he preached to the birds it doesn't matter; it's the sort of thing that he could and would have done. But to think of Francis as just a nature lover is too simple. It was because he saw in Jesus, who was God, who became human, that God's love flowed over, as it were, into all creation as the most beautiful expression of God's loving kindness. Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brother Fire and Sister Water, Francis gave



them personalities of their own. But Francis wasn't always like that. He was born over 800 years ago in the little town of Assisi in Italy. His father was a rich cloth merchant and when he was a young man Francis loved the high life, fancy clothes, going out with his pals, singing the songs of the troubadours about courtly love and chivalry. He wanted to become a knight and ride into battle, so he joined an expedition from Assisi to fight against another town with which they had quarrelled. Francis' world fell apart. He was captured and put in prison and came out a changed man. Jesus had touched his heart and Francis lost his heart in Jesus. He gave up his finery and put on a peasant's clothes. He went about preaching, and the joy that radiated from him attracted other people to join him. Soon the little group became hundreds and then thousands and took on the form of a religious order. In religious orders the members make vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. With Francis' "Little Brothers" it was slightly different; the word "poverty" was changed to "without owning anything". Francis didn't possessions because he had found his treasure deep in the heart of his loving Lord.

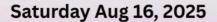
Gospel teaching

In the first couple of verses in today's Gospel we hear Jesus comforting and reassuring his disciples. Not all their preaching had gone well, and they were down at heart. We could imagine

Jesus smiling and saying gently to them, "Don't be afraid, little flock", and encouraging them by reminding them that, whatever difficulties they faced, nothing compared to the fact that they were part of the kingdom of God. In the next few verses, Luke seems to be addressing a wider audience that includes what we might call "church officials", as well as the immediate disciples. Jesus asks them to consider what is their heart's desire and what gets in the way of it. We might remember the story of the rich young man who came to Jesus and asked what he must do to inherit life: Jesus told him to obey the commandments. The young man said he had kept them. Then we are told Jesus looked at him. loved him and said that there was one more thing the young man needed to do: give away his possessions so that he could help people who didn't have enough to live on. The young man went away sad, because he was very rich. Some commentators write off the young man, but we don't know what happened to him. Perhaps he prayed about what Jesus had told him and did give his things away. When St Francis wrote in his Rule that his brothers must live without owning anything, he understood Jesus' words: "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also," If we're not on our guard, our possessions can turn on us and actually possess us.

Application

Peter asked Jesus, "Is this parable for us or for everyone?" I think we can take it that it's for everyone, especially for those of us who are clergy, bishops, priests, deacons and popes. Jesus expects us to be faithful stewards of his household and not to look for power and praise. In one of his sermons, Pope Francis warned the clergy about three temptations. One was vanity: looking for admiration from devoted followers. Another was the desire for money and the last was the lust for power. Pope Francis said if we want to climb to high positions in the Church, it would be better if we went mountain climbing. It's much healthier.



The Bled Slovenian Cultural Society invites you to join for

BOGRACFEST!

Taste Testing, Team Prizes, Live Music, Raffles, Sizzling Hot Menu including Bograč

Featuring:

The Nu-Tones & Polka King Walter Ostanek
The Nageljčki Children's Folklore Dance Group

Park admission:

\$10.00 per person (Ages 6 & under free) Bled Hall

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REGISTER A TEAM!

Up to 4 people per team Entry Fee: \$100

For more information or to register email secretary@bled.ca







Includes: 18 holes + cart + lunch + dinner

50/50 ~ Door Prizes ~ Raffle

\$40 Dinner Only

**Dinner to follow at Bled Hall

14 SEPTEMBER, 2025

Register by Aug. 23 \$150 Per Golfer

Email leo@bled.ca for more information & sponsorship opportunities

Cardinal Lakes G&CC 105 S. Pelham Rd. Welland



Please join us for one of our summer events in the Park

Music in the Park Picnic

Featuring: Ansambel Šibaj!

Sunday August 10, 2025

Doors Open at 1:00 p.m. Admission: \$5 per person



Live Music from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Slovenian food favourites from the kitchen and pork from the barbecue!

No outside coolers, beverages, or food allowed. Pets are happier at home.

