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OD ŽALOSTI K VESELJU



Evangelij tretje velikonočne nedelje nam predstavi emavška učenca. Kaže nam spreobrnjenja, ki jih Jezus uresničuje v svojih učencih: od žalosti k veselju; od teme k luči vere; pa tudi k življenju v skupnosti. Spreobrnjenje je vedno delo vstalega Kristusa, ki nam je to milost pridobil po svojem trpljenju in nam jo posreduje kot Vstali.

Učenca, o katerih govori evangelij, sta žalostna, obupana in se oddaljujeta od skupnosti. Odhajata iz Jeruzalema in gresta v Emavs, nepomembno vasico. Med seboj se pogovarjata o tem, kar se je bilo zgodilo, vendar sta žalostna, ker to ni v skladu z nju-

nimi pričakovanji. »Mi pa smo upali,« pravita. Ta »smo upali« je tudi izpoved obupa; pomeni: »Nehali smo upati.«

Jezus se približa učencema, ju posluša, spodbuja ju h govorjenju, saj ju vpraša: »O kakšnih rečeh se pogovarjata med potjo?« Učenca se začudita in rečeta: »Si ti edini tujec v Jeruzalemu, ki ne ve, kaj se je tam zgodilo te dni?« Potem poročata kaj so naredili z Jezusom iz Nazareta in zaključita: »Mi pa smo upali, da je on tisti, ki bo odkupil Izrael.«

Učenca pripovedujeta tudi o novici o praznem grobu, ki so jo prinesle nekatere žene, vendar pa se pričevanje žena apostolom ne zdi vredno pozornosti. Grob je sicer res prazen, toda to še ne pomeni nujno, da Jezus živi.

Druga stopnja spreobrnjenja, ki ga uresniči Jezus, je predvsem v opominjanju učencev: »O nespametna in počasna v srcu za verovanje vsega, kar so povedali preroki!« Za razumevanje dogodkov se je treba zateči k prerokbam, k božji besedi v Stari zavezi. Pot vere gre preko teh preroških besed. Jezus pravi učencema: »Mar ni bilo potrebno, da je Mesija to pretrpel in šel v svojo slavo?« Začel je z Mojzesom in vsemi preroki ter jima v vseh Pismih pojasnil tisto, kar se nanaša na njega.

Jezusovo trpljenje je bilo potrebno kot pot k slavi. Za Jezusa je šla pot k slavi nujno preko trpljenja. Zakaj je bilo trpljenje potrebno? Ker je Kristusova slava Odrešenikova slava; slava zmagovalca nad grehom in smrtjo; zma-

ga nad sovraštvom in sebičnostjo, popolna zmaga tudi nad skušnjavo zavračanja Boga ali upora Bogu. Potrebno je bilo, da je Kristus prišel do skrajne meje človeškega trpljenja, da bi svojo ljubezen prinesel povsod in vse spremenil v priložnost za zmago nad grehom in smrtjo.

V drugem berilu Peter spominja vernike, da jih niso odrešile »minljive reči, srebro ali zlato, ampak dragocena kri Kristusa, brezhibnega in brezmadežnega jagnjeta.« Za Kristusa je bilo trpljenje nujno, da je vstopil v svojo slavo, ki je v tem, da je ljubil do konca.

Ko nam Jezus razlaga Pisma, ne gre samo za razsvetljenje našega razuma, pač pa tudi za razodetje ljubezni, ki razvname naše srce. Tako sta učenca že na poti spreobrnjenja, saj slutita, da to, kar se je zgodilo, ni samo slabo, kakor je bilo videti, ampak se je tako uresničil božji načrt, ki je dober: zmage ni prineslo zlo, temveč pripada Bogu in Kristusu.

Ker so ju osvojile Jezusove besede, želita, da bi se njegova navzočnost nadaljevala: 'Ostani z nama, kajti proti večeru gre in dan se je že nagnil.' « To veliko željo tudi nam premišljevanje Svetega pisma položi v naša srca. Želimo si, da bi bili deležni Kristusove navzočnosti.

Jezus »je vstopil, da bi ostal z njima. Ko je sedel z njima za mizo, je vzel kruh, blagoslovil, ga razlomil in jima ga dal.« Te kretnje razodevajo Jezusa, razodevajo njegovo ljubezen; kažejo, da je trpljenje sprejel iz ljubezni, da bi iz sebe naredil živi kruh, ki daje življenje; da bi postal zmagovalec nad sovraštvom, sebičnostjo in nasiljem, zmagovalec, ki povsod prinaša občestvo.

»Tedaj so se jima odprle oči in sta ga spoznala. On pa je izginil izpred njiju.« Jezus je končal svoje delo spreobračanja: ne samo z besedami, ampak tudi s kretnjami daru, občestva. Ko je zlomil kruh, je učenca spomnil na svoje trpljenje. Ko jima je kruh dal, jima je pokazal, da je njegovo trpljenje dar ljubezni.

