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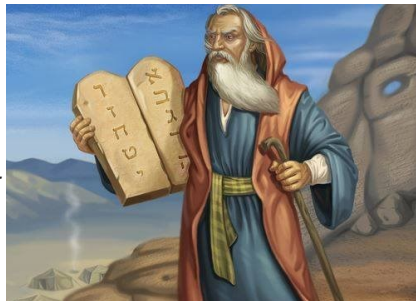
## Prisluhnimo božji besedi

*Drama dveh svetopisemskih beril današnje nedelje nas uvaja v sorodnost izrazov, »beseda« in »govoriti«. Odlomek iz Mojzesove knjige, pete izmed svetopisemskih knjig, prinaša pravo in pristno zbirko »homilij« o božjem zakonu, ki so položene v usta Mojzesu. Prerok, človek besede, je glasnik Boga; njegove besede so božje besede:*

*»Položim svoje besede v njegova usta in govoril jim bo vse, kar mu jaz zapovem.« Ljudstvo mora sprejeti dolžnost poslušanja: »Njega poslušajte.« Tisti, ki zavračajo besede preroka ali Boga samega, so deležni enake božje sodbe. »Kdor pa ne bo poslušal besed, ki jih bo (prerok) govori v mojem imenu, tega jaz pokličem na odgovor.« Judovsko izročilo je v predstavitvi preroka, ki oznanja, prepozna podobo Mesija, prinašalca dokončne božje besede.*

*Zaradi tega Markov evangelijski odlomek poudarja pomembnost Kristusove besede, saj je On najvišji prerok in najpopolnejši učitelj: »Strmeli so nad njegovim naukom, ker jih je učil, kakor kdor ima oblast in ne kakor pismouki ...« Marko želi v svojem evangeliju pokazati, da je popolno razumevanje božje besede počasna in zahtevna, težavna in nenehna naloga. Način spoznanja Kristusove besede in njegove osebe je pogosto skrivnosten in tvegan, včasih je tudi brez jasnega odgovora, zato raziskovalci radi to poimenujejo kot Markova »mesijanska skrivnost«.*

*Jezus namreč ozmerja nečistega duha, ki »zakriči«, da je Jezus »svetnik božji«. Ta naslov opredeli Jezusa kot tistega, ki v polnosti pripada območju božjega. Tudi apostol Peter je po velikem neuspehu govora o kruhu življenja v sinagogi v Kafarnaumu rekel: »Gospod, h komu pojdemo? Besede večnega življenja imaš in mi verujemo in verno, da si ti Kristus, božji Sin« (Jn 6,69). Pristno spoznanje Kristusa, kakor meni Marko, ni v »klicu«, ki je povezan z razglašanjem čudodelnika, marveč v klicu, ki ga spoznavamo z vztrajnim poslušanjem in iskanjem.*



Prehoditi je treba dolgo pot oblikovanja, ki prečiščuje našo podobo Kristusa. To je proces, ki pogloblja najvišjo skrivnost Kristusa, tisto, ki se nam v polnosti razodeva v križu in vstajenju. Na kraju bo šele v nespameti križa Kristus sprejel tisti »sloves«, ki ga sedaj zavrača in se razširja proti njegovi volji. »Vera v Kristusa, je zapisal veliki B. Pascal, ni pristna tedaj, ko se rojeva zaradi čudeža, marveč tedaj, ko se rojeva iz križa«.

V današnjem bogoslužju se srečujeta beseda in poslušanje. Zaradi tesne povezave med njima izhaja pomembnost oznanila, ki je namenjeno nam vsem. V svetopisemski kulturi in kulturi Kristusa samega, beseda ni preprosto gibanje zraka ali premikanje ustnic, tudi ni današnje televizijsko klepetanje, rojeno iz praznine in poslano v praznino. Beseda je slovesno in učinkovito dejanje, ki toliko bolj učinkuje, kolikor večji in iskrenjši je tisti, ki besedo oznanja. Ameriška pesnica 18. stoletja E. Dickson je zapisala: »Nekdo je rekel, da je beseda, ki je izrečena, mrtva. Prav, toda jaz pravim, da ravno v tistem trenutku začne živeti.« Kristusova beseda ni ugasnila, ko je bila izrečena; ravno tedaj se je mogočno dvignila nad zlo in postala meč. V svoji ogroženosti hudobni duh v prestrašeni izpovedi vere, ki smo jo navedli, izrazi tudi odločno zavrnitev Kristusa: »Kaj imaš ti z nami, Jezus Nazarečan? Si prišel, da nas pogubiš?«