Slovenski park - August Long Weekend

What a fantastic August long weekend at Slovenski Park! We were blessed with beautiful weather and an incredible atmosphere throughout the entire weekend.

The park was alive with energy as our basketball, cornhole, and bocce tournaments brought out the competitive spirit in everyone, making for some fun-filled and exciting matches. The kitchen team kept us well-fed with delicious meals that truly hit the spot. Thank you for all your hard work!

Saturday night's karaoke was a crowd favorite, with voices echoing across the park in a celebration of music, laughter, and community spirit.

A special thank you goes out to Fr. Drago for another beautiful Sunday Mass. This year, we were especially proud to host our first-ever 'Bark in the Park', where our beloved pets joined us for Mass and received a special blessing which was a touching and memorable addition to our weekend.

As always, none of this would be possible without the tireless dedication of our members and volunteers. Your hard work and commitment are the heart of our community. Thank you! Another Thank you to Moya Financial for their continued support and dedication to our Slovenian community.

We can't wait to see you all again for the September long weekend. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Slovenski Park Executive Committee





Slovenian Summer Day Camp 2025



Day Camp 2025 se je odvijal od torka 5. Avgusta do petka 8. Avgusta. Okrog 25 udeležencev in 8 mlajših animatorjev, seveda pa še Heidy in Sonya in še nekaj starejših, ki so občasno pomagale pri izpeljavi programa. Vreme je bilo lepo, včasih še prevroče. Tako da se je nekaj odvijalo zunaj na travniku, senca dreves je tudi pomagala ali pa smo se zbrali v spodnji dvorani. Kaj več bo o samem programu napisala Heidy, danes samo the nekaj vrstic, več pa bodo povedale slike same. Vsako jutro smo se zbrali v kapeli, vsak je povedal za kaj je hvaležen, obenem pa smo se tudi s pesmijo priporočili. Milan Vinčec nam je pomagal s svojim glasom in kitaro, da je pesem donela iz mladih grl.







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OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- Avg. 10th Lipa Park Music in the Park Picnic
- Avg. 10th Sava-Breslau Mass 1:30 PM, Picnic
- Avg. 16th Bled Bograč Fest
- Aug. 29-Sep. 1st **Slovenski Park** Labour Day Weekend Mass Aug. 31st at 1:00 PM.
- Sep. 1st Bled End of Summer Picnic
- Sep. 6th **Midland** Slovensko letno romanje začetek bo 10:00 a.m., maša ob 12:00h
- Sep. 14th **Bled** Annual Golf Tournament
- Sep. 14th London Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Sep. 20th Sv. Jožef- Bocce Tournament
- Sep. 21st St. Gregory FALL BANQUET
- Oct. 5th Lipa Park Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Oct. 15th St. Gregory Maša za bolnike

Bralec - Reader:

- Sidonia Poppa

ČIŠČENJE - CELANING

Aug. 15th - Štefka Eržen Team Aug. 29th - Lojzka Novak team



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

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Tompa	Ivan John	August 11, 2015
Dorenčec	Irma	August 13, 2019
Doma	Ana	August 13, 2023
Troha	Zdravko	August 14, 2016
Erzetič	Slavomir Stan	August 15, 1998
Simončič	Michael Ivan	August 15, 2018
Bratuž	Stanko	August 16, 1986
Peršin	Jacob	August 16, 1987
Krampač	Ignac (Ana)	August 16, 2012
Hočevar	Anna	August 16, 2017

2025 Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation Awards – Applications Now Open

The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that applications for the 2025 awards are now being accepted. These awards recognize students of Slovenian-Canadian descent who reside in the Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, and Niagara regions. Applicants will be evaluated based on their academic achievements, community involvement, and commitment to their Slovenian heritage.

Selected recipients will receive a monetary award in the form of a scholarship or bursary.

Awards will be presented at St. Gregory's Fall Luncheon on September 21, 2025.

How to Apply:

Request an application form by emailing Teresa Zupančič at teresa.zupancic@gmail.com.