Učenca sta tedaj nemudoma odšla, da bi se vrnila v Jeruzalem. To je naslednja stopnja na poti spreobrnjenja. Spet sta odkrila smisel občestva. Njuno spreobrnjenje je popolno, ko se vnovič znajdeti v skupnosti Jezusovih učencev, kjer so zbrani enajsteri in drugi z njimi.

Konec tega dogodka je torej zaznamovan z veseljem, upanjem, ljubeznijo, posredovanjem veselega oznanila: »Kristus je vstal.« Njegovo trpljenje ni bilo poraz, ampak zmaga, ki je nam v korist. Vstali Jezus nam prinaša spreobrnjenje od žalosti k veselju, od obupa k upanju, od osame k občestvu. - (Prim.: Oznanjevalec 2, 2008)

Response: Lord, you will show me the path of life.

First Reading Acts 2:14. 22-33

The humanity of Christ was raised to fulfil the deepest longings of Israel.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Only the gifts of God are truly free, but the redemption is also the gift of a human being. This is why it was fitting that the Lord should pay a price for that redemption.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The Church is a conversation, as we share our faith. Sometimes we fail to allow the Lord into that conversation.

"Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets!'"



Illustration

Nowadays we are being exhorted to keep our smartphones for as long as possible to save the environment. We tend to assume that a new phone will be better than the last one – and phone companies continually use their advertising to promote this idea. Technology is usually expected to develop in one direction: it's always better than before. So we think that new is better than old, and apply that to all forms of human reason. The people of ancient times thought differently. They saw that old things decay, so assumed that life was a continual regression from the perfection of the past, as things fall apart. New things, then, would be worse than old things. The only solution was to hope for everything to be reset and for creation to start again. So the future



would be a restoration of the past, and time was basically circular.

The people of ancient Israel gave us a new idea, the idea of time as a straight line leading to the final triumph of God with the coming of God's kingdom. The trouble is that when the kingdom started to come with Jesus, then some failed to recognise it. This is not surprising. The kingdom that Christ brought about was quite different from human expectations. Yet the early Christians believed in Jesus, most of all because they found his coming to be predicted by the Old Testament. The past was the clue to the future. What the prophets had said, what the law was preparing for, the whole experience of Israel and its suffering, all pointed to the redemption that Jesus Christ was to offer to us.

Gospel Teaching

When Jesus appears to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus in today's Gospel, he does not reveal himself by miracles, or even simply identify himself as the Christ returned from the dead. Instead he expounds the scriptures. The astounding meaning of his choice to reveal himself this way is that we would be more likely to find the risen Christ in the scriptures than in a face-to-face encounter

with him. This is because the meaning of scripture is boundless, an unfathomable profundity.

By scripture here, we mean the Old Testament. To this day, the psalms are the indispensable basis of the prayer of the Church. The scriptures are a yearning for redemption, for a happiness that no human power or effort can achieve. Immersing ourselves in that longing for the coming of God's kingdom through the Messiah, the Christ, we learn more about the Christ than any apparition could teach us. "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures for us?" say the disciples. For that is what they now are: disciples with burning hearts.

Application

We are often disappointed by things that we had longed for. A new gadget, a new piece of clothing – it seemed more attractive when we didn't actually have it. Then the delight fades. Our lives are not changed by it as we imagined they might be. A more profound disappointment can kick in, when it is a matter of some achievement: a job, an identity, a way of life, a connection with what seemed, in the words of F.E. Smith, a British politician and lawyer, the "glittering prizes". If we are disappointed, then the best thing to do is consider what it was we really wanted. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus said they had hoped that Jesus would be "the one to set Israel free". They were probably thinking in political terms. Yet the freedom of Christ is much greater than any political freedom. Israel would indeed be free in Christ, but, in his words, "You will learn the truth and the truth will make you free."

We might, at times, be disappointed in our faith. That is how so many Christians fall away from belief. If they do so, they will inevitably seek some other form of happiness. No matter how destructive some people's lives may seem, they are always seeking happiness; and therefore, deep down, they seek the truth, without which no happiness can stand. And the truth is something that we can learn through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit that he promised us.



Vsi Vabljeni ~ Everyone Welcome

SLOVENSKI PARK'S 2023

Spomladanski Banket

Spring Banquet

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

Doors open at 5pm / Dinner at 6pm

Featuring Music by

SLO BEAT



Contact Martina Bellemore (Malevich) to RSVP

To Purchase Tickets/Reserve Your Table:

Email: martinaslopark@gmail.com

Text/Call: 289-237-0327

Adults \$40 each

Youth 13 to 25 \$25 each

Children 12 & Under FREE

POLETNA ŠOLA SLOVENŠČINE

From 30 July to 6 August 2023, the Center for School and Extracurricular Activities and the Institute of Education of the Republic of Slovenia will organize a Slovenian summer school in the Soča home in Tolmin, which is intended for children and young people of Slovenian origin from abroad (age 10-14). In the mornings, young people learn Slovenian in different groups, and in the afternoons they take part in creative, sports and social activities, connect with each other and get to know the characteristics of Slovenia and its regions.

