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**31. NEDELJA
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**31ST SUNDAY IN OR-
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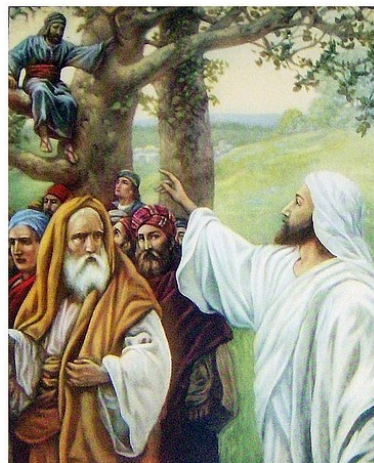
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Božje usmiljenje in naše spreobrnjenje se dopolnjujeta

Kakor poroča današnji evangelij, je želel cestnarinar Zahej Jezusa videti. Hotel se je na lastne oči prepričati, kdo je Jezus, kaj govori, kakšne čudeže dela, kaj ljudi vleče k njemu. Njegova začetna radovednost in tudi pričakovanje sta bila bogato poplačana: Kristus se mu je sam najavil na obisk.

Evangelist Luka na več mestih govori o Bogu kot dobrem in usmiljenem Očetu. Spomnimo se na priliko o izgubljenem sinu, o povabilu cestninarju Leviju, o ženi grešnici, ki Jezusu umiva noge, o farizeju in cestninarju, ki sta prišla molit v tempelj, o izgubljeni ovci in drahmi pa tudi na priliko o usmiljenem Samarijanu, zapovedi, ljubiti celo sovražnike. Med te dogodke spada tudi srečanje Kristusa z Zahejem. Vsebina teh prilik in dogodkov je strnjena v Jezusovih besedah: »Nisem prišel klicat pravičnih, temveč grešnike, da se spreobrnejo«.

Ne vemo, kaj je gnalo Zaheja, da je hotel videti Jezusa, se mu čim bolj približati, ga sploh videti. Lahko je bila to radovednost, želja po nečem izrednem, da bi imel zadoščenje ali se mogel pred drugimi pohvaliti: »Videl



sem Jezusa!« Morda so ga k temu spodbujala plemenitejša čustva. Zavedal se je svojih človeških in poklicnih ravnanj, zaradi katerih so bili tedaj cestninarji od ljudi osovraženi. Ljudje so bili prepričani, da so krivični in prevaranti, da zahtevajo več, kot bi smeli, da skrbijo le zase, ne vidijo pa reveža, ki je potreben pomoči. Ob srečanju z Jezusom Zahej odkrito priznava: »Gospod, ako sem koga v čem prevaril, povrnem četverno; polovico svojega imetja dam ubogim.«

V Zaheju se je prebudilo spoznanje, da bi moral biti drugačen, da mora svoje življenje spremeniti. Tega začet-

nega spoznanja in glasu svoje vesti ni preslišal. Naredil je prvi korak, pripravljen je bil narediti še naslednjega. Še več korakov je naredil Jezus naproti Zaheju. Tudi ni preslišal besed in spodbud, ki jih je slišal od svojih rojakov, ki jih je Jezus pritegnil s svojo besedo in čudeži. Njegova radovednost ali pa želja, da bi bil drugačen, se je obrestovala. Jezus mu je pokazal pot v drugačno, popolnejše življenje. Dosegel je veliko več, kot je v začetku pričakoval. Ko se je pozneje teh dogodkov spominjal, je v njih prepoznal božji klic in milost, za kar je bil Jezusu gotovo hvaležen. Čeprav je bilo Zahejevo (prvo) srečanje z Jezusom nekaj izrednega, je postalo tudi nekaj vsakdanjega. Jezusov klic - biti drugačen, boljši - se je odslej vsak dan ponavljal v njegovi zavesti.

Ljudje ne ravnamo vedno tako, kot je ravnal Zahej. Pogosto mislimo: saj sem dober, pošten, pravičen, delaven. Ali pa se sklicujemo na to, da drugi ravnajo enako ali so še slabši kot mi. Zdi se, kakor bi bila misel, da moramo spremeniti svoje mišljenje in ravnanje, skušnjava! Ko vest utihne, ker je nismo poslušali ravnamo kot doslej. Nič se ni spremenilo in se tudi ne bo. To se nam ljudem, žal, pogosto dogaja. Ni zaman med blagri na prvem mestu »Blagor ubogim v duhu, zakaj njih je nebeško kraljestvo«.