Submit your completed application package via email to the same address by 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

Questions? Please contact:

Teresa Zupancic: 905-515-1286 teresa.zupancic@gmail.com Irene Glavac Petric: 905-379-3667 glavacpetric@gmail.com

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

V spomin ali namesto rož za pok. Jožefa Ftičar:

- \$100.- Ivan in Micka Horvat (London)
- \$500.- John in Elizabeth Ftičar
- \$100.- Marija Štern in Sonya Podrebarac
- \$100.- Anna in Martin Balažic

Slovenski Park Presents

SEPTEMBER LONG WEEKEND

aug 30th - Sept 1st

Saturday Aug 30th

FRANK GIMPELJ MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT ROUND ROBIN DJ JASON @ NIGHT KITCHEN AND BAR OPEN

Sunday Aug 31st

FRANK GIMPELJ MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT FINALS MASS @ 1PM KITCHEN AND BAR OPEN ANSABEL ŠIBAJ @ NIGHT

to register a team:

Contact:

MIKE TRIGIANI - MTRIG75@GMAIL.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact:

INFO@SLOVENSKIPARK.COM

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V spomin ali namesto rož za pok. Marijo Volf:

- \$100.- Družina Škrban
- \$150.- Družina Uduč
- \$100.- Družina Recek
- \$ 50.- Štefanija Molec
- \$100.- Mary in Leslie Fulop

Hvala za vaš dar.







Feast Of Assumption Of Our Lady Friday, August 15, 2025

St. Gregory The Great Catholic Church

6:00 p.m. Marmora Presentation

6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

7:30 p.m. Refreshments, Information

All are welcome ... invite a friend!

For more information, please, call:

• Catharine at 905-318-2242

- at 905-930-7442 Angela



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. POROKA/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 Cheques: When you write a cheque for donation to our church, please write: St. Gregory the Great Parish

Svete maše - Masses

19. NEDELJA MED LETOM 19 TH SUNDAY IN OT 10. avgust Lovrenc, mučenec	†† † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Štefan Gonza Paula in Franc Pelcar Frank Verdinšek, obl. Peter in Linda Novak Irma Dorenčec, obl. Pokojni člani društva Sava Karl, Rudolf in Johanna Planinc Daniel Murko Mary Frankovič Rudy Kriwetz	10:00 AM	lvanka Kramar in Marija Kreslin Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Žena in hčerke Julie in John Letnik Mož z družino Maša v Breslau-Kitchener Sestra in hčerka Anna Celan Mama Anna Celan Daughter Nancy Družina Mirt
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 11. avgustj Klara (Jasna), devica	† †	Martin Tompa Francka Karlin	7:00 рм	Marko in Ana Milković Sestra Jožica Novak z družino
TOREK - TUESDAY 12. avgust <i>Ivana Šantalska, red.</i>	† †	Eileen MarcKenzie Jože Gačnik	7:00 рм	N. N. Žena Jera z družino
S REDA - W EDNESDAY 13. avgust <i>Gertruda, opatinja</i>	† † †	Paul Richard Novak Ana Doma, obl. Ana Doma, obl.	7:00 рм	Mama Jožica Novak z družino Hči Julie Vera Gonza z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 14. avgust Maksimilijan Kolbe, muč.	†	Ludvik Prevec	7:00 рм	Žena Ida z družino
PETEK - FRIDAY 15. avgust <i>Marijino vnebovzetje</i>	† † † †	Slavko Erzetič, obl. Rok Groznik Pavel in Paul Richard Novak V čast Materi Božji Roža Rožnega venca Apolonija Marič Materi Božji v zahvalo	7:00 рм	Hčerke z družino Družina Groznik Helena Špiler z družino Angela Kobe Albina Antolin Jože in Albina Antolin Ana Tadić
Sobota - Saturday 16. avgust Rok, spokornik Štefan Ogrski, kralj		Matija Vlašič Joe Lackovič Zvonko Horvat Franc Raduha Jožef Ftičar Jožef Ftičar	5:30 рм	Žena Jožica in otroci Žena z družino Vera Lackovič z družino Žena z družino Vera Lackovič z družino Marija Korošec z družino
20. NEDELJA MED LETOM 20™ SUNDAY IN OT 17. avgust Evzebij, papež	††	Za žive in rajne župljane Peter in Linda Novak Peter in Linda Novak Angela Petkovič Joe Ftičar Darinka Ferletič	10:00 ам	Frank in Lojzka Novak z družino Mirko in Irena Kolmanič z družino Matilda Prša Matilda Prša Milan in Sandy Ferletič