The sponsor and financier of the summer school is the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Slovenia.

The application deadline is May 10, 2023.

The application documentation is available on the Stiče website, at the link: <https://www.zrss.si/mednarodno-sodelovanje/slovinci-izven-meja/slovinci-po-svetu-sticisce/>

With kind regards,

Mag. Primož Ilešič, sekretar

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Urad vlade Republike Slovenije za Slovence v zamejstvu in po svetu

Bled Slovenian Cultural Club

Bled Hall

4650 South Service Rd., Beamsville, Ontario

Mother's Day Event

May 7th, 2023 (12:30p.m. - Lunch served at 1:00 p.m.)

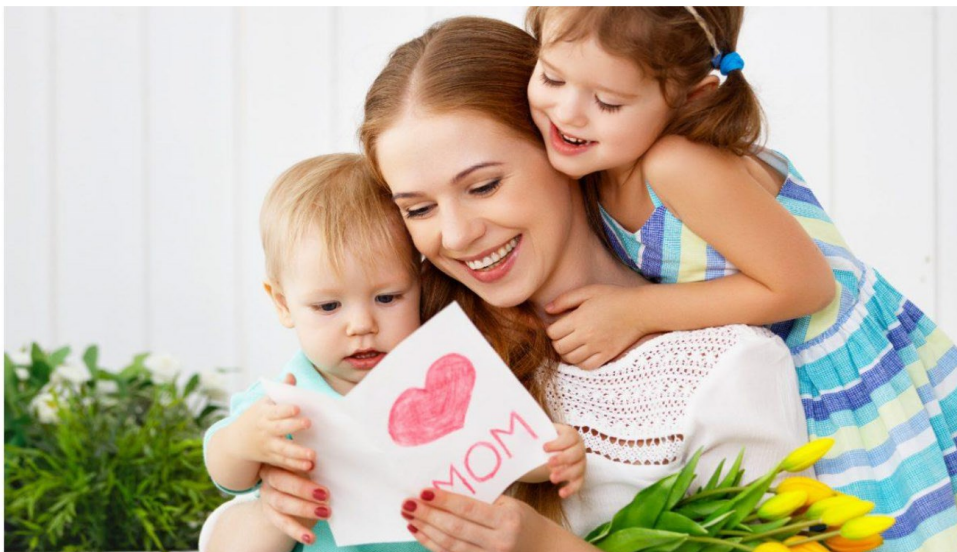
Band: Sibaj will be entertaining Menu: Soup, Salad, Potatoes Schintzel, and Pork Roast

Please reserve with Sylvia (905) 518-2457, Milena (905) 393-6594

\$35/ person, \$15/ Children 12 and under

MATERINSKI DAN MOTHER'S DAY 2023

**KOSILO in ŠOLSKI CONCERT
LUNCH and END of YEAR CONCERT**



NEDELJA 14. MAJ 2023

12:00 P.M.

**DVORANA ŽUPNIJE SV.
GREGORIJA VELIKEGA**

ODRASLI: \$25.00

OTROCI (5-13 let): \$15.00

OTROCI POD 4: ZA STOJN

SUNDAY MAY 14, 2023

12:00 P.M.

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
CHURCH HALL**

ADULTS: \$25.00

CHILDREN (5-13 yrs): \$15.00

CHILDREN UNDER 4: FREE

Za rezervacije prosim kličite/ For reservations please email/call:

Sandy Ferletič

Email: sferletic@gmail.com (preferred contact method)

Phone: 905-977-8464

THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Jože in Albina
Antolin

Milena in Ivan
Krušič

Dragica in Lojze
Ferenčak



Franc in Ljudmila
Zadravec



THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS was held last Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Over 300 hundred couples celebrated 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ anniversaries. Two couples among them celebrated 75th anniversaries! A blessing!

Media coverage of the event was the best ever – perhaps reflecting public interest after the three-year COVID hiatus. Thanks to Teresa Hartnett and Sarah Lintott for the organizational success. Thanks to Father David Wynen and the Cathedral staff, and to the Pastoral Offices staff who assured the good order of the event. (Heart to Heart - Bishop Douglas Crosby).

Od naših parov, ki obhajajo različne obletnica porok se jih je šest prijavilo za praznovanje v katedrali. Nimamo vseh na sliki, nekateri pa so se ustavili in ovekovečili dogodek. Tako so praznovali: Ivan in Josephine Vegelj (63 let), Maks in Josephine Pavličič (61 let), Ivan in Milena Krušič (60 let), Frank in Ljudmila Zadravec (60 let), Jože in Albina Antolin (50 let), Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak (50 let). Čestitke pa tudi tistim parom, ki letos obhajajo razne okrogle obletnica porok v družinskem krogu, naj vse spremlja božji blagoslov in priprošnja nebeške Matere Marije.



invites you to share in their

Mother's Day Luncheon and Ambassador Installation

Sunday, April 30, 2023



Featuring Music By: Šibaj



Doors open at 12:00 noon
Delicious home-style dinner served at 1:00 p.m.