Postavimo se v Zahejevo vlogo. Neštetokrat nas Bog kliče: po naši vesti, ki se oglaš v vsakem človeku; po besedah drugih ljudi, po dogodkih in znamenjih, naj postanemo drugačni, se spreobrnemo. Če ta glas preslišimo ali se nam zdi prezahteven, smo sami sebi zaprli pot v prihodnost. Nismo zaupali sebi, še manj drugemu, Bogu. Bog nas kliče na visoko goro. Ne bomo je dosegli v trenutku. Potrebno je narediti prvi pa drugi in tretji korak ter vztrajati na poti. Če kdo potem Bog upošteva »zakon postopnosti«, ker pozna naše zmožnosti.

Vendar nista dovolj samo naša odprtost in pripravljenost. Človek ni odrešenik samemu sebi. Z apostolom Pavlom mora priznati: »Ne delam namreč dobrega, ki ga hočem, marveč delam zlo, ki ga nočem«.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2004)

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response:

I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.

First Reading Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

The Lord maintains the whole of creation because of his love for all that he has made.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Paul prays that the grace of God may complete its work in and through the community at Thessalonica.

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

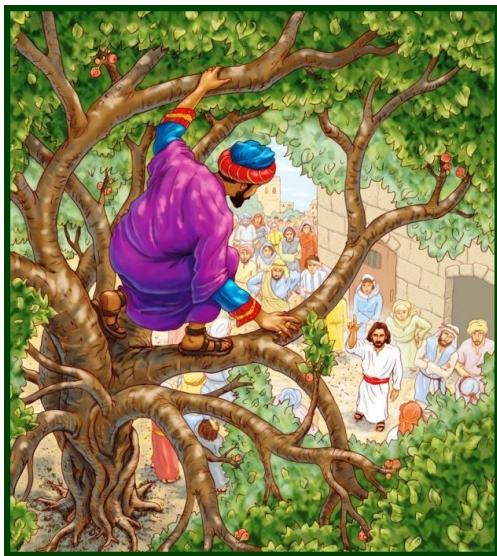
"Today salvation has come to this house."



Illustration

St Teresa of Calcutta, more commonly known as Mother Teresa, was once selecting children for a new orphanage of the Missionaries of Charity in East Africa. She could not take every orphaned child and a journalist spoke up, "What are you going to do for the rest?" Mother Teresa looked him straight in the eye and replied, "What are you going to do?" The journalist was so touched by these words that he returned home, gave up his job and started to raise funds for another orphanage in that part of Africa.

Many people are touched by the heroic stories of those who give up their lives in order to serve others. Some may not be religiously motivated, but they have a deep compassion for the suffering of their fellow human beings. The witness of such lives can be contagious. It touches something deep within us and we are motivated to act and do something more than simply dipping into our pocket for a bit of spare change. It may be life changing.



Gospel Teaching

Zacchaeus was a senior tax collector. Such people were despised in their own communities. First of all, they were collaborators with the occupying forces of Rome. They made their living by collecting taxes from the local people in order to support the oppressive structure of imperial Rome. But there was more; they made themselves rich by adding a premium to what they had to deliver to the Romans in order to cover their own expensive life-style. If they were going to be unpopular in any case, they might as well do it in comfort. Clearly, Zacchaeus was not happy with his way of life. He saw something in Jesus that was different. He wanted to know what it was, and so he climbed a sycamore tree that was along the way Jesus would pass, so that he could get a good view and maybe learn his secret.

He got more than he bargained for. Jesus not only saw him in the tree but called him down. Jesus did not join in the universal condemnation of tax collectors but on the contrary went so far as to invite himself to the home of Zacchaeus. The reaction of the crowd was predictable. They complained about Jesus associating with such a man. The reaction of Zacchaeus, however, was different. The way

Jesus accepted him, not condemning or criticising, helped Zacchaeus to see that he could change his life and do things differently. He was now ready to give back his ill-gotten gains and start afresh.

Application

Many of us are dissatisfied with our way of life. Perhaps we are disappointed with the way things have turned out. Maybe we have made bad or wrong choices. There are things that make us wish that we could start again and do things differently. We might be very successful in our career. We might have a wonderful relationship with our spouse and family. Or maybe not. For all of us there is a sense of incompleteness, something missing. We want something more. St Augustine summed it up in his Confessions, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." In fact, this desire for something more, something better, is built into our basic make-up as human beings.

