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SVETA DRUŽINA

HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH



Družina je odsev Svete Trojice

Danes obhajamo praznik Svete družine. Marijo, Jožefa in Jezusa družijo med seboj močna in globoka ljubezen, ki sloni na tem, kar prejemajo od Boga.

Bogoslužje nam danes ponuja tri besedila, ki govorijo o družinskih odnosih. Prvo berilo nam kaže Ano, ki je po zaslugi svojih vztrajnih molitev od Boga dobila otroka, Samuela, in ga sedaj pripelje v svetišče, da bi ga posvetila službi Gospodu. Drugo berilo nas spominja, da smo božji otroci: nismo samo del neke človeške družine, ampak smo tudi člani božje družine, in to nam deluje izredno dostojanstvo. Evangelij nam kaže, da v Sveti družini ni bilo vedno vse mirno, kakor bi mogli misliti, ampak so bile v njej tudi preizkušnje in težave.

Evangelij nam poroča, da so šli Jezusovi starši, kot dobri Judje, vsako leto v Jeruzalem za velikonočni praznik. Ko ima Jezus dvanajst let, se tja odpravijo skupaj z njim. Na povratku po dnevu potovanja opazijo, da Jezusa ni z njimi. Čez dan so mislili, da je pri kom drugem v karavani; sedaj pa se prepričajo, da ga ni. Kaj se je zgodilo Jezusu?

Za družino je huda preizkušnja, če otroka ne najdejo. Vse je mogoče. Marija in Jožef gaiščeta in ga po dveh dneh najdeta v templju, ko sedi sredi pismoukov, jih zbrano posluša in vprašuje in odgovarja. In vsi so bili preseščeni nad razumnostjo in modrostjo tega dvanajstletnega dečka.

Ko Jožef in Marija najdeta Jezusa ga vprašata: »Otrok, zakaj si nama tako storil? Tvoj oče in jaz sva te s tesnobo iskala.« Jezus z vso naravnostjo odgovori: »Kako da sta me iskala? Mar nista vedela, da moram biti v tem, kar je mojega Očeta?«

Tukaj vidimo Jezusa kot najstnika, ki že ima svojo osebnost in je že sprejel lastno življenjsko usmeritev: namerava se posvetiti služenju nebeškemu Očetu. Marija in Jožef sta presenečena. Ne razumeta Jezusovih besed. Tako sta navajena njegove ubogljivosti doma, zdaj pa ga ne razumeta.

V vseh družinah prihaja do takšnih okoliščin. Starševstvo ni lahka naloga. Otroci rastejo in začnejo izražati svojo osebnost; tedaj je to osebnost

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HOLY FAMILY

potrebno usmeriti v pravo smer, potrebno pa jo je tudi spoštovati in sprejeti.

Po tem dogodku se Jezus s starši vrne v Nazaret in jima je bil pokoren. Božji Sin se ne kaže vzvišenega nad starši, ampak je najstnik, ki jih spoštuje in uboga. Evangelista zaključi, da je Jezus »napredoval v modrosti, rasti in milosti pri Bogu in pri ljudeh«.

To je eden tistih evangeljskih stavkov, ki najbolje kažejo resničnost učlovečenja. Jezus je v resnici sprejel naše človeško življenje; prehodil je vse stopnje človeške rasti od trenutka spočetja do smrti.

Lepo je vedeti, da je Jezus, ki ga imamo kot Božjega Sina za popolnega od samega začetka, rasel ne samo v starosti, ampak tudi v modrosti in milosti pri Bogu in pri ljudeh. Tako se nam pokaže pristno človek; njegovo učlovečenje ni pretvarjanje. Delil je naše razmere in je spoznal vse težave, veselje, upanje in želje, ki so značilne za človeško rast.