Paid Members \$35
Non-Members \$40
Student (ages 11-17) \$20
Child (ages 6-10) \$10
Ages 5 and under FREE



Dance Group
Mladi Glas Planika
from Toronto
will be performing

For Tickets:



MaryAnn Barich 905-945-3750
John Gerden 905-708-7221

**Please Respect Our
Ticket Order DEADLINE:
Tuesday, April 25**

No Late Orders Accepted
No Tickets At The Door
Thank you for your cooperation.



*We invite you to bring
pictures of Mothers,
Grandmothers, or Mother
Figures, to be displayed at
this event.*

Committee Reports at the General meeting 2022 for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 /No official minutes/

CWL Report (year 2019)

- Prepared by Rosemary Šušteršič, CWL President

Members: 81

Spiritual Advisor: *Father Drago Gačnik*

Current Executive:

President: *Rosemary Šušteršič*

Vice President: *Sidonia Poppa*

Secretary: *Pamela Gosgnach*

Treasurer: *MaryAnn Demšar*

Our Katoliška Ženska Zveza or Catholic Women's League includes women who are 16 years of age and older. We meet at least once per month, usually excluding the months of July and August. The Catholic Women's League is the only voluntary organization that can lobby Parliament so our voice matters! We try to attend regional meetings and diocesan conventions and discuss information presented at our monthly meetings.

Our League fulfils the spiritual needs of its members through the teachings of the Catholic Church. In 2019 focus was placed on Caring for our Common Home. Our League is a source of faith, fulfilment and fun.

Our annual bazaar, a time honoured tradition took place on March 10th. We had a full house at this fun filled event and were so grateful for the support provided by our volunteers and our parish community.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass took place on April 24th. At this Mass we welcomed one new member and we recognized eleven ladies for ten years of service and one member for forty years of service.

In May we recognized individuals who made

their first Communion and provided them with corsages or boutonnieres intertwined with Our Lady of Good Counsel medallions.

The feast of Corpus Christi in June was celebrated with a procession and prepared altars at our church and at Slovenski Park.

A Memorial Mass to pray for and remember both deceased members of our Catholic Women's League as well as the Slomšek Altar Society took place on November 27th. This year we were saddened by the loss of one of our members, Marija Bukvič and honoured her at her funeral.

In December, with the help of our parish community we conducted a Food Drive to support local food banks. Our ill/elderly were visited and/or cards were sent to them.

In 2019 we made gracious donations to our church, of which about \$10 000 covered the purchase of new church doors. We maintained our Chalice sponsorship and allocated some monies to Catholic Missions in Canada, the Good Shepherd Centre, monthly masses, a visiting priest and St. Gregory's Summer Day Camp. We maintained votive candles.

To prepare for the 100th Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League in Hamilton Diocese in 2020 we were asked to contribute a prayer from our CWL council for a collective prayer book. Each parish will receive a copy of this prayer book. We were also asked to report on a Community Service Project and prepared a report pertaining to our Slovenian Summer Day Camp which was spearheaded by one of our own, Heidy Novak, first in 1999. This Day Camp has brought our community together in a fun and memorable way and has become a tradition uniting multiple generations of Slovenians.

We are blessed to have the ongoing support of our spiritual advisor, Father Drago Gačnik and many faithful members, and parishioners. With God's

grace our members will continue to try to make a difference by growing in faith and serving with great love.

CWL Report (years 2020-2021) and some further plans

2021: 75 members

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic our CWL was not as actively engaged in activities at our parish, St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton as we usually have been in accordance with our past traditions. However, we tried to reach out to each other via phone calls and some personal contact when this was permissible. Our priest and spiritual advisor, Father Drago Gačnik said Masses in accordance with our intentions on a monthly basis. This also included Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass. We remembered deceased CWL members at a Memorial Mass in conjunction with members of our Slomšek Altar Society in November and were able to be present at church for this service. Members who passed away were honoured in special ways with funeral flowers, sympathy cards and a small honour guard when this was possible.

Elderly/ill members were provided with Get Well and Christmas cards. We maintained votive candles and our Chalice sponsorship.

We anticipate and look forward to being able to meet in person and resume face to face interactions and engagement in our usual activities including a bazaar.

Going forward our rather immediate plans include a general CWL meeting which will take place on April 6th after 7:00 pm Mass and Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass on April 26th at 7:00 pm.

We thank our parish community for your ongoing support and faithfulness.

Prav lepa hvala!

