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IN KDO JE MOJ BLIŽNJI?

Današnji evangelij je zelo pomemben, ker nam kaže, kako si moramo predstavljati ljubezen, kako moramo ljubiti bližnjega.

K Jezusu pride učitelj postave in ga hoče preizkusiti z zanimivim vprašanjem: »Učitelj, kaj naj storim, da dosežem večno življenje?« V nadaljevanju Jezus tega moža postavi na preizkušnjo, ko ga prisili, da spremeni svojo miselnost učitelja postave.

Učitelj postave mora vedeti, kaj piše v postavi, zato ga Jezus vpraša: »Kaj je pisano v postavi? Kako bereš?«

Učiteljev odgovor je odličen, čisto po Jezusovemu nauku: »Ljubi Gospoda, svojega Boga, iz vsega srca, z vso dušo, z vso močjo in z vsem mišljenjem, in svojega bližnjega kakor samega sebe.« Jezus ga pohvali, rekoč: »Prav si odgovoril, to delaj in boš živel.«

Učitelj postave pa želi vedeti, kako je treba razlagati zapoved ljubezni do bližnjega, zato Jezusa prosi, naj pojasni meje te ljubezni. Niso vsi ljudje sami po sebi že naši bližnji. Do kod moramo torej imeti ljudi za bližnje? Je dovolj ljubiti ljudi iz lastne družine, ali pa tudi tiste iz našega mesta, iz našega naroda? Po judovski miselnosti se onkraj te točke ni moglo iti.

Jezus pa ne odgovori neposredno na to vprašanje, ampak odgovori z življenjsko zgodbo. »Neki človek je šel iz Jeruzalema v Jeriho ...« Jezus preprosto govori o »nekem človeku«; ne pove, ali je bil Jud ali Samarijan ali pogan. Gre iz Jeruzalema v Jeriho in naleti na razbojnike. Ti ga slečejo in pretepejo, pustijo napol mrtvega, potem in odidejo. Gre torej za človeka, ki se je znašel v skrajni stiski.

Po tej cesti gre duhovnik, in ko ga vidi, gre mimo po drugi strani, enako tudi levit. Jezus ne pojasni razlogov za njuno obnašanje. Fizični stik z ranjencem bi ju, po judovski postavi, lahko onesposobil - napravil za obredno nečiste - za opravljanje bogoslužnih obredov, zato se raje umakneta.

Pa pride mimo neki Samarijan, ki je na potovanju, vidi ranjenega

človeka, vidi njegovo trpljenje, vidi, da potrebuje pomoč, in se ga usmili. Obveže mu rane, ga naloži na svoje živinče - kar pomeni, da sedaj Samarijan hodi peš ob ranjenem, kot služabnik - potem ga pelje v gostišče in poskrbi zanj. Zaupa ga gostilničarju z obljubo, da se bo vrnil in poplačal morebitne stroške. Čudovita človeška solidarnost! S tem svojim dejanjem Samarijan postane bližnji nesrečniku v stiski.

Jezus na koncu vpraša učitelja postave: »Kateri izmed teh treh, se ti zdi, je bližnji tistemu, ki je padel med razbojnike?« Jezus začetno vprašanje učitelja postave obrne na glavo. Odgovor učitelja je jasen: »Tisti, ki mu je skazal usmiljenje.« Jezus mu je rekel: »Pojdi in tudi ti tako delaj!«

Tako je Jezus učitelja postave prisilil k spremembi. Predvsem potrebujemo spremembo miselnosti: ne imeti predsodkov, ne postavljati ločitev, ampak biti odprti do vseh, ki so blizu nas in so v potrebi. Zanje moramo narediti vse, kar je v naših močeh.

Prvo berilo nas vabi, naj verujemo, da je to učenje zelo jasno; zato ni treba iti ne na nebo in ne onkraj morja, da bi poiskali pojasnilo. Gre za očitno resničnost, ki je v našem srcu in v naših ustih, da bi jo uresničili. Jezusov nauk je nauk brezmejne ljubezni. Podreti je treba pregrade in predsodke in postati bližnji vsem.

Drugo berilo nam pokaže na temelj Jezusove ljubezni: »Vse je bilo ustvarjeno po njem in zanj.« Beseda v stvarstvo ne polaga ločitev, ampak vsem stvarjem in vsem ljudem daje bivanje, življenje in srečo.

Potem, ko se je človeštvo zaradi greha razdelilo, se je Božja Beseda učlovečila, da bi ves svet spravila z Bogom, »da je po njem spraval s sabo vse stvarstvo, saj je s krvjo njegovega križa pomiril, kar je na zemlji in kar je v nebesih«. Gre za vesoljno spravo. Razsežnosti Kristusovega dela presegajo vsako mejo.