Prvo berilo nam ponuja drug pomemben nauk. Ana ni imela otrok in je prosila Boga, da bi dobila enega kot njegov dar. Prosila je zelo vztrajno in med mnogimi solzami, saj je bila nerodovitnost zanjo zelo trda preizkušnja. Na koncu je uslišana: »Ana je spočela in rodila sina. In dala mu je ime Samuel, ker je rekla: Od Gospoda sem ga izprosila. Bog me je slišal in me uslišal.«

Presenetljivo je, da se Ana, potem ko je otroka odstavila, z njim vrne v svetišče in ga daruje Gospodu. Lahko se zdi čudno, da se Ana sedaj sinu odpove, da ga daruje Gospodu. Ana, polna hvaležnosti, ve, da s tem, ko svoje-ga sina posveti Gospodu, sina ne izgubi. Ta sin bo vedno ostal njen sin.

Ta prizor vsebuje nauk za vse starše: otroci so vedno presenetljiv božji dar. Otrok ni igrača, je človek, ki je poln dostojanstva, ki ga je treba spoštovati in voditi k Bogu, ker je oseba, sposobna spoznati in ljubiti Boga.

Starši morajo vedeti, da niso lastniki svojih otrok. Otroci so osebe, ki jih ne moremo imeti v posesti. Otroci so božji dar, ki ga je treba spoštovati in ga vrniti Gospodu z veliko hvaležnostjo, da se bo njihovo življenje lahko uresničilo na čudovit način.

Drugo berilo nam govori o našem odnosu z Bogom, pred njim smo kot otroci: »Poglejte, kakšno ljubezen nam je podaril Oče: Božji otroci se imenujemo in to tudi smo.« Po krstu nas je sprejel v svojo družino. Jezus je za nas dosegel milost, da smo deležni njegovega božjega otroštva.
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R: Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord.

First Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Hannah gifted her baby son to the Lord, to live out his life in God's house.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

God's children are a consecrated people. We live in God; God lives in us.

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

As a boy, Jesus loved to be in the Temple. He found it hard to tear himself away!

“Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?”



Illustration

Losing a child is a parent's nightmare. The tragic story of Madeleine McCann has made people extra vigilant. Thankfully, most families are quickly reunited. One mother who lost ☒ and found ☒ her child in a busy supermarket has shared her ordeal on social media. She advises dressing little children in bright colours for any major excursion, writing your mobile number on their arm, and taking a photo before you set off, in case you need to show it to someone later.

Her top tip is this: she calls it, “looking loudly”, by which she means yelling out the child's description as you go searching. That way, everyone joins in the search! It is embarrassing, of course. People will stare. They may even think you negligent, but it will be worth it! Most peo-

ple are only too happy to help. They may have been through the same experience themselves. If so, they will understand that, in most cases, neither child nor parent is to blame. Some children may be prone to straying, of course, but it is just as likely that their attention has been caught by something, and that adults are the ones who wander off, unaware that the child is no longer with them.

Gospel Teaching

So it was for the Holy Family, en route home from Jerusalem. Pilgrims with long journeys ahead of them did not always stay for the entire week of Passover, and this seems to have been the case with Mary and Joseph. They assumed Jesus was somewhere in the company of fellow Galileans travelling back north, but he was nowhere to be found that night as they set up camp on the border with Samaria. At first light, they turned back. By the time they reached Jerusalem, two whole days had elapsed since they last saw their son. Imagine their anxiety! Bandits roamed the hills! Anything could have happened to him!

The city was packed for this pilgrim festival, and it was not until the third day of searching that they spotted Jesus. He was probably at the southern entrance to the Temple complex. Public discourses were held there on the minor days of Passover week, on a wide stone platform halfway up the steps. There he was, debating with the learned scribes. His questions seem to have made quite an impression on everyone. They astonished his mother... who could have suspected such maturity in her son? Jesus was not a naughty child. On the contrary, he dedicated himself to the things that mattered most. Some years later he would commend a woman for doing just the same, that is, sitting and listening at his feet, much to the annoyance of her sister

Martha. Already, at the age of twelve, Jesus was learning that people's priorities differ, and that children are not always the ones who overlook what is most important... adults sometimes do that, too!

