



VESTNIK

SLOVENSKA ŽUPNIJA SV. GREGORIJA VELIKEGA | ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SLOVENIAN PARISH

31/61

Številka - Number / Leto - Year

3. 8. 2025

18. NEDELJA
MED LETOM

18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

FR. DRAGO GAČNIK, SDB
ŽUPNIK - PASTOR

NASLOV - ADDRESS
125 CENTENNIAL PKWY N
HAMILTON, ON L8E 1H8

PHONE: 905-561-5971
CELL: 905-520-2014

E-MAIL
GREGORIJ.VELIKI125@GMAIL.COM

HALL RENTALS
289-339-6900

E-MAIL: HALLRENTAL@
STGREGORYHAMILTON.CA

JEZUS SVARI PRED LAKOMNOSTJO

V današnjem evangeliju nas najprej pretrese Jezusova skromnost.

Nekdo iz množice z zaupanjem pride k njemu in ga prosi, naj razsodi vprašanja o dediščini: »Učitelj, reci mojemu bratu, naj deli dediščino z menoj.« Očitno verjame, da je Jezus pravičen sodnik, sposoben razločiti, kje je pravičnost in zato pokazati dobro rešitev za njegov problem. Vendar Jezus te prošnje ne sprejme in odgovori: "Človek, kdo me je postavil za sodnika ali delivca nad vaju?" Spoštuje pristojnosti. Zaveda se, da ima veliko pomembnejše poslanstvo, kot je pravično razsojati o vprašanih dediščini. Zaveda se, da ni poslan, da bi bil razsodnik ali posrednik za gmotna vprašanja; zato s skromnostjo ne sprejme povabila, ki mu je bilo izrečeno.

Vendar Jezus takoj izrabi priložnost, ki mu jo daje ta prošnja in napelje vodo na svoj mlin. Ljudi spodbudi naj iščejo Božje kraljestvo, in ne gmotnih stvari. "Pazite in varujte se vsake pohlepnosti!" tudi za nas je naravno, da skušamo imeti vedno več, doseči vedno več. Svojo srečo polagati v gmotne dobrine.

Da bi nas osvobodil pohlepnosti, nas Jezus povabi k razmišljanju o nezadostnosti gmotnih dobrin: "Življenje nikogar ni v obilju iz njegovega premoženja." Bogastvo ne obvaruje pred usodnostjo smrti. Ko pride smrtna ura, je malo pomembno, ali je človek bogat ali reven. In sebično iskanje bogastva za časa življenja naredi človeka bednega iz vidika duhovnega življenja.

Kot vzpodbudo, Jezus pove zgled o bogatem človeku, ki misli, da je srečen, ker je imel dobro letino: "Duša, veliko dobrin imaš, shranjenih za vrsto let. Počivaj, jej, pij in bodi dobre volje", pravi sam sebi. Bog pa ga opozori: "Neumnež! To noč bodo terjali tvojo dušo od tebe, in kar si pripravil, čigavo bo?" S tem povzame učenje

Pridigarja, ki tudi svari pred iskanjem bogastva: “Kaj koristi človeku ves njegov trud in prizadevanje njegovega srca?” Njegovo srce ne počiva niti ponoči: “Kar si namreč kdo pridobi s trdom, z modrostjo, z znanjem in s spretnostjo, to zapusti v delež človeku, ki se ni trudil za to. Tudi to je nečimrnost in velika nadloga.” To je globoko razočaranje!

V drugem berilu nam Pavel pokaže, kaj moramo prizadevno in vztrajno iskati: “Iščite to, kar je zgoraj”, ne pomeni živeti v oblakih, ampak iskati stvari, ki imajo resnično vrednost: pravičnost, ljubezen, dobroto, vse tisto, kar predstavlja resnično človekovo dostojanstvo.

Naše življenje se mora navdihovati pri dveh zapovedih ljubezni: Ljubiti Boga z vsem svojim bitjem in ljubiti bližnjega, kakor ga je ljubil Jezus. To je temeljna vrednost našega življenja; vse drugo mora biti podrejeno iskanju napredka v ljubezni.

Bistveno je, da nas vodi sledeče: Iz iskanja gmotnih dobrin ne narediti smisla našega življenja. Če svoj smisel postavimo v iskanje dobrin, bomo nujno razočarani, ker te ne morejo napolniti našega srca. Če pa si prizadevamo za rast ljubezni v nas in okoli nas, bomo deležni globokega, čudovitega veselja, saj bo to božansko veselje. V evangeliju pravi: “To sem vam povedal, da bo moje veselje v vas in da bo vaše veselje popolno” (Jn 15,11).