Our current executive:

President: *Rosemary Šušteršič*

Vice President: *Sidonia Poppa*

Secretary: *Pamela Gosgnach*

Treasurer: *MaryAnn Demšar*

St. Joseph's Society

- *Prepared by Peter Novak, president*

St. Joseph Society Report: March 2020 – March 2022

It is hard to believe that just over 2 years ago, the annual St. Joseph banquet was the final function held in our Parish before the pandemic changed our lives. It was a difficult decision to make, one that we did not regret as we celebrated our patron Saint, and recognizing our deceased President Jerry Ponikvar who dedicated over 20 years leading the St. Joseph Society. It would be the last time for a long time that almost 100 people would gather in our parish.

Like most of the Parish groups, St. Joseph Society was limited to any activities due to Provincial restrictions. During this time, the Board of Directors made their best efforts to ensure the tenants of Villa Slovenia remained safe during these challenging times.

Although we were not able to start up the Tuesday social nights or host our annual Christmas parties, we were fortunate to be able to hold our annual Bocce Tournaments in September of 2020 and 2021, which were the first organized events within our Parish during the pandemic.

In the spring of 2021, we updated our flowerbeds in the front of Villa Slovenia. We are proud to announce that for 2022, we are in the final planning stages of adding a concrete ramp that will cross the front of the building to provide easier and quicker access for tenants to attend our Parish activities who have difficulties using the stairs or having to walk around using Delawana Drive sidewalks. Included in this project will be new walkways and sitting areas around the bocce courts.

St. Joseph Society provided financial support of over \$10,000 to St. Gregory the Great to assist the Parish during these past few difficult years. Mass and Building Fund donations to St. Gregory continued to honor several of long time dedicated members who passed away during the past 2 years.

As our community reopens to regular and normal activities, we hope to start up our Tuesday social nights in April for a few months if there is enough interest and our climate remains safe to do so.

We would like to thank Fr. Drago for his guidance and spiritual leadership during the past few years as he has made every effort to keep our community together.

We look forward to better and normal times again.

Slovenska Šola - (years 2019 - 2021)

- Report prepared by Sandy Ferletič, ravnateljica

The March Break in 2020 was the final time we ran our classes in the classroom as a result of Covid-19.

Prior to that our classes and schedules ran normally on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We were still able to hold our Good Friday Fish Fry, Mother's Day Celebration/Graduation, and Mi-klavž in 2019.

Unfortunately, the arrival of Covid-19 changed everything. Our classes were essentially cancelled for the remainder of the school year as the school boards tried to move regular daily classes online.

Classes resumed in October, 2020 online through the HWCDSB's platform and Teams. We delayed the start for one month so that Lorie Mramor and I could learn how to operate the school board's platform and become familiar with Teams. It was a big learning curve, but we managed with thanks to our students and their parents for their patience while we worked through all the technical

glitches. We ended the 2020/2021 school year with a small meet-up with the kids and Father Drago for ice cream at Laura Secord in Eastgate Mall.

We are continuing our classes online on Wednesday evenings and will likely continue to do so until the end of the school year.

We are optimistic that we will be back in our regular classrooms in September 2022 and are looking forward to once again holding our usual Šola events at that time. We were able to have Mi-klavž and his angels visit the Parish last December, and we look forward to eventually being able to formally celebrate all those who have graduated during Covid:

2020: Alexandra Novak, Lukas Tran

2021: Kyle Lukežič, Markus Curkovič

The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation

The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation paused operations during the pandemic. The Foundation will resume operations this spring. A new application form will be developed for scholarship/bursary consideration for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students currently enrolled in post-secondary studies may also be eligible for scholarship/bursary award consideration. Thank you for your continued support.

Repairs and Maintenance Report for 2020-2021

- Report by Mirko Zorko

Regular daily inspection maintenance and repairs in upper and lower hall washrooms and kitchens, hall bailer room, school area, rectory and church area.

Mayor repairs in lower hall kitchen: cleaning and painting outside of stoves and ovens. Work with

Johnson Controls installing new fire suppression system over stoves in upper and lower hall kitchen.

Installation of vertical blinds in Youth room. Installation of new pot lights in the church entrance and exit area; installation of new pot lights and exhaust fans in the church washrooms. Installation of network cables for video surveillance system in and around the church, outside the rectory and hall.

Work with Black & McDonald installing new AC units for upper and lower hall (they were damaged). Repair of the Enclosure for Gas meters outside the hall. Installation of leaf Guards for gutters around the rectory.

Liturgical Report – March 2022

- Submitted by Sonya Podrebarac, Liturgical Committee

The purpose of the Liturgical Committee is to aid the Pastor of St. Gregory the Great in service and worship. The committee included the same members as in previous years, Frank Novak, Olga Glavač, Mary Miklavčič and Sonya Podrebarac.

Beginning in March and for the remainder of 2020 and up until now, the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically impacted our ability to gather in-person and altered the form of our worship.

March 2020, the Diocese instructed all public celebrations of mass and other devotions suspended. The church was closed and beginning March 29, livestreaming of the mass began via Facebook. The weekly Vestnik continued to be published and was offered on a bench outside of the rectory.

The Church remained closed until June 19, 2020. Upon opening of the church, we discontinued live streaming the mass on Facebook. St. Gregory was the first parish in the Diocese to celebrate Confirmation since the beginning of the pandemic.