The point of today's Gospel reading is to show us that the answer to our inner longings is not to acquire more things for ourselves but rather to build relationships of love and compassion with others who are on the same journey, with Jesus as our leader and guide. He brought salvation to Zacchaeus and his house. He did not condemn what he had been doing or even ask him to change. Simply by inviting himself into his home, Jesus helped Zacchaeus to make new and better choices for his life. And for those who considered that they were already doing the right thing by ostracising the tax collector, Jesus invited them to broaden their vision of who God wanted to save: all the family of Abraham, especially those who were lost.

What about us today? Jesus offers us choices. Like Mother Teresa, he asks us, "What are you going to do?" Will you try to find fulfilment in the enjoyment of what this world has to offer in power, pleasure and possessions? Or will you join Jesus on the way of love and compassion in the family of his faithful disciples?

THIS SATURDAY!

Annual “Soča” Reunion

celebrating



highlighting

Folklore from the year 2000 and onwards

6:30 p.m. Saturday November 9, 2019

St. Martin Wine Festival Dance

at

St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall

Live Slovenian & Pop Music by “Europa”

Folklore Performance by “Mladi Glas”

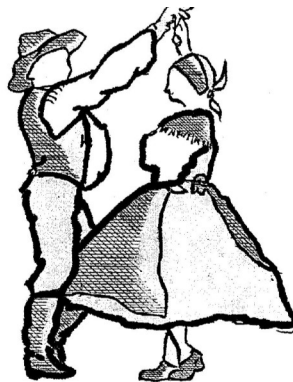
Wine Judging Contest – bring your 2019 home made wine

Supper & traditional “Krofe” available for purchase

Raffle for great prizes

Displays of costumes, videos, photographs of F.S. Soča history

Admission \$15



An event and facility presented for members and supporters of St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

On **November 9th** we will be getting together for our annual event **“Martinovanje”**

As you all know, we have taken advantage of this social, to reunite and celebrate our dancers throughout the years. Although this year we will be focusing the display and those who were in the folklore dance groups since 2000 and onward, we invite and welcome everyone who participated and got their first dance moves right here at St. Gregory the Great. We hope that every year, this evening can become a gathering place for friends who created bonds with fellow Slovenians, an annual reunion of our folklore dancers.

Although wine submissions to be judged has been dwindling over these past few years, we will again host this friendly competition of wines. However, depending on how many entries we receive, this could possibly be the final year of our wine competition. So, if you have any 2019 bottles of wine you'd like to submit for judging, please bring them with you. As for the potica contest, this will be cancelled this year.

As always, there will be food as well as our infamous 'KROFE' available for purchase. So mark November 9 on your calendars and join us for an enjoyable evening with family and friends.

To help us prepare for this event, we ask for helping hands that day beginning at 8:30am. If you are available to help out, please contact Heidy Novak at 905-317-6002, or sign up on our list at the back of the church on Sunday! We had so much help for setting up for our fall banquet that preparations were painless and quick! Thank you to all who came out. Hopefully we can get that same kind of help for Martinovanje on Saturday morning! See you all there!

Raffle Prizes Needed: The Parish Council is looking for 2 or 3 raffle prizes for Martinovanje. (Gift Cards as prizes would be welcome) - If you would like to donate something please call **Tony Horvat at 905-515-5881** or thorvat@cogeco.ca



FALL CLEAN UP

SAT NOV 9, 2019

sLOVEnski park

9:00 am



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

SLOVENSKI PARK

OBČNI ZBOR : AGM

Fall General Meeting

SUN NOV 24, 2019

2:00 pm



ANNUAL MEETING



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ 3. nov. : **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** - Mass at 2:00 p.m. - Prayer on the Cemeteries
- ♦ 9. nov. : **Slovenski Park** - Clean-up Day
- ♦ 9. nov. : **St. Gregory** - Martinovanje 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ 10. nov. : **Sava** - Mass at 12:00 p.m.
- ♦ 10. nov. : **Triglav** - Mass at 4:00 p.m. - St. John the Divine Church
- ♦ 16. nov. : **Sava** - Fall Banquet
- ♦ 17. nov. : **Lipa Park** - Martinovanje Luncheon
- ♦ 23. nov. : **Bled** - Hunter's Banquet-Lovski banket
- ♦ 24. nov.: **St. Gregory** - Mass 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ 24. nov. : **Slovenski Park** - Fall AGM 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ 27. nov. : **CWL & SOD** - Memorial Mass 7:00 p.m.