Razodetje, ki ga je prinesel Jezus, gre prav v smeri ljubezni: “To je moja zapoved: Ljubite se med seboj, kakor sem vas ljubil jaz” (Jn 15,12). Ta zapoved je vir človekovega dostojanstva in pravega veselja. Iskanje gmotnih dobrin pa je nasprotno vir mnogega zla, krivic in nereda v svetu.

Jezus nas vabi, naj usmerimo pogled daleč pred sebe in svoje življenje, usmerjamo tako, kot bi bila pred nami zadnja ura. Steherni naj bi se vprašal: “Čemu koristi to, kar delam in kar sem delal?” In še: “Komu koristi?” Jezus opozarja: “Nič nima take vrednosti kot življenje. Ničesar ne moremo dati v zamenjavo za življenje. (Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

“There are no pockets in a shroud.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

SECOND READING: *Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11*

Christians should not categorise people: “Christ is all, and in all.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 5.3*

Alleluia - Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven! - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 12:13-21*

A rich man planned to enjoy his wealth but he'd not prepared for his death.



Illustration

Why do we sing? We willingly let a song lead us beyond our surroundings and circumstances. Yet, whether happy, sad, thoughtful, peaceful or prayerful, our life is also a unique song, making us who we are. St Francis of Assisi happily called himself “Gods troubadour” as he walked through the woods of Umbria, singing and using two twigs as an imaginary violin. Sick, blind and approaching death, he sang about Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Fire, Sister Water – and even Sister Death. They all spoke to Francis of our amazing God. He would have enthusiastically agreed with St Bernard of Clairvaux, who declared: “What I know of the divine science and holy scripture, I learned in the woods and fields”. The natural world taught Bernard to say, “Jesus to me is honey in the mouth, music in the ear, a song in the heart.”

During the Covid lockdown, we found hope in socially distanced walks. Florists and garden centres donated flowers to stressed health workers and carers. Farmers, market gardeners and neighbours shared their home-grown fruit and vegetables. Joe Wicks led daily fitness classes on television and online. Musicians gave open-air performances at care homes. Online Mass from churches across the world helped us to pray together. Although separated from others, millions of people rediscovered community and were ingenious at finding ways to look after each other. Despite the sorrow and the restrictions, we sang – and we cared.

Gospel teaching

Today, we hear of a thoroughly selfish rich man who gloats in his wealth and doesn't spare a thought for others – including his family. He ignores the workers who ploughed his land, sowed his seed and cultivated the crop. He disregards the poor people forced to slave away in the heat of the day to harvest and store the rich man's crop in exchange for a pittance. Neither does he consider the carpenters and builders who will construct the barn to store his grain or the carters who will load it onto carts and donkeys to sell on the market. We have a picture of someone whose only thought is for himself. It doesn't occur to him to thank God, never mind those who worked on his farm. An unexpected act of kindness to his workers and their families could have made a difference to their lives. A prayer of thanksgiving to God would have been quick and easy – and yet the rich man's thoughts are only of his own comfort. Yet if he has forgotten God, God hasn't forgotten him. God is planning to meet him that night even if the landowner isn't ready for the occasion. There's a proverb: "There are no pockets in a shroud." The rich man's priorities are back to front: his wealth can't follow him into the next life. St Augustine said, "love God and then do what you want" – but perhaps the landowner didn't care?



Application

"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" was a song The New Seekers released in 1971. It included the words:

*I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony
I'd like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company.*

This song of togetherness, joy, peace and celebration sold 96,000 copies in one day, eventually selling twelve million worldwide and one million in the UK, where it rose to number one in the charts. By contrast, the rich man in today's parable could easily write his own version of "Me, Myself and I". As an obituary, the lyrics wouldn't make pleasant reading: "My heart's become too cold to break." What a tragedy!

Today we celebrate the jubilee of young people. They have an ability to find pleasure in each other's company, and can generously volunteer for amazing projects that would scare older people who might see the risks and the personal cost. For sure, they can also face challenges that were unknown in pre-Internet days, but this is even more reason why we should listen to their song, support them and accompany young people as they discover the meaning of life, love and laughter. Perhaps together, we can sing:

*I'd like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land.*

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



SLOVENSKI PARK

presents

MAŠA za BLAGOSLOV NAŠIH HIŠNIH LJUBLJENČKOV



MASS to BLESS OUR PETS

When: Sunday, August 3 @ 1:00 pm

Where: The Chapel at Slovenski Park, Puslinch
(weather permitting)

Come **BARK IN THE PARK** and join us for a special mass where all leashed or crated pets are welcome to attend. The mass will include a special blessing for all our furry, feathered, finned and scaled beloved family members.

Have a vocal pet?

It's quite alright, and Father-Drago-approved!

ALL PETS ARE WELCOME!

Donations to the collection plate appreciated.

Please bring your own lawn chair. Water stations will be available.

Free pup cups and treats available at the end of Mass.

Light lunch available for purchase at the Hall after Mass.

Kindly respect our Park rules with regard to your pets!