We received another notice from the diocese

stating the church would again be closed from December 21. We began live steaming again until February 17, 2021, on Ash Wednesday, when churches were open at 30% capacity. April 19, 2021, churches were again ordered to close and remained closed until June 11, 2021.

March 1, 2022, the church was able to be opened at full capacity. The first time in two years. As of March 21, 2022, masks are no longer mandatory.

Although we were dealing with the pandemic, we continued to celebrate the sacraments.

I would like to thank the many people that continued to help and volunteer their time. Thank you to those that served at the altar, did the readings and announcements, the livestreaming, the flowers, helped with the preparation and helped with the accounting afterwards.

I encourage anyone who may be interested in joining the Liturgical Committee to speak with myself or one of the members. It requires only a small commitment of time and a desire to attend to details to support the beauty of worship at St. Gregory's.

As we get back to normal, we will slowly implement some of our regular things back. On Palm Sunday, we will once again have two masses. A sign-up sheet was started on Friday to ask for volunteers to carry the Bread and Wine to the Altar for the 9:30 a.m. mass and the English choir will once again begin at the 11:00 mass.

What the future holds is uncertain, but we have learned many things throughout these two years. We are strong, capable, and faithful people that can endure and be supportive regardless of what comes our way.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Pevski zbor

- Poročilo pripravil Frank Novak

Leto 2019 je teklo še vse po običajnem redu. Tudi nastopi moškega pevskega zbora Majolka in mešanega pevskega zbora so potekali po ustaljenem ritmu. Zadnji nastop mešanega pevskega zbora in angleškega zbora je bil v nedeljo 15. marca 2020, ko je imelo društvo sv. Jožefa svoj letni bankeť.

Epidemija Covid-19 je v preteklih dveh letih globoko zaznamovala vse pore našega vsakdanjega življenja. Prizadela je prav vse: od otrok, mladine, odraslih, se zlasti pa je prizadela slabotne in starejše. Najtežje pa sta bila nastala negotovost in strah, saj je ta nova in povsem neznana svetovna okužba drastično omejila življenje slehernega posameznika.

Tudi slovenska župnija sv. Gregorija Velikega se je naenkrat morala prilagoditi novim velikim preizkušnjam kot so: začasno zaprtje cerkve, omejeno število obiskovalcev verskih obredov in praznikov, ki so bili pretekli dve leti brez sodelovanja laikov in tudi brez tako pogrešanega zborovskega petja. Smo pa večino časa ohranili ljudsko petje, kar nam je pomagalo vsaj delno nadomestiti nastope zbora in poživiti liturgijo.

Ker je bila maša ob nedeljah samo ob 10:00 a.m. je bilo petje vedno v slovenščini. Angleški zbor je nastopil 17. oktobra 2020, ko je škof Douglas Crosby prišel birmovat.

Kljub vsem tem omejitvam, pa smo bili ob izredni kreativnosti g. župnika Dragota, deležni nedeljske sv. mase v živo in tudi preko Facebook-a, kar je v teh najtežjih časih združevalo našo župnijsko skupnost.

Ob omejenem številu prisotnih so se zvrstili verski obredi kot so: krsti otrok, prvo sv. obhajilo, poroke in pogrebi številnih župljanov.

Zato sedaj, ko se razmere sproščajo, lahko z zaupanjem gledamo naprej, da se bolj zavzeto ob-

novimo naše duhovno, družabno in kulturno delovanje slovenske župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega v Hamiltonu.

Poročilo Slomškovega oltarnega društva

- Poročilo pripravila Jožica Vegelj

Bogu se moramo zahvaliti za 35 članic, ki redno sodelujejo in podpirajo s članarino.

V letu 2019 smo 11. maja organizirale letno srečanje za članice društva. Najprej smo se zbrali pri večerni sveti maši nato pa še na družabnem srečanju v župnišču.

Za začetkom Covida-19 se je marsikaj spremenilo; smo pa ohranile sveto mašo, vsakega 24. v mesecu, na spominski dan Marije pomočnice, ki se daruje po namenu Slomškovega oltarnega društva; ob koncu teh maš se podeli blagoslov Marije Pomočnice kristjanov.

V sredo, po zahvalni nedelji, je vsako leto sv. maša za bolnike in starejše. Vsakdo ki želi lahko pri tej maši prejme sveto bolniško maziljene. Tudi Covid-19 ni preprečil teh svetih maš (Prva je bila 14. oktobra 2020 in druga lani 13. oktobra 2021). Pri tej maši se prebere pismo, ki ga napiše papež Frančišek za bolnike in ostarele. To je le nekaj primerov, kaj storimo za dušo.

Da je naša cerkev lepo urejena skrbimo tako, da je vedno skupina ljudi, ki redno čisti.

Vsako leto okrasimo cerkveno okolje s cvetjem pred cerkvijo in pri kipu Marije Pomočnice in z dohodki plačujemo za rože v cerkvi.

