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## Bog je vir pravega veselja

Svetopiesmko porčilo o spremenjenju je zelo barvito in nam poskuša predstaviti srečanje zemlje in nebes in kako se nebeška slava globoko dotakne tistih, ki vanjo vstopijo. Gotovo je, da poročilo ne more biti dovolj izčrpno poročilo o dogodku. Tukaj ne moremo kriviti Petra, Jakoba in Janeza pač pa se moramo sprijazniti z dejstvom, da je bilo njihovo doživetje nekaj, česar ni mogoče izraziti z besedami. Trije apostoli so bili tudi prvi trije, ki so vse zapustili in šli za Jezusom. Sedaj so bili povabljeni, da doživijo ta intimni trenutek, ko je nebeška slava na nek način vstopila v naš svet. Jezusova oblačila so postala izredno bela in njegov obraz je sijal kot sonce. Kar naenkrat sta se poleg Jezusa pojavila Mojzes in Elija in se z njim pogovarjala. O čem? Ne vemo. Iz Petrovega odziva lahko sklepamo, da je šlo za nekaj izredno čudovitega in pomembnega, saj je Peter lahko izrekel le naslednje: »Gospo, dobro nam je tukaj!« Potem pa doda, da bi lahko naredili tri šotore, da ti trenutki ne bi prehitro minili. Očetov glas pa je bil tisti, ki jih je prestrašil. Bog Oče je namreč potrdil, kdo je Jezus - enako kot prej že Janez Krstnik ob krstu Jezusa: »Ta je moj ljubljeni Sin ...«

Šele Jezusov glas jih potolaži: »... Ne bojte se!« Za tri apostole je bil to višek doživetja, ki jih je še tesneje povezal z Jezusom in jih tudi pripravil na vse, kar bo še prišlo. Dogodek so veliko bolj razumeli šele po vstajenju Jezusa, pa tudi takrat niso znali izraziti vsega, kar so doživeli na gori. Ko nekdo izkusi močno duhovno doživetje ga pogosto primerja doživetju na gori Tabor. To so izkušnje v katerih se nas Bog dotakne in imamo občutek, da smo v nebesih. Taka doživetja obnovijo v nas vero in gorečnost, veselje in upanje. Je zanimivo, da teh dogodkov ni mogoče pričakovati, največkrat so popolnoma nepričakovani. Lahko je to pri običajni maši ali na kakšnem romanju, ko nas beseda duhovnika ali dogodek sam nagovori in notranje pretrese. Torej ni potrebno splezati na goro, da bi nekaj podobnega doživeli, dovolj je že, če poskušamo odpreti svoje srce delovanju sv. Duha. Tudi sami bomo ob takem doživetju iskusili nemoč, kako ta dogodek opisati, saj navadno ne najdemo pravih besed za notranje doživetje.

Ker v prejšnji številki ni bilo nobene slike o zlati poroki Franka in Lojzke Novak, dodajam danes nekaj slik.















#### **BLED - BEAMSVILLE**

V nedeljo, 23. julija 2017, je bilo pri društvu Bled tradicionalno »PROŠČENJE«. Praznovanje se je začelo ob že dopoldne, ko so v

kuhinji pripravljali kosilo in drugi pekli odojka in ovco. Tudi kapelica - katere 25 letnico so obhajali - je bila praznično okrašena in pripravljena za praznovanje, po zaslugi članov društva Bled in Anice Doma. Ob enih popoldne se smo se zbrali k daritvi svete maše, ki jo je vodil g. Janez Vodičar. Prepeval je Oktet Bled, pod vodstvom Branka Pouha. Božjo besedo je prebral Ivan Antolin. Prvotno je bilo načrtovano, da bo tudi sveta maša pri kapelici, pa vreme ni dopuščalo, smo se pa vseeno ob koncu svete maše podali v procesiji do kapelice in jo prenovljeno tudi blagoslovili. Zbor je še zapel pesem in »oboroženi« z blagoslovom smo se prisotni napotili nazaj na popoldansko družabno praznovanje. Družbo je popoldne zabaval ansambel »ŠIBAJ«. Zopet lepa nedelja in nepozaben dogodek.





















#### 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

In his vision of heaven, Daniel sees a human being coming on the clouds of heaven who receives sovereignty, glory and kingship.