Please keep them leashed at all times. Pets are not permitted in the swimming pond. Dispose of your pet waste in the garbage bins behind the Hall. You are responsible for your pets and their actions or behaviour at all times!

AUGUST LONG WEEKEND SUNDAY EVENTS AUGUST 3RD

MASS

SPECIAL PET MASS (BRING YOUR PETS)

1 PM

BOCCE TOURNAMENT

3 PLAYER TEAMS

(\$10 PER PLAYER/\$30 PER TEAM)

TO REGISTER CONTACT: JOHNNY HOCEVAR

905-975-6867

10 AM

KIDS OLYMPICS

MEET AT THE SOCCER FIELD - 3PM

3 PM

KITCHEN IS OPEN

BAR IS OPEN



Saturday Aug 16, 2025

The Bled Slovenian Cultural Society invites you to join for

BOGRAČFEST!

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

Featuring:

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

Park admission:

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

Bled Hall

4650 South Service Road
Beamsville, ON
www.bled.ca

REGISTER A TEAM!

Up to 4 people per team

Entry Fee: \$100

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



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The logo of the Jubilee 2025 - symbol of hope and fraternity in the Holy Year.

It is an image rich in symbolism, representing the central themes of the Holy Year: **hope, mercy, and fraternity.**

The logo is a simple and universal image, understandable by people of all cultures and religions, and it encapsulates an invitation for all to walk together towards a better future, guided by faith and the will to build a better world marked by mercy and fraternity. This hope is underscored by the motto of the Jubilee 2025, prominently displayed in green at the bottom of the logo: "Pilgrims in Hope."

Let's see in detail what the Jubilee logo represents and what its significance is.

The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts four stylized and graceful figures, in four colours that recall the shades of the rainbow: red, orange, green, and blue. The choice of colours is not random, just as the colour of sacred vestments throughout the liturgical year is not.

Red symbolizes love, passion, and self-sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians. **Orange** expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith. **Green** is universally recognized as the colour of hope, growth, and rebirth. **Blue**, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquillity, evoking the sky and spirituality, and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent humanity as a whole, in its differences and similarities. They proceed to embrace each other, expressing

the solidarity and brotherhood that should unite the peoples of the world. Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a Cross formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an anchor. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to embrace it. The anchor, "The anchor has often been used as a metaphor for **hope**. The anchor of hope is the name given in seafaring jargon to the reserve anchor, used by vessels to perform emergency manoeuvres to stabilize the ship during storms."



The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an **anchor** that gives us security and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the **Cross**, a symbol of Christ and His infinite love for all of us? The presence of small **agitated waves** at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning, and the Jubilee, becomes a long pilgrimage to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of salvation promised by God.

The theme of the Jubilee in Rome is all encapsulated in the aforementioned motto: "**Pilgrims in Hope.**" Pope Francis emphasized the importance of a deeper spiritual reflection on Mercy, encouraging prayer and a higher awareness of the divine will in our daily lives, through concrete actions of compassion, forgiveness, and solidarity. This motto sounds like an invitation to walk together, addressed to all Christians and men, to proceed united towards a better future, based on hope, mercy, and fraternity, a continuous journey in search of God and His salvation.



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

Music in the Park Picnic

Featuring: Ansambel Šibaj!

Sunday August 10, 2025

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



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

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

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

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. 6th - **Midland** - Slovensko letno romanje začetek bo 10:00 a.m., maša ob 12:00h
- Sep. 14th - **Bled** - Annual Golf Tournament
- Sep. 14th - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Sep. 21st - **St. Gregory** - FALL BANQUET

BRALEC - READER:

- Terezija Sarjaš



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

| | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Marusich | Gabriela | August 4, 1986 |
| Šegula | Marija | August 4, 2002 |
| Čagran | Marija-Majda | August 5, 2022 |
| Vučko | Paulina | August 6, 1992 |
| Martin | Michael Chr., | August 6, 2011 |
| Šušteršič | Janez | August 7, 2003 |
| Babič | Jožefa | August 8, 2002 |
| Mozetič | Vojan | August 8, 2024 |
| Krampač | Annie | August 9, 2016 |
| Verdinšek | Franc | August 9, 2020 |
| Žagar | Anne | August 10, 1982 |
| Kremesec | Terezija | August 10, 1988 |

2025 Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation Awards – Applications Now Open

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

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

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

How to Apply:

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



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

Questions? Please contact:

Teresa Zupancic: 905-515-1286

teresa.zupancic@gmail.com

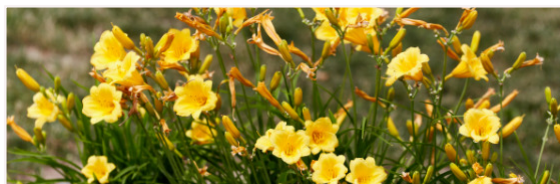
Irene Glavac Petric: 905-379-3667

glavacpetric@gmail.com

DAROVİ - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad sta darovala Ivan in Mary (Micka) Horvat, London, v spomin na pokojnega Jožefa Ftičar.

