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MARIJIN „BOLJŠI“ DEL.

Med prvim berilom današnje nedelje in evangelijem je očitna povezava: v obeh gre za gostoljubnost. Abraham se pokaže velikodušen v gostoljubnosti do treh mož, ki pridejo k njegovemu šotoru. Jezus je deležen gostoljubnosti v Martini in Marijini hiši.

Vendar je med obema dogodkoma tudi precej globoka razlika. Pri Abrahamu je zlasti poudarjena očakova velikodušnost pri sprejemu treh mož, ki postanejo njegovi gostje. Brž ko jih vidi prihajati k njegovemu šotoru, jim steče naproti, se jim prikloni do tal in jih prosi - kot bi prosil za milost naj bodo njegovi gostje: "Moj gospod, če sem našel naklonjenost v tvojih očeh, nikar ne hodi mimo svojega služabnika!"

Ta Abrahamova drža nas preseneti. Takoj poskrbi, da se tem možem umijejo noge in da se zanje pripravi obilna jed, ko da zaklati mlado in lepo tele, Sari pa naroči naj speče kolače.

Pripoved nam razkrije, da je Abraham, ko je sprejel te tri osebe, v resnici sprejel Boga. Ta prizor je zelo ljub predvsem vzhodni Cerkvi. Obstaja slovita Rubljovova ikona, ki ta prizor obnavlja in mu daje trinitarčno razlago. Ko Abraham sprejme tri osebe, dejansko reče: "Moj gospod", kakor da bi bil en sam. V tej podrobnosti so cerkveni očetje videli znamenje Trojice: tri osebe, ki pa so en sam Gospod.

Gostoljubnost je tukaj zelo hvaljena in povzdignjena, ker nam pripoved nakazuje, da s tem, ko smo gostoljubni, stopamo v stik z Bogom.

Tudi Bog se izkaže velikodušnega saj Abrahamu obljubi: "Čez leto dni se bom vrnil k tebi in glej, tvoja žena Sara bo imela sina."

Abraham in Sara nista več upala na rojstvo sina, saj sta bila že v letih. Gospod je kot nagrado za velikodušno gostoljubnost naredil ta čudež.

V evangeliju imamo zgled gostoljubnosti Marte, ki postreže Jezusu, in naredi vse, da bi se v njeni hiši dobro počutil.

Evangelij pokaže, da sta dva zelo različna načina, kako sprejeti Jezusa kot gosta: prvi je aktiven Martin način, ki skrbi, da zanj postori

toliko stvari; in je Marijin način, ki Jezusa sprejme tako, da sede k njegovim nogam in ga posluša.

Jezus nam da razumeti, da je ta drugi način bolj pravilen. Potreben je tudi prvi; vendar gosta bolj počastimo tako, da poslušamo njegovo besedo, da skušamo razumeti, kaj hoče, kaj pravi in kaj predlaga. V Jezusovem primeru je to toliko bolj pomembno, ker je njegova beseda beseda samega Boga.

Zato si je Marija »izvolila boljši del«; ona sama je postala gostja, tista, ki jo je sprejel Gospod in ki se nasičuje z njegovo besedo. V tem smislu je odnos gostoljubnosti vzajemen.

Marta tega ne razume in prevzeta od mnogih opravi reče Jezusu: »Gospod, ti ni mar, da me je sestra pustila samo streči? Reci ji vendar, naj mi pomaga!« Zdi se, da je to zelo normalna prošnja, a ne za Jezusa, ki pograja Marto, ker jo skrbi mnogo stvari, in brani Marijo, ki »si je izvolila boljši del, ki ji ne bo odvzet«.

Tukaj vidimo drug način razumevanja gostoljubnosti, predvsem pa vidimo pomen poslušanja Božje besede. Nam je vedno potrebno, da sprejmemo Jezusa, sprejmemo njegovo besedo, sprejmemo ljubezen njegovega srca. Ne smemo se slepiti misleč, da smo pomembni mi, da moramo mi služiti Gospodu, da brez nas ne bo mogel uresničiti svojega dela. Naša skrb morabi v tem, da poslušamo Gospoda, da ga sprejmemo v svoje srce.

Seveda so pomembne tudi dejavnosti, še bolj pa je pomembno kar Gospod dela za nas. Mi smo samo njegovi skromni sodelavci, ki morajo sprejeti njegovo misel, da bi njegovo delo opravljali tako, kakor on želi.

V drugem berilu nam Pavel pokaže svojo gorečnost za Božjo besedo. Apostolat je v prepričevanju ljudi, naj sprejmejo Kristusa, njegovo besedo in njegovo milost.

Pavlovo oznanjevanje, kaže, kako je Kristus gostoljuben: on sprejema vse ljudi, jih hoče vse združiti, da bi iz njih naredil eno samo družino.

