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26. NEDELJA

MED LETOM

26TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME



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Spreobrnjenje rešuje človeka

Današnji evangelijski odlomek opozarja na neskladnost, ki se včasih kaže v našem obnašanju. Na evangelij nas pripravlja že prvo berilo, vzeto iz preroka Ezekijela. Drugo berilo pa je veličastno poučevanje o Kristusu in o krščanskem ravnanju.

Človek lahko spremeni ravnanje, tako dober lahko postane hudoben, iz slabega pa se spremeni v dobrega. Ezekijel govori o pravičnem človeku, ki se pozneje oddalji od pravičnosti, nato pa o krivičnem človeku, ki zapusti hudobno pot. V božjem imenu, pravi, takšno ravnanje, kot je bilo prikazano, zasluži bodisi priznanje bodisi kazen: če se pravični odvrne od svoje pravičnosti in počenja hudobijo, bo umrl zaradi hudega, kar ga je storil; če pa krivičnik odneha s hudobijo, ki jo je povzročal, in deluje pravično in pošteno, bo oživel sam sebe.



Jezus v evangeliju govori o istem, vendar na nekoliko drugačen način. Predstavlja človeka, ki je imel dva sina. Obrne se k prvemu in mu reče: »Sin, pojdi danes delat v vinograd!« Sin mu takoj odgovori in zagotovi pripravljenost: »Da, gospod.« Vendar so to le besede, ki se ne uresničijo: sin sploh ni šel na delo. Drugi sin se obnaša popolnoma drugače. Ko ga oče prosi: »Sin, pojdi danes delat v vinograd!«, mu odvrne: »Nočem!« Pozneje pa se premisli in gre delat.

Ob tem Jezus velikim duhovnikom in voditeljem ljudstva postavi vprašanje: »Kateri od teh dveh je izpolnil očetovo voljo?« Oni odgovorijo: »Zadnji.« Očetovo voljo je izpolnil sin, ki je v začetku zavrnil očetov ukaz, pozneje pa se je pokesal in je izpolnil tisto, kar je hotel oče.

Jezus svojim poslušalcem navrže zelo hud očitek: »Resnično, povem vam: Cestinarji in nečistnice pojdejo pred vami v Božje kraljestvo.« Cestinarji in nečistnice so ljudje, ki se ne ravna po božji volji; vendar so se po oznanjevanju Janeza Krstnika, spreobrnil. Cestinarji in nečistnice so se pokesali in so spremenili svoje življenje. Veliki duhovniki in ljudski starešine pa, ki sicer javno razglašajo svojo velikodušno pripa-

dnost božji volji, ki so ljudje v službi skupnega dobrega in zahtevajo, da jih ljudstvo javno časti in spoštuje - ti v resnici niso prav nič dojemljivi za izpolnjevanje božje volje. Jezus jim je rekel: »Janez je namreč prišel k vam po poti pravičnosti in mu niste verjeli.«

Veliki duhovniki in starešine ljudstva so še nadaljevali s svojo hinavščino. Njihovo zunanje obnašanje je bilo na videz brezmadežno, v resnici pa so hlepli le po slavi in iskanju zgolj osebnih koristi.

Jezusove besede so poučne tudi za nas in nas spodbujajo smo kristjani tudi v obnašanju. Drugo berilo nam kaže, kakšno naj bi bilo naše krščansko obnašanje: »Dopolnite moje veselje s tem, da ste istih misli in iste ljubezni, ene duše in enega mišljenja ...« Jezus bi lahko zase pričakoval čast, slavo, privilegije, ki izhajajo iz njegovega božjega sinovstva - on pa se je odpovedal vsem svojim privilegijem, da bi lahko postal solidaren in podoben ljudem.