Hvala za vaš dar.



SVETI KRST - BAPTISM

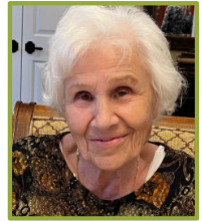
V soboto, 2. avgusta je zakrament sv. Krsta prejela **Adaline Chalupka**. Oče deklince Je Matthew, mati pa Samantha roj. Mujdrica.

Iskrene čestitke staršema ob krstu prvega otroka. Naj ju spremlja božji blagoslov in varstvo nebeške matere Marije.



POKOJNI - DECEASED

V četrtek, 31. julija je v 91. letu starosti, Bog poklical k sebi po večno plačilo našo faranko Marijo Volf.



Od nje se boste lahko poslovili kar v naši cerkvi v torek, 5. avgusta 2025, med 9:30 in 11:00 a.m. Pogrebna sveta maša se bo darovala ob 11:00 a.m.. Pogreb z žaro bo kasneje v krogu družine.

Iskreno sožalje ob izgubi matere tako sinu Fredu z družino, in tudi hčerki Lindi.

Pokona Marija pa naj uživa večni mir in pokoj.



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

*St. Gregory
The Great
Catholic
Church*

6:00 p.m. Marmora Presentation

6:30 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

7:30 p.m. Refreshments, Information

All are welcome ... invite a friend!

For more information, please, call:

- Catharine at 905-318-2242
- Angela at 905-930-7442



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. **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

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| 18. NEDELJA MED LETOM 18TH SUNDAY IN OT 3. avgust <i>Lidija, sv. žena</i> | †† Za žive in rajne župljane †† Peter in Linda Novak † Gizella Ray, obl. †† John in Frida Babič †† Gizella in Štefan Ray † Jovan Krackovic † Jovan Krackovic †† Pokojni člani društva † Gizella Ray, obl. | 10:00 AM ----- Villa Slovenia Sestra Olga Glavač z družino Mirko in Irena Kolmanič z družino Jožica Novak z družino Žena in družina Josephine Hapke 1:00 PM Maša na Slovenskem Parku Families Ray and Bell |
| | PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 4. avgustj <i>Janez Vianej, duh.</i> | † Eileen MacKenzie † Martin Tompa 7:00 PM N. N. Joe in Elizabeth Fotivec z družino |
| TOREK - TUESDAY 5. avgust <i>Marija Snežna (Nives)</i> | † Marija Volf † Stanko Vegelj † Janez Babič | 11:00 AM Pogrebna maša- Funeral Mass 7:00 PM Žena Jožefa Toni in Marija Franc |
| SREDA - WEDNESDAY 6. avgust <i>Jezusova sprem. na gori</i> | † Alojz Joželj †† Tilka in Anton Vengar | 7:00 PM Hči Sonja Langenfus Jožica Novak z družino |
| ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 7. avgust <i>Kajetan, duhovnik</i> | † Slavko Žugec Za zdravje | 7:00 PM Dragica Tompa z družino Ivanka Kramar in Marija Kreslin |
| PETEK - FRIDAY 8. avgust <i>Domink, ust.domin.</i> | †† Štefan in Ana Kričaj †† Vinko in Ana Kokelj | 7:00 PM Marija Ančka |
| SOBOTA - SATURDAY 9. avgust <i>Terezija (Edith Stein), red.m.</i> <i>Kandida, redovnica</i> | † Jakob Muhič, Jr. †† Bratje in sestre Marinič †† Pavel in Paul Richard Novak † Vojan Mozetič, obl. † Ivan Nedelko †† Ana in Ivan Nedelko † Jože Petkovič (SLO) | 5:30 PM Družina Muhič Sestra Elizabeta Raduha z druž. Jožica Novak z družino Žena Antonija Ana Borovič (Cleveland) Marija in Jože Magdič Marija in Jože Magdič |
| 19. NEDELJA MED LETOM 19TH SUNDAY IN OT 10. avgust <i>Lovrenc, mučenec</i> | † Za žive in rajne župljane † Štefan Gonza †† Paula in Franc Pelcar † Frank Verdinšek, obl. †† Peter in Linda Novak † Irma Dorenčec, obl. †† Pokojni člani društva Sava †† Karl, Rudolf in Johanna Planinc † Daniel Murko | 10:00 AM ----- Ivanka Kramar in Marija Kreslin Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Žena in hčerke Julie in John Letnik Mož z družino 1:00 PM Maša v Breslavu Sestra in hčerka Anna Celan Mama Anna Celan |