Zato Jezus tudi od nas zahteva, da imamo odprto srce za vse. On, ki je povsod kot Božji Sin in je odrešil vse, nas prosi, naj mu z velikodušnostjo, združeni z njim in gnani po njegovi ljubezni pomagamo, da bo njegova milost dosegla vse ljudi.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 30.10-14*

God's word is very close to us – in our mouth and heart – so that we can put it into practice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 69

Seek God in your need, and let your hearts revive!

SECOND READING: *Colossians 1.15-20*

Jesus is the image of God and the firstborn of all creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 6.63,68*

Alleluia - Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 10.25-37*

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment is, he told the story of the Good Samaritan.



Illustration

In 2018, marine archaeologists announced that, in the Black Sea, they had found an intact sunken Greek merchant ship dating from approximately 400 BC. The world's oldest-known intact shipwreck lies on its side, 1.5 miles deep and far beyond the reach of modern divers. Its cargo of wine, olive oil and other trading goods is untouched and undamaged. Experts think that the ship sank in bad weather, perhaps swamped by a massive freak wave. Even today, despite advanced on-board technology, such an unpredictable monster wave can swamp and sink a vessel, giving the crew no time to respond to the danger. Perhaps, when the wave struck, it simply sank like a stone. Perhaps this also explains why the ancient shipwreck appears undamaged.



In 2004, an extreme wave struck Alderney, in the Channel Islands, with such force and pressure that it would have destroyed almost any merchant vessel sailing the high seas today. The Greek wooden trading ship and its crew didn't stand a chance.

Coincidentally, today's Gospel story of the Good Samaritan reminds us of the Good Samaritans who serve through the Coast Guard, lifeboat crews, helicopter rescue service and first responders who sometimes risk their own lives to save others.

Gospel teaching

Jesus was a fantastic storyteller. It's why even non-Christians and atheists will quite happily describe someone as "a Good Samaritan", knowing the meaning of the expression even if they don't know the story.

In Jesus' day, any traveller risked meeting bandits. Traditionally, we associate highwaymen threatening their potential victims with the words "your money or your life". Did this happen to the traveller in Jesus' story or did the bandits just attack him anyway? Perhaps he put up a fight to

defend himself and his property rather than just handing it over: we don't know and Jesus doesn't tell us. What he does say is that two people who should have been prepared to help the injured man ignored him. Perhaps they had good excuses for hurrying on towards Jerusalem. We don't know. Jesus, however, draws attention to a Samaritan, someone who was despised in Israel but who didn't think twice about responding to someone in need even if his support cost him time and money.

Those who listened to Jesus were unimpressed: the priest and the Levite deserved greater respect than Jesus gave them. Instead, he showed them someone to whom public opinion and social status meant nothing when somebody needed help. Did the injured man call out the equivalent of an SOS? We don't know.

The Good Samaritan was the first responder and that was all that mattered. He'd saved a life and continued his journey without looking for thanks.

Application

We take it for granted that any ship in distress will send an SOS or a Mayday signal and that other vessels and the emergency services, hearing the cry for help, will respond. We remember 25-year-old Jack Phillips, the Titanic wireless operator. Only four years after SOS became the official, internationally recognised call for help, Phillips sent urgent signals from the Titanic, hoping for a rescue that could save lives, knowing that his would not be one of them. His heroism on 15 April 1912 enabled 712 of the 2,208 people aboard to survive the ship's sinking. Through his persistence, the Carpathia and other ships travelled out of their way on their rescue mission to the Titanic. There were many Good Samaritans that day, most of whom are known only to God.



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SLOVENIAN CULTURAL CLUB

4650 South Service Road - Beamsville, ON

Proščênje piknik

1 pm | Holy Mass

2 pm | Lunch

2:30 pm | Social, Dancing

Pool and other activities

Sunday
July 13th, 2025



Live music by the
Golden Keys



Entry Fee

Adult : \$10 Ages 6-15 : \$5 Under 6 : free

For more info call:

Milena 905-393-6594

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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



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- July 13th - **Bled** - Proščenje - Mass at 1:00 PM
- July 19th - **Slovenski Park** - Pečenkafe
- 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. 14th - **Bled** - Annual Golf Tournament
- Sep. 14th - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Sep. 20th - **Bled** - Simfonija Choir from Slovenia
- Sep. 21st - **St. Gregory** - FALL BANQUET

BRALEC - READER:

- Rita Bartula

POLETJE 2025

Ker sem odsoten do 1. avgusta, me bo v tem času nadomeščal g. Štefan Krampač, SDB.