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ♦ 3. nov. 9:30 a.m.: Karl & Milka Ferko
- ♦ 10. nov. 9:30 a.m.: Jožica Vegelj & Eva Erzetič
- ♦ 17. nov. 9:30 a.m.: Čule Family
- ♦ 24. nov. 9:30 a.m.: Milena Volčanšek

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY

Villa Slovenia, **BINGO** is on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. Come and join Frank Erzar, our bingo caller and bring a friend. St. Joseph's **Tuesday Social Evening** starts at 7:00 p.m.

SVETA MAŠA IN MOLITVE NA POKOPALIŠČIH

Letos bo sveta maša na pokopališču Holy Sepulchre v nedeljo, **3. novembra ob 2:00** popoldne. Po maši se bomo, okrog tretje ure, zbrali kot običajno, pri križu za molitve.

Na pokopališču Gate of Heaven bomo molili za pokojne ob 3:30h popoldne in na pokopališču Our Lady of the Angels ob 5:00h popoldne v Mavzoleju.

SVETA BIRMA IN PRVO SVETO OBHAJILLO

Prihodnje leto bomo imeli v naši župniji **sveto birmo** že **29. marca 2020 ob 11:00h** dopoldne. Birmovalec bo hamiltonski škof Douglas Crosby. Prosimo, da čimprej poveste kateri otroci bomo prejeli ta zakrament v naši cerkvi, da bomo lažje načrtovali pripravo. S pripravo bomo začeli po novem letu.

Zakrament **prvega svetega obhajila** pa bomo imeli, kot je naš običaj, zadnjo nedeljo v mesecu maju, to je **31. maja**. Prosimo tudi za te otroke, da jih starši čimprej prijavite. Z neposredno pripravo bomo začeli po veliki noči.

POPOLNI ODPUSTEK ZA DUŠE V VICAH

Cerkev naklanja v prvih osmih dneh novembra popolni odpustek za vsak obisk pokopališča in molitev za rajne. Prav tako ga je mogoče prejeti v vseh cerkvah in javnih kapelah 1. in 2. novembra ter na prejšnjo ali na naslednjo nedeljo:

- če smo bili pri spovedi in obhajilu
- ter molimo po namenu svetega očeta.

(Po namenu svetega očeta molimo Oče naš, Zdravo Marijo, Slava Očetu. Pred molitvijo rečemo: "Po namenu svetega očeta")

Odpustek lahko namenimo rajnim, ki so še v stanju očiščevanja in jim lahko pomagajo tisti, ki so že pri Bogu in mi, ki še romamo po zemlji s svojimi molitvami, darovanimi mašami, dobrimi deli in odpustki, sami sebi namreč ne morejo več pomagati.

Diocesan Newsletter

For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Toni in Marija Franc sta darovala \$100 za misijone in \$50 za gradbeni sklad v spomin na pokojnega Franca Mariča.

V spomin na pokojnega Franca Mariča so darovali za gradbeni sklad: \$100 Štefanija Wartenberg; \$100 Olga Hanc z družino.

V spomin na pokojno Marijo Matkovič in pokojne iz družine Matkovič, sta darovala \$50 za gradbeni sklad, Marica in Frank Majzelj.

-- Hvala za vse vaše darove.

STREHA NA ŽUPNIŠČU IN CERKVI

Pred nekaj leti smo zamenjali ravni del strehe okrog cerkve in župnišča. Te dni pa smo začeli tudi s prenovo poševne strehe na župnišču in Cerkvi. Po 20. letih se je kritina začela vihati na vogalih in to je bilo dovolj, da se je župnijski svet, na zadnjem srečanju odločil, da gremo v zamenjavo kritine. S prenovo so začeli na župnišču, ker je bila v slabšem stanju kot kritina na cerkvi. Zaenkrat tudi še ni bilo poškodb na spodnjem podložnem lesenem delu strehe. Potem, ko smo dobili od Fraizer Fyke - Garland Canada Inc. pomoč pri izbiri izvajalcev, se je župnijski svet odločil za kompanijo Exterior Elements Roofing. Njihova cena je bila nižja od drugega izvajalca. Za župnišče bomo plačali \$11,050.00 in za cerkev \$26,710.00 plus davek. Če bo vreme dopuščalo, naj bi bila dela končana v prvih dneh novembra.

CWL KŽZ

Ladies, please attend our general meeting scheduled for November 6 immediately after 7:00 p.m. Mass. Your input and presence is most welcome while planning upcoming events.