Podobno naj bi se odločali tudi mi. Gre za zelo zahtevne stvari, vendar je to sestavni del pristne poti ljubezni. Takrat si bomo zaslužili božjo slavo, ki je slava ljubezni. Bog je ljubezen in njegovo slavo sestavlja prav ljubezen. Jezus je dosegel tako slavo: »Zato ga je Bog povzdignil nad vse in mu podaril ime, ki je nad vsakim imenom.«

Da bi res pokazali z življenjem, da smo kristjani nam apostol Pavel daje tale nasvet: »Ne delajte ničesar iz prepirljivosti in ne iz praznega slavohlepa, ampak imejte v ponižnosti drug drugega za boljšega od sebe.« »Naj nobeden ne gleda samo nase, temveč tudi na druge.« Kristjanovo obnašanje mora zaznamovati velikodušna ljubezen, ki je povsem nesebična. To se nam sicer zdi ideal, postavljen previsoko, ki ga ne moremo doseči z našimi zemeljskimi močmi. Vendar nam je Jezus s svojim križem in vstajenjem zaslužil vse potrebne milosti, da bi lahko živeli v skladu s tem idealom.

Evharistija nam posreduje prav moč, da bi hodili v tej smeri. V njej prejemamo Jezusa v trenutku njegove največje ljubezni, v trenutku, ko nam daje samega sebe, svoje telo in svojo kri. Zato, potem ko smo je bili deležni, imamo tudi sami v sebi potrebno moč, da pogumno in velikodušno hodimo po poti, ki nam jo je Jezus zarisal. To je pot prave sreče, kajti to je pot popolne ljubezni.

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

R: Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

It is right that we receive the just rewards of our actions, good or evil.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

In our minds we must be like Christ Jesus, who emptied himself that he might be raised by God in glory.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

We receive the reward of true righteousness.

"Which of the two did the father's will?"



Illustration

How often are we misled by talk or appearances? We have many proverbs that caution us against such susceptibility. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." "Handsome is as handsome does." Nevertheless, we are still easily hoodwinked by glossy presentation or weasel words. Sometimes the position of a person impresses us. Perhaps it is the need in us to be reassured, that uncertainty which asks a professional for honest advice when their main concern may be selling us something. There will always be someone only too willing to take advantage of our vulnerability, in any field. The difficulty today is that the skills of advertising have leapt from the marketplace to nearly every aspect of life. We are all asked to sell ourselves in some way, by which is usually meant that we are required to spend our energies more on the appearance of what we are offering than on its real content.



Too often there is a gap between the glossy presentation and the reality within. As we spend so much time on the appearance of what we are offering, we can lose sight of the actual content. We have a lovely brochure or website saying what sort of school, church, community we are. We may even convince ourselves of the truth of what we say. But the detached observer sees only too easily that the emperor is not wearing any clothes.

Gospel Teaching

It is this sort of contradiction between word and action that Jesus identifies in the chief priests and elders. After arriving in Jerusalem he enters into debate with them about the genuine fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. There is always a temptation for leaders to believe too much in their own authority. They tend to think that, because they have such an important position in society, what they say must be true. Jesus challenges such an assumption. There must always be a coherence between what we preach to others and what we do ourselves. John the Baptist had come, a pattern of righteousness, but the people who listened to him and accepted his message, changing their lives accordingly, had been the public sinners in society. The leaders and supposedly righteous people had refused to believe him, just as now they refused to

believe Jesus and his message.

St Paul in his letter to the Philippians is aware of the same temptation. He tells his listeners that they must not be drawn into competition or conceit, for such attitudes breed dissent and disunity. Rather we are called to put other people's interests first. Our pattern is that of Christ Jesus, who cast off his appearance as equal to God and chose to assume the condition of a slave. This is a total reversal of the power game, but it is because of his self-

emptying that Jesus is raised on high and given a name above all other names to the glory of God the Father.

Application

How do we prevent ourselves being drawn into a world of false appearances? How do we ensure that we always practise what we preach? It is easy to start out with the best of intentions, but, as we have noted, the nature of our world is so shot through with the idea of selling ourselves that it can be difficult to pursue an alternative path.