Dobrodošel med nami, da se boš naužil malo Kanadskega sonca in vročine in se tudi odpočil preden greš na novo delovno mesto. Ker nisi prvič v Kanadi, se boš hitro znašel, saj te mnogi že dobro poznajo.

SUNDAY MASSES DURING THE SUMMER

From June 22nd to FALL BANQUET, September 21st,

Sunday Masses will be celebrated
only at 10:00 AM

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 Zupancič 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

DONATIONS - DAROVI

V spomin na pokojnega Petra in Lindo Novak so za gradbeni sklad darovali:

- \$ 100.- Angie Harrington (Jerič)

- \$ 100.- Sonya in Frank Obal

- \$ 250.- Joe in Carmen Horvat

Hvala vsem za vaše darove.

SLOVENSKI PARK PRESENTS

PEČENKA FEST

Saturday, July 19th 2025

GATES OPEN at 11:00 AM
\$15 PER PERSON - UNDER 16 FREE

Kitchen opens at 1:00 pm
Pečenka availability times are
1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 pm

Featuring Music By:
Murski Val

Team Registration Info!

Deadline to register is Sunday, July 13th

Entry fee is \$180 per Team
and includes pig, admission and
Weekend camping fees for 4 team members,
as well as a plate of potato salad & bread
to enjoy your meat!

RV trailer is an additional \$25.
Limited Spots Available

Standard camping fees apply
For more than 4 team members
(\$40 for weekend of \$20 per night)

For more information or to register
Email - Jani Pusic
johnpusic@gmail.com



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



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

Knaus	Angela	July 14, 1994
Hull	Irma	July 15, 2012
Kolmanič	Katarina	July 16, 1998
Virant	Ciril	July 17, 2012
Zver	Ivan	July 17, 2020
Cerar	Joseph	July 18, 2001
Štefanec	Milan	July 18, 2010
Hochevar	Mary	July 18, 2014
Prilesnik	Natasha Maria	July 18, 2023
Ritlop	Anton	July 19, 1975
Malevič	Martin Jr.	July 20, 1969
Koren	Silva	July 20, 2015



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

15. NEDELJA MED LETOM 15TH SUNDAY IN OT 13. julij <i>Henrik, kralj</i> <i>Joel, prerok</i>	†† † †† † †† †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Paula in Franc Pelcar Irena Piekarska Pok. starši Kelenc Maks Pavličič Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Peter in Linda Novak Pokojni člani društva Bled	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	----- Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž. Cheroslava Družina Prša Jožica Novak z družino Jožica Novak z družino Frank in Lojzka Novak z družino Maša pri društvu Bled - Proščenje
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 14. julij <i>Kamil, duhovnik</i>	† †	Vinko Skale Eileen MacKenzie	7:00 PM	Hči Elizabeth Lukežič z družino N. N.
TOREK - TUESDAY 15. julij <i>Bonaventura, šk-c.uč.</i>	† ††	Eric Viller Pokojni prijatelji	7:00 PM	Ana Tadić Jožica Novak z družino
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 16. julij <i>Karmelska Mati Božja</i>	†	Monika Gašpar	7:00 PM	Družina Gašpar
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 17. julij <i>Aleš, spokornik</i>	† † †	Janez Žvan Paul Richard Novak Pavel Novak	7:00 PM	Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž. Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž. Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.
PETEK - FRIDAY 18. Julij <i>Friderik-Miroslav, škof</i>	†† †	John in Frida Babič Martin Tompa	7:00 PM	Mirko in Irena Kolmanič Agnes Doma
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 19. julij <i>Arsenij, puščavnik</i> <i>Ambrozij, opat</i>	† † † †† †† † † † ††	Mary Hochevar, obl. Mary Hochevar, obl. Martin Malevič Jr., obl. Rajko in Angela Kovač Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Ivanka Hafner Franc Raduha Martin Balažic (MT) Ivan in Ana Nedelko	5:30 PM	Hči Mia Goodfellow z družino Družina Groznik Družina Malevič Olga Glavač z družino Mateja Hafner Mateja Hafner Žena in družina (Slo) Družina Raduha Terezija Zadravec
16. NEDELJA MED LETOM 16TH SUNDAY IN OT 20. julij <i>Krištofova nedelja</i>	†† † †† † ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Pok. sestre in bratje Jerry Piekarski Peter in Linda Novak John Babič Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	10:00 AM	----- Jožica Vegelj (Stanko) Cheroslava Karol Ferko z družino Karol Ferko z družino Jožica Novak z družino