Application

This story of the Holy Family parallels the experience of many a Christian family where teenagers hanker for independence and parental anxiety spills over in exasperation. The pattern of pulling away and drawing closer characterises all human relationships. The occasional misunderstanding may help us, as it helped Mary, to see one another in a new light. Sometimes in a relationship we may need to retrace our steps and start again. It is all part of life's pilgrimage. Indeed, Jesus at the heart of the Holy Family offers a reassuring glimpse of his Church. Though its mission may not be understood by every member in quite the same way, yet, together, we seek ever closer union with Christ and grow in wisdom.

The Gospel tells us that Mary was vexed. This was not the only time Jesus caused consternation. Peter,

too, would one day chide him for wandering off without telling anyone. Obedience to the Father's will was always more important to Jesus than anything else. We do well to remember that! It is not possible to harness his Spirit to our schedules. Better to pray first and then plan! To commit our day to Jesus is to follow where he leads, or, as in this case, where he lingers. Perhaps the Holy Child is inviting us to spend more time listening and learning about God, as he did? Sunday is a holy day to feed our souls and rest our bodies. Today's Gospel encourages us to relish that gift of God. Let us not be in too much of a hurry, as the Galilean pilgrims were, to get back to those everyday routines!



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Thank you for supporting St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish - Hamilton

Reminder, our 60th anniversary raffle

We are still working on selling out our 60th Anniversary raffle. While we have opened it to the outside community, we are still hopefully that our parishioners will step up and purchase a ticket in support of our parish community. Please contact Heidi at stgregoryhamilton@gmail.com for information on how to purchase your ticket. We do have not done much fundraising over the last decade, so we hope that everyone will take this opportunity not only to support our Slovenian community, but participate in the celebration of our 60th Diamond Jubilee milestone. Please contact Heidi for your ticket

at novakhsn@gmail.com

or 905-317-6002.

As our Christmas season is here and we are given this special time of year to celebrate our faith in a very special way, your Parish Council wishes everyone a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Članicam Katoliške ženske zveze
in župljanom želimo
milosti polne božične praznike
in srečno novo leto!

*Spet je zima, spet je mraz.
Spet je tu božični čas.
Naj odnese Vam skrbi,
v novem letu
pa zdravje in sreče podari!*



*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to our parish community!
Wishing you good health,
blessings and joy.
May the light of Christ
illuminate your hearts and homes
this Christmas season.*



Večerni Zvon Koline

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
739 Browns Line, Tobicoke

**Tickets: \$70/pp adults
\$40/pp children under 12**

Mucis by: Ansambel Šibaj
Evening Raffle

Reservations: Sandra Hozjan
416-894-2587

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Božič je praznik, ki nas na poseben način pritegne in povezuje. Tudi naša župnija se vsako leto v adventu pripravlja na te dneve. En večer smo imeli tudi spovednika, g. Leopolda Valant, župnika slovenske župnije Brezmadežne iz Toronta. Poleg tega že dolga leta pri večernih mašah prepevamo Božično devetdnevnic. Na Sveti večer pa smo se zbrali k sveti maši najprej ob 6:00 p.m.; pri tej maši so bile mnoge družine z otroci in mlajša generacija. Na začetku maše je Cassandra Pavlič prinesla Jezuščka v jaslce, Nathaniel Pavlič pa je prižgal belo, Jezusovo svečo na adventnem venčku. Pri maši je pel angleški zbor pod vodstvom Ivana Mertuka. Pri oltarju sta pomagala Alojz Sarjaš in Anna Bartolac, bralka božje besede je bila Rita Bartula.



Druga sveta maša – v slovenščini - je bila letos ob 8:00 p.m. Tudi pri tej se nas je nabralo lepo število faranov. Tokrat je pri maši pel naš župnijski pevski zbor pod vodstvom Johna Horvata, na orglah pa je spremljala Manica Perše. Od Covida zbor ni pel, so pa tokrat zbrali svoje moči in lepo zapeli tako pri tej maši, kot tudi na Božič pri slovenski maši. Pomočnik pri oltarju je bil Joe Gosgnach. Tudi cerkev je bila za te praznike lepo okrašena. Gospa Olga Glavač je ob pomoči sina Marjana lepo okrasila cerkev in spekla tudi kruh za prinašanje darov. Hvala vsem, ki ste pomagali v teh praznikih tudi s čiščenjem cerkve in kako drugače prispevali za te praznike.