It is as though Jesus recognises this difficulty by being so uncompromising in his own words and practice. His way of ensuring an integrity of word and deed is to empty himself of any claim to power or position. Elsewhere he will address the question of fancy titles. The only title he uses for himself is that of "Son of Man", and the only way of life he follows is that of a wandering preacher, with nowhere to lay his head. If we examine our own positions in life (and if we are honest in that examination) we will acknowledge just how much we are tempted to say one thing and do another, to use our own power or status to achieve our ends. When we empty ourselves of such trappings of power, we have no means of pretence any more. And, perhaps ironically, we now have a greater freedom to adhere to the truth, for we are no longer bound by the complex world of expectations that come from the world of propaganda. We are free to do what we say we will do.

Mendoški Oktet



IZ ARGENTINE | FROM ARGENTINA

Friday, October 6, 2023

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medals, Toronto | 7:30pm

*In the Church following Mass



Saturday, October 7, 2023

St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton

* At Mass 5:30 pm - Concert following Mass

For more information, contact:

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Bled Slovenian
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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

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **Oct. 1 - Lipa Park** - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- **Oct. 7 - St. Gregory the Great** - Gostovanje slovenskega okteta iz Mendoza - Argentina
- **Oct. 10 - St. Gregory the Great** - Srečanje bolnikov in starejših - Maša ob 11:00 a.m.
- **Oct. 14 - Bled** - Oktoberfest
- **Oct. 28 - Slovenski Park** - Oktoberfest - Band: Golden Keys
- **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. 11 - St. Gregory the Great** - Martinovanje - Wine Testing
- **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
- Nov. 12th - Gosgnach team
- Nov. 26th - Štefka Eržen team

BRALEC - READER

Slovenian - Frank Novak
English - Mary Miklavčič

GIFT BEARERS AT SLOVENIAN MASS

- Oct. 1st - Josephine Hapke & Mary Holder
- Oct. 8th - Danny Fujs & Aranka Dundek
- Oct. 15th - Milena Volčanšek & Majda Lukežič

PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY

Ta teden je prvi petek v mesecu. Zvečer ob 6h bo priložnost za spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim, ob pol sedmih rožni venec in ob 7h sveta maša.

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.



DAROV - DONATIONS

V spomin na pokojnega Marjana Svoljšak družini Žvan & Watson darujeta \$100 za gradbeni sklad.

V spomin na pok. Ivana Zelko sta \$100 darovala za gradbeni sklad Toni in Marija Franc.

Ob smrti Antona Vinčec so družina in sorodniki darovala za cerkev \$260.

Hvala za vse vase darove.

ZAHVALA

Ob smrti Ivana Zelko se nečak David, družina in sorodniki zahvaljujejo vsem, ki ste se udeležili pogrebne svete maše, darovali za cerkev, svete maše, izrekli sožalje in pokojnega Ivana pospremili v večnem počitku.

CWL - KŽZ

CWL Mass Intentions for October 4: Appreciation and thanks for our blessings as a parish community.

Our next general CWL meeting is scheduled for October 4th after 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Welcome ladies.

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA

Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration is still opened.

<https://www.stcharles.ca/ilreg>

Have Questions? Contact Sandy Ferletič at sferletic@gmail.com or 905-977-8464

Svete maše - Masses

26. NEDELJA MED LETOM 1. OKTOBER <i>Rožnovenska nedelja</i> <i>Terezija Deteta Jezusa,</i> <i>redovnica</i>	† †† † † † ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Alojz Lesica, obl. Pok. duhovniki naše župnije Max Pavličič Leopold Kline Anton Vinčec Apolonija (obl.) in Ivan Gjerek	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	----- Jože Gimpelj Jožica Novak z družino Društvo sv. Jožefa (3) Društvo sv. Jožefa (2) Sestra Terezija Horvat Hči Terezija Prša z družino
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Sunday Masses

- 9:30 a.m. - Slovenian

- 11:00 a.m. - English

**Na račun »Eno Srce,
Ena Duša« - »One
Heart, One Soul« ste
za našo slovensko
župnijo sv. Gregorija**



**Velikega do 29. sept. 2023 pripevali:
\$182,952.-**

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali.