Ob tej priliki se zahvaljujemo vsem, ki tako velikodušno, tudi z darovi za rože, podpirate Slomškovo oltarno društvo, naj vas vse vedno spremlja božji blagoslov.

Finančno poročilo

- Prepared by Theresia Farbotko.

V skrajšani obliki je na naslednji strani.

St. Gregory the Great Church

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19
Income			
Building Fund Collections	21,436.39	26,141.11	13,805.00
Interest Income	11,110.91	11,595.76	14,517.56
C.W.L.		12,000.00	12,940.00
Society Donations		5,000.00	10,600.00
Other Donations	6,159.94		
Parking Income	16,769.78	250.00	16,892.10
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	7,879.81	3,235.00	
Religious Services	2,150.00	1,850.00	2,700.00
Sunday Collections	172,215.54	143,256.54	162,391.13
Total Income	237,722.37	203,328.41	233,845.79
Total Expenses	156,365.37	167,480.90	157,156.85
Net Income before Major Building Improvements	81,357.00	35,847.51	76,688.94
Major Building Improvements	5,328.64		51,914.09
Net Income after Major Building Improvements	76,028.36	35,847.51	24,774.85
Bank of Montreal (operating account)	308,020.66	263,242.47	257,450.38
Bank of Montreal - Building Fund	113,784.41	92,348.02	66,047.66
Subtotal	421,805.07	355,590.49	323,498.04
Add: On loan to the Diocese	378,717.67	367,606.76	359,870.92
	800,522.74	723,197.25	683,368.96

St. Gregory the Great - Hall

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19
Income	-	10,632.73	78,923.87
Total Expenses	30,645.90	31,832.03	64,015.06
Net Income before Major Building Improvements	- 30,645.90	- 21,199.30	14,908.81
Major Building Improvements	-	2,450.00	3,998.00
Net Income after Major Building Improvements	- 30,645.90	- 23,649.30	10,910.81

Balances as at:	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19
Credit Union (operating account)	48,245.62	85,388.41	108,099.67
Credit Union - Savings account	14,550.29	14,513.96	14,465.72
	62,795.91	99,902.37	122,565.39

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **April 23, 2023** - **St. Gregory** - **Spring Banquet** - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **April 26, 2023** - **CWL-KŽZ** - Mass at 7:00 pm
- **April 29, 2023** - **Slovenski park** - Banquet
- **April 30, 2023** - **St Gregory** - Občni zbor - Annual General Meeting: Mass: 10:00 a.m.
- **April 30, 2023** - **Lipa Park** - Ambassador Mother's Day Luncheon
- **May 7, 2023** - **Bled** - Mother's Day
- **May 14, 2023** - **Slovenska Šola-St. Gregory** - Mother's Day - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **May 21, 2023** - **Slovenski park** - Victoria Day Long Weekend - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 21, 2023** - **Breslau** - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 22, 2023** - **Lipa Park** - Open House Picnic
- **May 28, 2023** - **St. Gregory** - First Communion - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

READERS - BRALCI BERIL

Slovenian Mass - Sue Augustin
English Mass - Sidonia Poppa

GIFT BEARERS - SLOVENIAN MASS

April 23rd - Parish Council members
April 30th - Sue Augustin & Zdravko

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH - ČIŠČENJE CERKVE

April 29th - Gosgnach team

FIRST COMMUNION - PRVO OBHAJILO

Our date for **First Communion** is the last Sunday of May, this year it is May 28, 2023. There will be only one Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Parents, please register your children by calling office (905-561-5971, ext. 1), or by e-mail: drago.gacnik@gmail.com.

CWL - KŽZ

Our CWL invites you to attend Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass on **April 26th**. We will recognize some of our members for their years of service.



A small reception will take place after this Mass. Small pecivo donations are welcome.

OBČNI ZBOR - AGM

AGM is next Sunday, April 30th, after 10:00 a.m. Mass in our upper hall. Everybody invited.

V nedeljo, **30. aprila 2023**, bomo imeli po maši v zgornji dvorani letni občni zbor.

Sveta maša bo ob 10:00 a.m.

Občni zbor je vedno priložnost, da pogledamo kako smo finančno šli skozi preteklo leto. Malo se osvežimo, kaj vse se je storilo, tako po društvih kot tudi v župniji. Poleg tega pa je vedno potrebno pogledat tudi naprej. Stvari se v zadnjih letih, še posebej po Covidu, precej hitro spreminjajo in bo potrebno marsikaj na novo načrtovat.

Potrebujemo tudi nove člane za Župnijski pastoralni svet in še drugo. Vsekakor rabimo čim večjo udeležbo, da bomo stvari lažje načrtovali.

THE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION

will take place in our parishes this Sunday. The collection will support local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters and forms part of the larger \$30 million national commitment made by Catholic dioceses across Canada.