**Second Reading** 2 Peter 1:16-19 Peter gives his version of what he saw and heard on the holy mountain.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of the disciples Peter, James and John.

"Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here."

#### Illustration

In July 2016, about 1.5 million young people came from all over the world to celebrate World Youth Day in Poland. In fact, it was World Youth Week: they gathered in various parts of Poland for a week of catechesis, prayer, discussion and celebration before the main gathering in a field outside Kraków, which was designated the "Field of Mercy". They came to this place, mainly on foot, the night before and waited in vigil for the celebration of the Eucharist by Pope Francis on the following day.



Why on earth would so many young people spend so much of their holidays in uncomfortable circumstances, having catechism lessons, singing and praying together before the Blessed Sacrament? Pope Francis put it very simply and clearly: "We are all here because of one person, Jesus Christ, the Son of God." All the sessions of teaching, prayer and celebration; all their meetings in friendship and fun were a lived experience of how Jesus Christ continues to live among us and invites us to share in his mission. Such a huge demonstration of shared faith helped them to believe and to say with Peter on the mountain of transfiguration: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here."

#### **Gospel Teaching**

At the time when Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain, he had reached a moment of crisis. Official opposition to Jesus was growing. When asked, "Who do you say I am?" Simon had answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and this profession of faith had earned him the nickname Peter, "Rock" – "on this rock I will build my Church". However, within a very short time, when faced with the prospect of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and crucifixion, Peter was quick to dissuade Jesus from this course of action – "Lord, this must not happen to you" – which earned him the name "Satan": "Get behind me, Satan... the way you think is not God's way but man's."

So now, six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain where he was transfigured in their sight. He was teaching them to think in God's way. They saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah, representing the teaching of the law and the prophets. They heard the voice of the Father: "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." It was such an overwhelming experience that they wanted it to last. They wanted to stay there.

Their minds had been opened to the reality of what it means to say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." But very quickly the vision was over and they were left alone with Jesus to go back down the mountain and continue on their way to Jerusalem and the cross.

### **Application**

Similarly, in Poland, the young people had been up the mountain. They had an extraordinary experience of faith. They heard the teaching of the Gospel explaining its relevance to their lives in the modern world. They prayed together. They worshipped God. They sang God's praise and they heard the voice of Pope Francis explain, "We are here because of one person, Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Surely the young people wanted the experience to go on and on, but in reality they had to come down from the mountain and return to everyday life, their personal way of the cross.

For the disciples, the wonder of the transfiguration soon wore off. When the crisis of Jesus' passion and death came, they were overcome with fear. They ran away and hid. And this, surely, is the reaction of many of us after an intense experience of faith? Whether it is an event like World Youth Day, or big occasions in our life like baptisms, First Communions, confirmation, or marriage, we are encouraged and enthusiastic as we prepare for and celebrate them. We promise ourselves that we will keep faithfully all that we have promised. Yet, so often, the enthusiasm soon wears thin and we become disillusioned. We forget what it is like to think in God's way. The attractions of daily life seem more appealing than fidelity to our faith. In the dark times, we are called to allow the memory of our "mountain top" experience to rekindle our fire, to enable us to renew our decision to love and to follow Jesus, no matter how hard it might be for us.

# **OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ◆ 6. avgust: Lipa park Music in the Park 50<sup>th</sup> picnic
- ♦ 6. avgust: Slovenski park Bocce ball Tournament - Mass - 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ 8. do 11. avgust: **St. Gregory the Great** DAY CAMP
- ◆ 19. avgust: Triglav Picnic Band: »Novi spomini«
- ◆ 20. avgust: Sava-Breslau Maša 1:00 p.m., picnic
- ♦ 26. avgust: **Sv. Jožef** Bocce Tournament
- 1. do 4. september: Slovenski park Baseball Tournament with DJ - 3. sept. - Sunday -Picnic with band: »Spotlight«
- ◆ 4. september: Bled Picnic & Bocce Tournament
- ◆ 10. september: Triglav Picnic, Mass at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ 24. september: **St. Gregory the Great** FALL BANQUET; Mass only at 10:00 a.m.

#### GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠATA

- ♦ 6. avgust, 10:00 a.m.: Jože in Albina Antolin
- ♦ 13. avgust, 10:00 a.m.: Ante in Rozalija Čule
- ◆ 20. avgust, 10:00 a.m.: Jožica Groznik in Milena Volčanšek
- ◆ 27. avgust,10:00 a.m.: Eva Erzetič in Jožica Vegelj

## ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY BOCCE TOURNAMENT

St. Joseph Society Bocce tournament & Pork Barbecue Lunch will be held **August 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10 AM – Villa Slovenia**. Registration is \$12.00 or Lunch only is \$8.00.

Tournament is open to all members, potential members, & Slovenian youth,14 years and up. Each team will be comprised of 4 members. This year, you may create your own team by entering 1, 2, 3 or 4. If less than 4 are entered, we will add to complete the foursome.

Registration for tournament and lunch attendees is to be accompanied with full payment to **Tony Ferko** @ 289-253-4804 or **Jerry Ponikvar** @ 905-333-5813.

We encourage you to register your intention to play bocce in the tournament or if you are attending as a guest. We need to know the numbers as soon as possible!

#### IN MEMORIAM ...

### † Ivan Tompa

May 1, 1939 - August 11, 2015

In memory of my husband, father, papa, brother, and uncle

They say memories are golden Well, that is true
I never wanted memories
I only wanted you
In my heart you hold a place
No one could ever fill
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again

Mass for † Ivan Tompa will be celebrated on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Norma, John, Mercy, Kathleen, Tony, Aprilyn, Rhiannon, and Ethan



#### **ANNUAL SUMMER** DAY CAMP

Our Slovenian Summer Day Camp is just around the corner. We are still accepting registrations and looking for volunteers to help out for this summer week of fun! We have many activities planned for the kids... Cooking, magic, bouncy castles, ice cream, acrobatics, music and lots of fun with lots of kids. So remember, it isn't too late!

Email me at novakh@sympatico.ca or call me at 905-317-6002 to reserve your spot. The cost is only \$75 for the week of the camp. And to our high school students - this is a simple way to get all of your mandatory volunteer hours in just one week... and, you'll have fun while your getting them. Looking forward to seeing you all at camp! - Heidy Novak

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday — Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 A.M. — slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. — slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. — slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. — angleška / in English KRSTI / BAPTISMS: Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. POROKE / MARRIAGE: Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. SPOVED / CONFESSIONS: Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / 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 (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Od 6. 8. 2017 Do 13. 8. 2017

# **SVETE MAŠE - MASSES**

18. NEDELJA  MED LETOM 6. AVGUST  Jezusova spremenitev na gori	Za žive in rajne župljane † Janez Zagorc † Florian Miklavčič †† Zyemunt in Henryk †† Za pokojne člane društva †† Tončka in Janko Demšar	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Sestra Erzar Jožica z druž. Žena in družina Janiak Family SLOVENSKI PARK Družina Pust	
7. AVGUST <i>Kajetan, duhovnik</i>	†† Pavel in Paul Richad Novak † Janez Šušteršič	8:00 a.m.	Jožica Novak z družino Družina	
<b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b> 8. AVGUST Dominik, ust. Dominik.	†† Za duše v vicah	7:00 р.м.	Tone in Marija Bakvic	D A
<b>Sreda - Wednesday</b> 9. Avgust <i>Terezija, redmuč.</i>	V čast sv. Duhu	7:00 р.м.		Y
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 10. AVGUST Lovrenc, diakon-muč.	†† Jože in Marija Kaplan	7:00 р.м.	Sin Jože z družino	C
PETEK - FRIDAY 11. AVGUST Klara (Jasna), dev.	† Ivan Tompa † Ivan Tompa	7:00 р.м.	Žena Norma in otroci	n P
SOBOTA SATURDAY	†† Anka in Marica	8:00 a.m.	Sorodniki	
12. Avgust Ivana Šantalska, red. Lelija, devica.	† Ignac Korošec † Matija Vlašič	5:30 p.m.	Društvo sv. Jožefa (5) Dorothea Ježovnik	
19. NEDELJA  MED LETOM  13. AVGUST  Gertruda, opatinja	Za žive in rajne župljane Bogu v zahvalo za 50 let zakona	10:00 а.м.	Ante in Rozalija Čule	