Jezusova beseda pronica v našo zgodovino in pričinja proces uničevanja zla. To je nekak zadnji udarec z repom njegove agonije, preden utihne v smrtne molku. Kristusov »novi nauk« ni neka nejasna filozofska teorija, marveč ustvarjalna in odrešilna moč. Vsi jo potrebujemo, da bi mogli odstraniti skrivne demone, ki so v nas in nas vabijo, kakor pravi Kristus, »k nečistovanju, tatvini, zavisti, uboju, prešuštvu, lakomnosti, zlobnosti, zvičajnosti, razuzdanosti, bogokletju, oholosti, nespameti« (Mr 7,21-22). Tako kot prerok Ezekijel moramo tudi mi »jesti zvitek božje besede«, da bo prešla v naše življenje. »Sin človekov, nasiti si svoje telo in si napolni notranjost s tem zvikom, ki ti ga dajem! Použil sem ga in bil je v mojih ustih sladek kot med« (Ez 3,3).

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2005-2006, št. 2)

## Response:

**O that today our hearts would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden our hearts!**

### First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God's words will be placed on the lips of a Moses-like prophet who is raised up from among his kinsfolk.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul sees the unmarried person as single-mindedly committed to the Lord.

### Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Jesus speaks with an authority that leaves the people spellbound, and with a similar authority he drives out evil spirits.

*“And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere.”*



## Illustration

“And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere”: that is how today's Gospel ends, but it is by no means the end of the story; Jesus' reputation has continued to spread for the past two thousand years and across all the continents. There are countless souls whose lives he has touched and, in some cases, transformed totally; millions upon millions of ordinary people – people like ourselves – who have, to a greater or lesser extent, come to know and love him.

In 1991 the British boxer Michael Watson was left permanently paralysed after a bout with Chris Eubank. The brain surgeon who conducted the initial operation on Michael thought he would die; later, the doctors said that he would never walk again. But twelve years later he managed to complete the London Marathon; he walked it at the rate



of two hours each morning and two hours each afternoon, finally completing the whole course in six days. He was accompanied on the last leg of his marathon by the man who had brought disaster into his life; they'd become good friends. Indeed, Watson eventually wondered if it had been a disaster after all. "Getting angry", he said, "won't change the past. Before the accident I wasn't a Christian. Now Jesus is my inspiration. How can you fail to be moved by the words of Jesus on the cross: 'Father, forgive them?'"

### **Gospel Teaching**

The Jewish people revered Moses; they looked upon him as the greatest of their prophets, the greatest of God's spokespeople, but as we heard in today's first reading, Moses promised: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves." That was the promise; the Gospel in dramatic fashion shows its fulfilment.

It's the sabbath day; in the local synagogue Jesus is invited to preach. The people

are deeply impressed. In their astonishment, they ask each other what it can all mean. Jesus is a prophet like no other; his teaching is teaching with a difference: for he teaches with authority. Other religious leaders simply pass on what they've learned from others, but Jesus' teaching seems to well up from within himself. And he displays this authority not only in his words but also in his actions: he puts unclean spirits, devils, to flight. It's been said that in Mark's Gospel Jesus does not merely appear on the scene, he explodes onto it. His appearance is dramatic. Who can ignore a man like this? Indeed, who is he? Where does his power come from?

### **Application**

So Mark's Gospel isn't only a drama: it's a challenge. What do I make of Jesus Christ? Who is he for me? Who is he, not just in theory but in practice; not just on Sundays but in the living of my daily life? And what about evil spirits? Did Jesus come to conquer them? In our modern, scientific world, we perhaps smile a little at the very mention of such beings. But are there not evil forces in each of us, forces that threaten our well-being and that of others, dark forces like pride, selfishness, lust, envy and bitterness that can so easily come bubbling up to the surface? And might not these be described as evil spirits? And then on the world stage, too: if we think of wars, crimes, ethnic cleansings, terrorism, the use of torture, and global warming caused by human misuse of the world's resources – we might ask what drives human beings to do these things.