Mi moramo sprejeti Jezusovo besedo, da bi bili v resnici pripravljeni izpolnjevati njegovo voljo in bi uresničevali njegovo delo v svetu.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: *Genesis 18.1-10a*

God's word is very close to us – in our mouth and heart – so that we can put it into practice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

SECOND READING: *Colossians 1.24-28*

Jesus is the image of God and the firstborn of all creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Luke 8.15*

Alleluia - Blessed are they who hold fast to God's word in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance. - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 10.38-42*

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment is, he told the story of the Good Samaritan.



Illustration

In 2018, marine archaeologists announced that, in the Black Sea, they had found an intact sunken Greek merchant ship dating from approximately 400 BC. The world's oldest-known intact shipwreck lies on its side, 1.5 miles deep and far beyond the reach of modern divers. Its cargo of wine, olive oil and other trading goods is untouched and undamaged. Experts think that the ship sank in bad weather, perhaps swamped by a massive freak wave. Even today, despite advanced on-board technology, such an unpredictable monster wave can swamp and sink a vessel, giving the crew no time to respond to the danger. Perhaps, when the wave struck, it simply sank like a stone. Perhaps this also explains why the ancient shipwreck appears undamaged.



In 2004, an extreme wave struck Alderney, in the Channel Islands, with such force and pressure that it would have destroyed almost any merchant vessel sailing the high seas today. The Greek wooden trading ship and its crew didn't stand a chance.

Coincidentally, today's Gospel story of the Good Samaritan reminds us of the Good Samaritans who serve through the Coast Guard, lifeboat crews, helicopter rescue service and first responders who sometimes risk their own lives to save others.

Gospel teaching

Jesus was a fantastic storyteller. It's why even non-Christians and atheists will quite happily describe someone as "a Good Samaritan", knowing the meaning of the expression even if they don't know the story.

In Jesus' day, any traveller risked meeting bandits. Traditionally, we associate highwaymen threatening their potential victims with the words "your money or your life". Did this happen to the traveller in Jesus' story or did the bandits just attack him anyway? Perhaps he put up a fight to

defend himself and his property rather than just handing it over: we don't know and Jesus doesn't tell us. What he does say is that two people who should have been prepared to help the injured man ignored him. Perhaps they had good excuses for hurrying on towards Jerusalem. We don't know. Jesus, however, draws attention to a Samaritan, someone who was despised in Israel but who didn't think twice about responding to someone in need even if his support cost him time and money.

Those who listened to Jesus were unimpressed: the priest and the Levite deserved greater respect than Jesus gave them. Instead, he showed them someone to whom public opinion and social status meant nothing when somebody needed help. Did the injured man call out the equivalent of an SOS? We don't know.

The Good Samaritan was the first responder and that was all that mattered. He'd saved a life and continued his journey without looking for thanks.

Application

We take it for granted that any ship in distress will send an SOS or a Mayday signal and that other vessels and the emergency services, hearing the cry for help, will respond. We remember 25-year-old Jack Phillips, the Titanic wireless operator. Only four years after SOS became the official, internationally recognised call for help, Phillips sent urgent signals from the Titanic, hoping for a rescue that could save lives, knowing that his would not be one of them. His heroism on 15 April 1912 enabled 712 of the 2,208 people aboard to survive the ship's sinking. Through his persistence, the Carpathia and other ships travelled out of their way on their rescue mission to the Titanic. There were many Good Samaritans that day, most of whom are known only to God.

Slovenian Summer Day Camp 2025

With the hot weather finally here it is time to start planning our annual SSDC - Slovenian Summer Day Camp, here at St. Gregory the Great parish!

Camp will run from Tuesday, August 5th to Friday, August 8th 2025.

As always, we have a lot of activities planned for the week for kids looking to have lots of fun, build stronger and new friend-ships, and for families to participate as much as they can! Of course we have water, crafts, sports and more.

So, if you're interested - call and reserve your spot for your kids, nieces, nephews or grandchildren. Cost this year will again be \$100 per camper.

We also need **volunteers** to be camp leaders and to help us with our daily activities. If you are a highschool student and need your volunteer hours, this is a great way to get them. Please call me and we can make a plan!

And don't forget - all camper families and our parishioners are welcome to participate in our **end of camp potluck BBQ** finished off with our **annual camper vs. family adult soccer game on Friday, August 8**. So mark your calendars with these dates:

August 5th Camp start date, August 8th End of Camp BBQ and Soccer game.

See you on the field!

Heidy Novak (905)-317-6002 (text)

novakhsn@gmail.com (email)



Day Camp memories from last year



Društvo Bled - Proščenje



Thank you everyone for joining us last Sunday for Bled's annual Proščenje Picnik, despite the torrential rain that started us off just before 1:00 pm. Mass was held under the pavilion, keeping people as dry as possible from the rain, and was kindly led by our guest, Father Štefan Krampač, as Father Drago was in Slovenia. And as soon as Mass was over, the weather cleared. The sun came out for the rest of the afternoon allowing for picnicking in the open air, playing some games and swimming in the pool!