Pri prvi sveti maši je imel fotoaparata v rokah Luka Stankovič, pri drugi pa Derek Perz, pri računalniku in kameri za Facebook pa Sandy Ferletič. Hvala vsem za sodelovanje in pomoč.

LONDON

V nedeljo, 22. dec. 2024 smo imeli sveto mašo s slovensko skupnostjo v Londonu v angleški cerkvi, St. John the Divine, kamor zahajamo že kar nekaj let. Kar lepo število se je zbralo, tudi nekaj mlajših. Po sveti maši pa smo se zbrali v dvorani in se okrepčali z dobrotami, ki so jih pripravili. Prav prijetno je, da se vsaj dvakrat na leto za nekaj časa ustavimo in družimo. To drži skupnost skupaj. Posebej še zdaj, ko nimajo več svoje dvorane, je to edina priložnost, da se v večjem številu srečamo.



Dolgoletna tradicija je, da se za Štefanovo zberemo pri sveti maši pri društvu Lipa Park. Res, da so nekateri že »tam zgoraj«, pa smo lepo obhajali sveto mašo, po maši pa bili deležni dobrot kuharic v kuhinji.



Fr. Drago-Gačnik



cordially invites you to their

Koline Social

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Doors open at 12:00 noon
 At 12:30 p.m., a delicious lunch will be available
****Followed by Social Time****



Koline Plate: \$25

Lunch Reservations are Required

Please Call:

MaryAnn Barich 905-945-3750
 John Gerden 905-708-7221



Hvala Zdravku Augustin, ki je slikal z druge strani.

Available for sale at the Koline Social:
 --Smoked pork sausages in pre-packed packages (\$7.00/lb), will be sold in the small hall, after the doors open at noon.
Available by pre-order only:
 --Krvavice/blood sausages (\$7.00/lb) -- Please call Anica Oresar at 905-684-0036, for pickup in the Lipa Park kitchen.

Please Respect Our Order DEADLINE:
Friday, January 17
Thank you for your cooperation.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- **Dec. 31st - St. Gregory** - New Year's Eve
- **Jan. 1st - Lipa Park** - New Year's Day Luncheon
- **Jan. 12th - London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Divine
- **Jan. 19th - Lipa Park** - Koline Luncheon
- **Feb. 2nd - Bled SCC** - Koline
- **Feb. 9th - London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. John the Divine Church

BRALCI - READERS:

- Slov.: Rosemary Šušteršič
- Engl: Mary Miklavčič

ČIŠČENJE - CLEANING

- Jan. 4th - Štefka Eržen team
- Jan 11th - Lozka Novak team

GIFT BEARERS

- Danny Fujs & Aranka Dundek

CHEQUES - INFORMATION

When you write cheque for your donation to our church you only have to write:

St. Gregory the Great.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025?

Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm.**

Space allows room for Anniversary cou-

ples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance.

Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this **Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025**, as "**Pilgrims of Hope!**"



All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray.

Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

On December 29, 2024, the **Feast of the Holy Family** the Jubilee Year was inaugurated in our Cathedral Church and all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Heros of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to be leaders

in our parish community and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts for the building up of your Church and the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu Januarju bo večna luč gorela za pokojnega Joe Hanc, po namenu žene Olge in družine.

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden vstopamo v novo leto 2025 in je tudi prvi petek v mesecu januarju. Kot običajno bo ob 6h zvečer priložnost za spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim, rožni venec in maša ob 7h.

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - ČLANARINA

Villa Slovenia - Tuesday's night social gatherings will restart on Jan. 7th.