If today's Gospel highlights the authority of Christ's teaching, it is perhaps not surprising that the responsorial psalm should urge us to "listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts." And if we listen, what shall we hear? Many things, but it will all come down to this: your God loves you, you are God's child; God has prepared a place for you in God's kingdom. Do not be afraid, God can conquer every evil that threatens your happiness. Live for God and for your sisters and brothers. When the people in the synagogue heard Jesus preach, they said: "Here is a teaching that is new." And when we truly listen to him – not merely with our ears but our hearts – then his teaching is always new, always carrying an appeal and a freshness, as though we were hearing it for the first time. It is always Gospel, always good news.

# ENO SRCE ENA DUŠA

Zbiralna akcija v okviru škofije Hamilton

Cilj naše kampanje je v treh letih zbrati vsoto \$200,000.00 za našo župnijo.

Nekateri še vedno ne razumejo, da vse, kar boste darovali preko te kampanje, bo prejela naša župnija in še 10% iz skupnega sklada. Škofjski uradi pa bodo vodili vse računovodske zadeve, tako, da nam ne bo potrebno tega dela urejati.

V Vestniku vsak teden objavimo koliko ste »obljubili« da boste darovali za kampanjo **za našo župnijo preko škofjskega računa** in koliko je že dejansko »vplačanega«. Iz škofije nam tedensko pošljejo tekoče stanje na našem računu.

**Na računu »Eno Srce, Ena Duša« za našo slovensko župnijo sv. Gregorija Velikega je trenutno mirovanje.**

**\$90,199 - Pledged - obljubili**

**\$44,934 - Paid - ste že vplačali**

Trenutno je zgleda zatišje. Ta teden ni bilo novih darov, ker nam niso poslali »updates«. Nekaj darov, ki ste jih prinesli za OHOS v pisarno bomo poslali naprej ta teden.

**Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali. Smo že skoraj na polovici zastavljenega cilja.**

## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

**THE 2021 ANNIVERSARY MASS HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.**

As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will be married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary via the link below, and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead.



<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/sfm/anniversary-mass.php>

Zaradi Covida-19 letos v katedrali ne bo skupne maše za tiste pare, ki letos praznujejo 25, 40, 50, 60 in več let poroke. Kljub temu škof Crosby želi vsem čestitati ob tej priložnosti in prosi, da se registrirate na škofjski internetni strani in boste po pošti prejeli »Priznanje«. Zgoraj, pred tem besedilom je povezava na škofjsko internetno stran. Tisti, ki niste večji ali nimate interneta poprosite svoje otroke, da vas registrirajo.



## FOR THE COMMON GOOD

### *On the Pandemic Sacrifices*

My dear friends,

The decision to close our churches and suspend public celebrations of the Mass has been a painful one for our clergy, religious, and all the lay faithful in the Diocese. While the sadness of our inability to gather to celebrate the Eucharist is profound, some of the responses to this closure - in addition to falling short of the demands of charity - betray a fundamental lack of understanding not only of why this great sacrifice is being made, but also whose example we follow in so doing.

We know that Holy Communion is the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of the Christian life. His death is the ultimate sacrifice of love for us - to which we are joined when we participate in the Mass and receive Communion. When we eat His Body and drink His Blood, we say that "we become what we eat", the Body of Christ.

During these pandemic days we are uniting ourselves closely to Christ by making serious sacrifice for the health and well-being of others. This is not a matter of weakness. In fact, during these days of sacrifice, we live selflessly, as we profess - much as Jesus Christ urges us to live - for the common good. By definition, sacrifice is never easy - and during these days and weeks and months of sacrifice we come closer to Him - we are more like Him - because our sacrifice emulates His! Our children are learning a very important lesson during these difficult days: sometimes we have to give up our freedoms, privileges and pleasures in order care for others - so they might live!