The kitchen was led by Betty Gimpelj and Josie Černelic along with a wonderful group of volunteers who worked very hard in bringing us a delicious meal. Catering to everyone, it included roast chicken, pork schnitzel, beef goulash and even hot dogs for the kids! Dessert offered the traditional homemade strudel with the option of apple and cheese fillings as well as ice cream bars and freezies to cool off.

Live music always gets people up and on the dance floor and this picnic was no different! The Golden Keys like to banter with the crowd and played a nice variety of music keeping everyone dancing and laughing until the early evening.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who stepped in to help with this event - there were quite a few new faces! It wouldn't have been possible without the help of people to plan, organize and execute. We always need people for ticket sales at the entry gate, drink tickets and food tickets, stocking and serving at the bar, shopping, cooking and serving the food, and cleaning before AND after the picnics. As the saying goes - it takes a village!

On behalf of the Bled Slovenian Cultural Club Board Council, thank you for coming out and supporting us. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Hvala! - *Sylvia Grah-Battersby, Secretary*



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- Aug. 1-4th - **Slovenski Park** - Civic Holiday Long Weekend - Mass Aug. 3rd at 1:00 PM.
- Aug. 5-8th - **St. Gregory the Great** - DAY CAMP
- Avg. 10th - **Lipa Park** - Music in the Park Picnic
- Avg. 10th - **Sava-Breslau** - Mass 1:00 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. 14th - **Bled** - Annual Golf Tournament
- Sep. 14th - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Sep. 20th - **Bled** - Simfonija Choir from Slovenia
- Sep. 21st - **St. Gregory** - FALL BANQUET

BRALEC - READER:

- Manica Perše



*Feast
Of Assumption
Of Our Lady*

*Friday,
August 15, 2025*

St. Gregory
The Great
Catholic
Church

6:00 p.m. Marmory 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
- Angela at 905-930-7442

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:

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

Hočevlar	Martha	July 21, 2018
Cimermančič	Ivan	July 21, 2020
Koren	Franc	July 22, 2017
Žižek	Jožef	July 24, 2016
Petrone	Matteo	July 26, 1997



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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

16. NEDELJA MED LETOM 16TH SUNDAY IN OT 20. julij <i>Krištofova nedelja</i>	†† Za žive in rajne župljane †† Pok. sestre in bratje † Jerry Piekarski †† Peter in Linda Novak † John Babič †† Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	10:00 AM	----- Jožica Vegelj (Stanko) Cheroslava Karol Ferko z družino Karol Ferko z družino Jožica Novak z družino
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 21. julij <i>Danijel, prerok</i>	† Martin Tompa † Margaret	7:00 PM	Dragica Kurpis Ana Tadić
TOREK - TUESDAY 22. julij <i>Marija Magdalena, sp.ž.</i>	Na čast sv. Padre Pio (njegove rane)	7:00 PM	Ana Tadić
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 23. julij <i>Brigita Švedska, red.</i>	† Eileen MacKenzie †† Pok. Iz družine Radovičevič	7:00 PM	N. N. Angela Kobe z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 24. julij <i>Krištof, muč.</i>	†† Pokojne članice †† Josef in Eufemia Tompa	7:00 PM	Slomškovo oltarno društvo Dragica Tompa
PETEK - FRIDAY 25. Julij <i>Jakob starjši, apostol</i>	†† Peter in Linda Novak † Vinko John Cestnik	7:00 PM	Mirko in Irena Kolmanič Mary and Steve
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 26. julij <i>Joahim in Ana, starša Device Marije Simeon, puščavnik</i>	†† Ana in Matija Vlašič † Martin Simončič † Martin Simončič † Frank Pinter † Stane Napast †† August in Marija (obl.) Smodiš †† Peter in Linda Novak †† Ivan in Ančka Nedelko †† Vinko (obl.) in Katarina Antollin † Joe Lackovič †† Peter in Linda Novak	5:30 PM	Hči Jožica Vlašič in družina Audrey Hawthorne Ljudmila Pinter in družina Ljudmila Pinter in družina Ljudmila Pinter in družina Olga Glavač in družina Družina Malevič Družina Raduha Jože in Albina Antolin Žena Vera z družino Vera Lackovič z družino
17. NEDELJA MED LETOM 17TH SUNDAY IN OT 27. julij <i>Dan starih staršev</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Ann Božnar † Maks Pavličič, obl. †† Kristina in Ilija †† Rozalija in Franc Grobelnik †† Peter in Linda Novak	10:00 AM	----- John Božnar and Family Žena Jožica z družino Jožica z družino Hči Jožica Pavličič z družino Frank in Lojzka Novak z družino