The first diocesan collection was held in May last year, and parishioners responded

generously, contributing over \$170,000! The IRF Advisory Council, comprised of four Indigenous and three Diocesan representatives, has met to review the fund's four priorities and consider grant requests.

This is an important Canada-wide healing initiative of the Catholic community. Thank you for your generosity. (*Envelopes are beside the Vestnik-Bulletin at the entrance of the church.*)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30, 2023, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "

POKOJNI - DECEASED

V soboto, 22. aprila 2023, je odšel k Bogu po večno plačilo **Jože Zadavec**, salezijanski duhovnik, doma iz Odranec, brat našega farana Franca Zadavca. Za pokoj njegove duše bomo v torek zvečer darovali sveto mašo. Iskreno sožalje bratu Francu in sorodnikom, pokojnemu Jožetu pa večni mir in pokoj.

Na račun »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« - »One Heart, One Soul« ste za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega do 21. aprila 2023:

- \$152,270. - Obljubili / Pledged

- \$147,430. - Vplačali / Paid

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:

Puscher	Marija	April 25, 2013
Kranjc	Frank	April 28, 1996
Sagadin	Maximiljan	April 28, 2004
Dim	Vladimir	April 30, 2020

Svete maše - Masses

3. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23. APRIL <i>Jurij, mučenec</i>	†	Za žive in rajne župljane	10:00 A.M. -----
	††	Štefan Gabor	Družina Volčanšek
	†	Pok. Bratanič in Vogrinc	Družina Volčanšek
	†	Ana Zorčič, obl.	Hči Jožica Vegelj z družino
	†	Cvetka Bedernjak	Regina Halas
	†	August Berkovič, obl.	Družina Berkovič
	†	Barbara Car	Družina Berkovič
	†	Jože Gačnik	Alojz in Agata Sarjaš z družino
	†	Vida Sajder, obl.	Family
	†	Milka Ferko	Irena z družino
	†	Ivan Glavač	Jenny Antolin z družino
	†	Bronco Balazic	Jenny Antolin z družino
	†	Barry Simon	Jenny Antolin z družino
	†	Marija Glavač	Terezija Donko
	†	Lojze Lesica	Družina Sampl
	††	Lojze Prilesnik	Žena Marija z družino
	††	Pok. iz družine Fabjan	Marija Prilesnik z družino



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

24. 4. 2023 - 30. 4. 2023

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 24. APRIL <i>Fidelis, duh-muč.</i>		Po namenu za duhovno prenovu župnije	7:00 P.M.	Ana Tadić Slomškovo Oltarno Društvo
TOREK - TUESDAY 25. APRIL <i>Marko, evangelist</i>	† † †	Julijana Sagadin Cecilija Sobočan Jože Zadavec	7:00 P.M.	Društvo sv. Jožefa (2) Društvo sv. Jožefa (3) Brat Franc z družino
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 26. APRIL <i>Dominik in Gregor, red.</i>	†	Julijana Sagadin Our Lady of Good Counsel	7:00 P.M.	Marija Volf CWL - KŽZ
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 27. APRIL <i>Hozana, devica</i>	†† †	Pok. farani iz Our Lady of Lourdes - Winnipeg Ivan Žizek	7:00 P.M.	Marija Korošec z družino Ivanka Dogar
PETEK - FRIDAY 28. APRIL <i>Ludvik Monfortski, duh.</i>	† † † † †	Cecilija Sobočan Marija Svašnik in družina Cecilija Sobočan Maximilijan Sagadin, (19ys) Julijana Sagadin	7:00 P.M.	Družina Sobočan Ana Gergyek z družino Marija Hočevár Peter in Jossie Verhovšek in druž. Peter in Jossie Verhovšek in druž.
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 29. APRIL <i>Katarina Sienska, dev-uč. Hugo, opat</i>	† † †† † † † †† † †	Joe Lackovič Milka Skale Vladimir Dim, obl. Paula in Janez Horvat Marija Glavač Mirko Kosem Joško Kuzma, 30. dan Ivan in Rozina Doma Štefan Gabor Karel Volf	5:30 P.M.	Žena Vera z družino Elizabeth Lukežič z družino Žena z družino Elizabeth Gimpelj z družino Marija Hočevár Žena Rada z družino Sestra Jožica Vlašič z družino Vera Lackovič z družino Vera Lackovič z družino Žena Marija
4. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30. APRIL <i>Nedelja dobrega pastirja Pij V., papež</i>	† †† † † † † †† †† †	Za žive in rajne župljane Rudi Hanc Marija in Franc Šlebič Ann Božnar Janez Košir, obl. Franc Ferencak Cecilija Sobočan Stanko Bratuž Alojz in Marija Mes, obl. Pok iz družin Mes in Sraka Rozina Doma, 30. dan AGM - Letni Občni zbor	10:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.	----- Ivanka Dogar Toni in Marija Franc John Božnar z družino Tomaž in Alenka Košir Milena Pavlič z družino Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš Žena Matilda Družina mes Družina mes Olga Hanc z družino LOWER HALL