Naš cilj je, da dosežemo vsoto 200.000,-



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

Petek	Ana	October 2, 1999
Gerič	Elizabeta	October 2, 2017
Horvat	Štefan	October 2, 2018
Škerl	Branko	October 3, 1987
Lesica	Alojz	October 4, 2021
Eržen	Edward	October 5, 2019
Marič	Franc	October 5, 2019
Kwiatkowski	Julie	October 6, 1996
Ray	Štefan	October 6, 2018
Golob	Ciril	October 7, 1965
Gričnik	Maximilian	October 7, 1978
Kapušin	Katarina	October 8, 2020



DON BOSCO

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

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 2. OKTOBER <i>Angeli varuhi</i>	†† †† †	Pavel in Pul Richard Novak Ignac, Viktor & Danny Doma Elizabeta Gerič, obl. Na čast Kristusove krvi	7:00 P.M.	Helen Špiler Agata in Alojz Sarjaš z družino Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš z družino Slavica
TOREK - TUESDAY 3. OKTOBER <i>Gerard, opat</i>	†† † †	Joe, John in Norma Tompa Eileen MacKenzie Anton Vinčec	7:00 P.M.	Terezija in Ignac Sarjaš N. N. Ana Plosinjak
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 4. OKTOBER <i>Frančišek Asiški, red. ust.</i>	† † †† †† ††	Franc Marič, obl. Tony Letnik Marija in Alojz Joželj Pok. iz družine Letnik Pok. iz družine Krajnc Bogu v zahvalo	7:00 P.M.	Družina Marič Anica Letnik z družino Hči Sonja Langenfus Ludvik Krajnc (Slovenija) Ludvik Krajnc (Slovenija) KŽZ - CWL
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 5. OKTOBER <i>Marija Favstina, red.</i>	† †	Matilda Ludvik Ivanka Hafner	7:00 P.M.	Ana Plosinjak Jožica Novak z družino
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 6. OKTOBER <i>Bruno ust. Kartuzijanov</i>	†† †† †† †	Special intention Jure in Marija Rajbar Štefan obl. in Gizella Raj Ivan Zelko, 30. dan	7:00 P.M.	Frank Kunkel Ana Gergyek Family Sestra Marija in Toni Franc z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 7. OKTOBER <i>Rožnovenska Mati Božja Sergij, mučenec</i>	† † † † †† †† †† † †† † †† †	Jakob Muhič Marija Bukvič Frank Pinter Janez Žvan Starši Žvan Starši Štros Anton Terbogt Tila in Anton Vengar Marjan Svoljšak Janez Žvan Alojz Prilesnik in starši Branko Blazon	5:30 P.M.	Družina Muhič Anton Bukvič z družino Ljudmila Pinter z družino Žena Marija z družino Družina Žvan Hči Marija Žvan z družino Družini Žvan & Watson Družini Žvan & Watson Družini Žvan & Watson Družina Svoljšak Žena Marija in sinova z družino Marija Prilesnik z družino
27. NEDELJA MED LETOM 8. OKTOBER <i>Pelagija, spokornica</i>	†† †† †† †† † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Katarina, obl. in Franc Kapušin Paula in Franc Pelcar Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo Marija in Evgen Ferletič Pok. iz družine Vuk Elizabeth Gerič, obl. Lojze Lesica, obl. Franc in Katarina (obl.) Kapušin	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	----- Hči Sonya in Joe z družino Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z družino Jožica Novak z družino Milan in Sandy Ferletič z družino Marija Hočevnar Joe Gerič z družino Žena Marija z družino Hči in sin z družinama

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