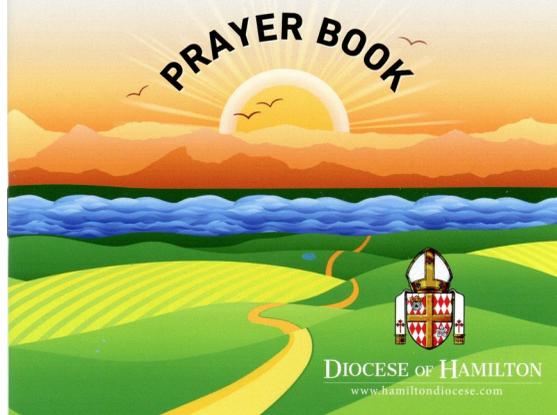
V Villa Slovenia se 7. januarja nadaljujejo »**torkovi večeri**«. Vabljeni, da pridete skupaj in preživite nekaj uric v dobri družbi prijateljev.

Na mizi v cerkveni veži so kuverte za **članarino**. V kuverti je **članska izkaznica za leto 2025**. Dajte denar za članarino (\$15) v kuverto in kuverto oddajte v nabiralnik za nedeljsko nabirko.



DOM 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. **POROKE / 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



Škofija Hamilton je pripravila posebno knjižico molitev za Sveto leto.

V knjižici je tudi razložen pomen Svetega leta 2025. Našli boste glavne molitve, molitev za vsak mesec, cerkve, ki jih lahko obiščete v svetem letu, kaj je potrebno za popolni odpustek v svetem letu. Na koncu je tudi himna svetega leta. Vzemite si jih domov!



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

Pučko	Eddy	January 1, 2009
Kobetich	Mary	January 2, 2005
Simčič	Ljudmila	January 3, 2004

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<p>SVETA DRUŽINA 29. DECEMBER HOLY FAMILY <i>Tomaž Becket, šk</i></p>	<p>† ††</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Jožefa Mali Pavel in Paul Richard Novak</p>	<p>9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>----- Andreas Curkovič z družino Helen Špiler</p>
<p>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 30. DECEMBER <i>Vincencija, red. ustanov.</i></p>	<p>†</p>	<p>Po namenu Eileen Mac Kenzie</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>T & M. F. N. N.</p>
<p>TOREK - TUESDAY 31. DECEMBER <i>Silvester I., papež</i> <i>2. sveti večer</i></p>	<p>† ††</p>	<p>Martin Simončič Francka Karlin</p>	<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Žena z družino Sestra Jožica Novak z družino</p>
<p>SREDA - WEDNESDAY MARIJA, SVETA BOŽJA MATI 1. JANUAR <i>Novo leto</i></p>	<p>† †† †† † †</p>	<p>Marija Glavač Friderik in Zdenko Škrinjar Eddy in Alex Pučko Theresa Drvarič Ante Čule</p>	<p>11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>Matej Glavač z družino Sestra Marija Prilesnik z družino Terezija z družino Sestra Sidonia Poppa z družino Žena z družino</p>
<p>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 2. JANUAR <i>Bazilij in Gregor, šk.-uč.</i></p>	<p>†</p>	<p>Thomas Grebenc, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Sestra Mary Grebenc</p>
<p>PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 3. JANUAR <i>Presveto ime Jezusovo</i></p>	<p>†† †</p>	<p>Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Ivanka Hafner</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Jožica Novak z družino Sestra Jožica Novak</p>
<p>SOBOTA - SATURDAY 4. JANUAR <i>Angela, redovnica</i></p>	<p>†† † †</p>	<p>Marica in Franc Majzelj Monika Gašpar Martin Tompa Za duše v vicah</p>	<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Družina Malevič Družina Gašpar Stive in Ankica Kompes Marija Košir</p>
<p>GOSPODOVO RAZGLAŠENJE 5. JANUAR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>3. sveti večer</i></p>	<p>†† †† †† † †</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Anica in Frank Saje Ivan in Cecilija (obl.) Sobočan Jože in Ivan Zadavec Alojz Berkovič Ivanka Hafner</p>	<p>9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>----- Angela Kobe z družino Matilda Prša Franc in Ljudmila Zadavec Družina Berkovič Sestra Jožica Novak z družino</p>