Rosemary, predsednica

POROKA - MARRIAGE

V soboto, 9. novembra 2019, se bosta v naši cerkvi poročila, ženin Juseppe Adam Nunnari (Starši: oče Silvio Frank, Nunnari in mati McNail Heather) in nevesta Lana Jo-Ann Vanderham (starši: oče Lance Rickey Vanderham in mati Anna Mary, Kerec). Iskrene čestitke za ta pomemben življenjski korak; vse dobro na njuni skupni življenjski poti jima želimo.



URADNE URE ZA KONZULARNE ZADEVE V TORONTU

- torek, 19. nov., od 15.00 do 18.30 ure. - torek, 17. dec., od 15.00 do 18.30 ure.

Konzularne ure so v prostorih Generalnega konzulata na naslovu: 731 Brown's Line, Toronto, Ontario M8W 3V7. Priporočamo, da pred nameravanim obiskom konzularnih ur v Torontu, preverite termin na Veleposlaništvu v Ottawa. Telefon: +1 613 565 5781



SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday: 8:00 A.M., Tuesday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slovenian), 11:00 A.M. (English); From Long weekend in July to the Long weekend of the September Sunday Mass is only at 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English) - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** For an appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 - 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.

DON BOSCO

od 3. 11. 2019
do 10. 11. 2019

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

31. NEDELJA MED LETOM 31ST SUNDAY IN OT 3. NOVEMBER <i>Viktorin, škof</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane †† Pok. iz družine Rajter in Horvat † Jože Intihar †† Karl in Vlado Volčanšek † Ed Kodarin †† Pokojni duhovniki Ham. škofije	9:30 A.M. ----- Družina Mes Sestra Hema Kosednar z druž. 11:00 A.M. Družina Volčanšek Žena Stanka z družino 2:00 P.M. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 4. NOVEMBER	†† Pokojni iz družine Hauzar †† Pokojni iz družine Kornhauzer	8:00 A.M. Gizela Hauzar Gizela Hauzar
TOREK - TUESDAY 5. NOVEMBER <i>Zaharija in Elizabeta, sp</i>	† Matija Vlašič † Edward Eržen † Ljuba Babič † Stjepan Đundraš	7:00 P.M. Žena in otroci Štefka Eržen z družino Sestra Dragica Đundraš Hči Dragica Đundraš
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 6. NOVEMBER <i>Lenard, opat</i>	† Marija Bukvič † John Sevšek † Franc Jernejčič † Franc Marič †† Za naše pokojne farane	7:00 P.M. Jože Gimpelj z družino Jože Gimpelj z družino Hči Sonja Langenfus Družina Marič CWL - KZZ
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 7. NOVEMBER <i>Ernest, opat</i>	†† Jožef in Marija Kirec † Ana Nedelko † Irma Dorenčec †† Jožef in Kristina Vuk	7:00 P.M. Sin z družino Ivan in Angela Antolin Ivan in Angela Antolin Sin Zvonko z družino
PETEK - FRIDAY 8. NOVEMBER <i>Bogomir, škof</i>	† Paula Pelcar †† Pavel in Paul Richard † V čast Jezusovi krvi † Ema Bobnar	7:00 P.M. Olga Čulig Jožica Novak z družino Ana Tadič Milka in Karol Ferko
SOBOTA SATURDAY 9. NOVEMBER <i>Posvetitev Lateranske bazilike Teodor, mučenec</i>	†† Franc Antolin, obl. † Ana Nedelko † Irma Dorenčec † Franc Raduha † Irma Dorenčec †† Jožef in Ana Dorenčec †† Starši Adlešič † Mato Tadič	5:30 P.M. Ivan in Angela Antolin Družina Raduha Družina Raduha Žena z družino Franc in Milka Zadravec Sin Ignac Družina Fabina Hči Ana Tadič
32. NEDELJA MED LETOM 32ND SUNDAY IN OT 10. NOVEMBER <i>Leon Veliki, papež uč.</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Edy Kodarin †† Stane in Frančiška Napast †† Ethel in Ivan Simončič † Vinko Skale, obl. † Štefan Prša, obl. †† Paula in Franc Pelcar † Darinka Ferletič †† Pokojni člani društva Sava †† Pokojni člani društva Triglav	9:30 A.M. ----- Boris Lukežič z družino Družina Pinter Cecilija Sobočan 11:00 A.M. Hči Betty z družino Žena z družino Stan Pelcar, Josie Dubé z dr. Sandy in Milan Ferletič 12:00 NOON Sava Breslau 4:00 P.M. St. John the Divine London