Over the past 22 years, I have been blessed to have served three Dioceses as Bishop: the Diocese of Labrador City-Schefferville, St. George's Diocese, (the boundaries of which were extended prior to being renamed the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador,) and the Diocese of Hamilton. In the first two Dioceses there were remote communities of Catholic faithful who rarely had the opportunity to celebrate Mass, because there were few Priests. The people longed for Holy Communion and gathered and rejoiced when a Priest visited and celebrated Mass with them so they were able to receive the Body of the Lord. This experience of a long wait between Masses will continue for them into an unknown future.

The fact that they cannot receive Holy Communion, however, does not stop them from praying and nurturing a relationship of love with the Lord: the Rosary is still a staple for prayer, reading the Sacred Scriptures prescribed for the day or for the coming Sunday, sharing reflections and praying with neighbours, saying familiar prayers with family and friends. The faithful in these communities will continue to make this sacrifice for months and years to come. In contrast, in Southern Ontario, where we are privileged to have many parishes and priests to serve them, our pandemic sacrifice will last for a few more months, or for as long as it takes to curb the high numbers of citizens - our brothers and sisters - who contract the dreaded virus.

Since the Ontario Government declared a lockdown in the Province of Ontario effective December 26, 2020, the decision was made, once again, to close our Parish churches in the Diocese of Hamilton. While the current government and public health regulations permit gatherings of no more than ten people for worship (including funerals and scheduled weddings), we are asked to limit all gatherings outside of our homes in order to limit the spread of COVID in the community. In compliance

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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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with government and public health directives and out of an abundance of charity, gatherings for Masses in our churches, with the exception of funerals and weddings (up to ten people), even in small numbers are suspended for the period of the lockdown.

The decision to close our churches has not been taken lightly and in no way should it be understood as undermining the central place which the celebration of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments hold for us as Catholics. Our need to gather to give thanks to God remains "our duty and our salvation"; our need for true nourishment, which the Eucharist alone provides, continues. Now, however, we unite ourselves spiritually with our priests who are celebrating Mass daily and we rely on the infinite fruits of the Mass to sustain us.

We continue to pray for one another, for those who are suffering in any way during this pandemic and for those who have died. Let us pray with confidence in God's mercy, that the promise of an effective vaccine will be realized and we will soon be able to return to gather again in our churches to give God thanks, to worship with the sacred assembly, and to be nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+Douglas Crosby, OMI*

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI

Bishop of Hamilton

January 18, 2021

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## DAROVİ - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

- \$20 Regina Črešnjovec v spomin na pok. Jožefa Prša
- \$100 Družina Jože in Jožica Groznik v spomin na pokojnega g. Staneta Okorna.

Za misijone je darovala \$100 Lojzka Saje.

Iskrena hvala za vaš darove.

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## VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu februarju bo večna luč gorela za pokojnega Joe Lackovič po namenu žene in družine.

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## COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER!

A reminder to anyone with a business, talent or skill - send us your information including details of what you do, the area you set is and contact information and we will share these details with our parish members. It is times like these that we can come together and support one another. - Heidi Novak

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## HEART TO HEART - BISHOP + DOUGLAS CROSBY, OMI

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, begins the Holy Season of Lent.** The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy are preparing an Ash Wednesday program that can be celebrated at home – with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by "yours truly". Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey.

**THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL** of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P) is "hoping for the best" for their **annual Share Lent Collection** which is traditionally held on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: this year, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to the first pandemic shut down, last year's special collection was postponed to October when a special collection was taken for several charities. D&P received \$109K from that collection, plus \$191K from

funds received previously, plus funds from parishioners who sent their collection directly to the charity. These funds support our sisters and brothers in developing countries.

## DOGODKI V ZADNJEM ČASU V ŽUPNIJI

Trenutno je bolj mirno. Sem in tja se kdo ustavi, prinese nedeljske kuverte, vzame oznanila-Vestnik, prinese za maše ... tako, da se vedno kaj dogaja.

Prejšnji teden smo imeli v dvorani delavce, ki so v obeh kuhinjah zamenjali dotrajane enote nad štedilniki za gašenje v primeru požara. Ne vem, če je bilo to kdaj to obnovljeno, vsekakor iz Jonson Controls, ki opravijo tudi letni pregled, so nam zamenjali obe enoti, tako, da smo zdaj »up to date« v obeh kuhinjah. Vsa zadeva ni ravno poceni, skupaj z davkom nas je stalo \$10,141.75. Upamo, da sistema ne bo »potrebno« nikoli uporabiti. Je pa potreben za varnost. Tisti, ki ste delali v kuhinjah boste vedeli kaj je ta zadeva.



**SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES:** Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. (Slovenian-English - For the time of Covid-19 it is only one Mass on Sundays) - **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.

DOM BOSCO

## SVETI ANGEL WITH OUR PARISHIONERS

With restrictions placed on in person services, finding ways to include our members in some way is definitely a challenge but should also be a priority. With this in mind, we would like to invite our members to submit a video praying Sveti Angel.

Each week we would like to insert a video of a family, siblings, members praying the "Sveti Angel" so that we can insert it during prayers after Communion. Videos will be inserted in the order they are received and submissions will receive notice of their scheduled Sunday prayer. We ask everyone to consider participating in this small way to not only support your parish, but to stand together during these difficult times. Please submit your video to

[sgtqparish@gmail.com](mailto:sgtqparish@gmail.com)

Together We Are - Together We Pray

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## LIVESTREAM MASSES ON FACEBOOK:

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, 10:00 a.m.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, 10:00 a.m.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT, 10:00 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/stgregorythegreathamilton/>

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

Fujs	Frances	February 1, 1994
Frumen	Ernest	February 1, 2013
Zorko	Rozina	February 2, 1967
Uršič	Joseph	February 3, 1983
Puscher	Miroslav	February 3, 2002
Prijatelj	Mary	February 4, 1998
Rihar	Stephanie	February 5, 2012

od 31. 1. 2021  
do 7. 2. 2021

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<b>4. NEDELJA MED LETOM</b> 31. JANUAR <i>Janez Bosko, ustanovitelj Salezijancev</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane Za duhovne poklice † Rozina Zorko, obl. † Joe Lackovič, obl. † Joe Hanc, obl. † Štefka Rihar, obl. †† Pokojni duhovniki naše župnije	----- Slomškovo oltarno društvo Milan in Sandy Ferletič Žena in družina Mary Hanc z družino Mož z družino Jožica Vegelj
<b>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY</b> 1. FEBRUAR <i>Brigita Irska, opatinja</i>	† Gizella Ray Na čast Kristusove krvi	NO MASS FOR PUBLIC Ivan in Rozina Doma Ana Tadić
<b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b> 2. FEBRUAR <i>SVEČNICA - Jezusovo da- rovanje</i>	† Lojze Grebenc †† Marija in Jožef Kuzma † Janez Šušteršič † Marija Horvat † Anton Špiler	NO MASS FOR PUBLIC Mary Grebenc Sin Tone z družino Joža Šušteršič in družina Mož Ignac z družino Helen Špiler
<b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b> 3. FEBRUAR <i>Blaž, škof-mučenec</i>	† Martin Simončič †† Pokojni sorodniki † Donald V. Brown	NO MASS FOR PUBLIC Žena Kathy Demšar Family Manja erzetič
<b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b> 4. FEBRUAR <i>Ivana, kr-red.</i>	† Viktor Glavač † Juraj Fabina	NO MASS FOR PUBLIC Družina Žizek Sestra Danica Maradin
<b>PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY</b> 5. FEBRUAR <i>Agata, dev.-mučenka</i>	†† Pavel Novak in prijatelji † Serafina Bracco	NO MASS FOR PUBLIC Jožica Novak z družino Ana Tadić
<b>SOBOTA - SATURDAY</b> 6. FEBRUAR <i>Doroteja, mučenka</i>	†† Rajni župljani † Joseph Baškovič	NO MASS FOR PUBLIC Alois in Agata Sarjaš Manja Erzetič
<b>5. NEDELJA MED LETOM</b> 7. FEBRUAR <i>Koleta (Nika), redovnica</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane † Slavka Mramor † Egidij Kodarin † Frank Saje † Joe Lackovič † Joe Hanc †† Pokojni iz družine Tibaut † Fr. Tone Žerdin (SLO)	----- Fani Adamič z družino Milka Pavlič Žena in družina Ančka Kotnjek Ančka Kotnjek Mary in Ivan Horvat Ignac in Tony Horvat

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