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**33. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Naš končni obračun

Bližamo se koncu bogoslužnega leta; zato nam Cerkev daje v branje besedila, ki so povezana z razdejanjem Jeruzalema in s koncem sveta. Jezusov govor v evangeliju se začne z vprašanjem nekega učenca, ki je očaran spričo veličastne zgradbe jeruzalemskega templja. Kralj Herod Veliki ga je dal obnoviti.

Na to vprašanje Jezus odgovori s strašno prerokbo: »Te velike stavbe gledaš? Tu zagotovo ne bo ostal kamen na kamnu, ki bi ne bil zrušen.« Učenci tedaj prosijo za pojasnilo in Jezus ima dolg govor, v katerem konec Jeruzalema postane tudi vnaprejšnji lik konca sveta.

Vendar v tem govoru ni mogoče dobro razlikovati to, kar zadeva konec Jeruzalema, od tega, kar zadeva konec sveta. Jezus učence svari pred pomanjkanjem čuječnosti. Pravi jim, morajo vedno biti pozorni in budni. Malo je pomembno, ali je konec sveta blizu ali daleč: vedno je treba biti pripravljen na Gospodov prihod.

Preroki so napovedovali katastrofalne dogodke. Prvo berilu, ki je vzeto iz Knjige preroka Daniela, govori o »času stiske, kakršne še ni bilo, odkar so narodi, do tega časa«. Vendar je prerokovo sporočilo pozitivno za tistega, ki je zvest Gospodu: »V tistem času bo rešeno tvoje ljudstvo; vsak, ki se najde zapisan v knjigi«. Daniel predvideva tudi vstajenje: »Mnogi izmed teh, ki spijo v prahu zemlje, se bodo prebudili; nekateri za večno življenje, drugi pa za sramoto in večno gnusobo.«

Pretresljivi dogodki, ki so napovedani, nam morajo dati misliti na poslednjo sodbo, na kateri bomo pretehtani na osnovi naših del in zato sprejeti v večno življenje ali pa pogubljeni. Vedno pa moramo imeti zaupanje in te napovedi izkoristiti za to, da si bomo bolj prizadevali v svojem krščanskem življenju združenosti s Kristusom in ljubezni do bratov in sester.



Podobno tudi Jezus v evangelijskem odlomku napoveduje katastrofe; te podobe Jezus vzame pri prerokih, da spregovori o končnih dogodkih.

Tedaj se bo razodel Sin človekov, to je Kristus, ki bo poslal angele, da bodo zbrali njegove izvoljene. In Jezus nadaljuje: »Za tisti dan ali uro pa ne ve nihče, ne angeli v nebesih ne Sin, ampak samo Oče.« V negotovosti smo in celo Jezus zatrdi, da ne more natančno določiti dneva in ure teh končnih dogodkov. To stanje negotovosti mora v nas zbuditi čuječnost. Gre za ugodno stanje, ker nas sili, naj si prizadevamo. Jezus poudarja, da če smo združeni z njim, nam nobena stvar ne more dokončno škodovati; po drugi strani pa nas sili, da živimo z resno in zaupno zavzetostjo.

Drugo berilo nam govori o Jezusovi daritvi in njenih posledicah za nas. V resnici je naš sedanji pozitivni položaj docela posledica Jezusove daritve, ki je za nas ponavzočena v evharistiji.

Jezus je Očetu daroval v polnosti učinkovito daritev. Pismo Hebrejcem nas spominja, da so se v nekdanjem bogoslužju darovale žrtve, ki niso bile učinkovite, žrtve, ki niso bile sposobne odvzeti grehov. Kristus pa je za grehe daroval eno samo žrtev enkrat za vselej, in potem sedel na Očetovo desnico, ker njegova daritev zadošča za vse naše potrebe, je popolnoma učinkovita: »Z eno samo daritvijo je torej za vselej naredil popolne tiste, ki so posvečeni.« V krstu nam Jezusova daritev posreduje popolnost, ki je potrebna, da smo v odnosu z Bogom. Potem pa moramo v krščanskem življenju še naprej sprejemati posvečenje, ki nam ga posredujejo Jezusovi zakramenti, ki so sad njegove edine žrtve. Kdor je združen z Bogom, se mu ni treba bati, ker je Bog vedno z njim, da mu pomaga in ga pripravi, da tudi iz slabega povleče dobro.

Na konec bogoslužnega leta se pripravimo s pozitivno držo zaupanja in budnosti. Zaupanja, ker nam je Gospod dal vse potrebno, da živimo v polnosti in dosežemo večno življenje združenja z njim v ljubezni. Budnosti, ker vemo, da smo slabotni ljudje, ki živimo sredi tolikih nevarnosti. Zato se moramo vedno zatekati k studencu milosti, da bi lahko premagali vse nevarnosti, in to ne samo tako, da nam ne bi škodovala, ampak bi nam celo prinesle duhovno korist.

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Response: **Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.**

First reading: *Daniel 12:1-3*

Wisdom and goodness light up the world with a light which cannot be darkened.

Second reading: *Hebrews 10:11-14. 18*

Jesus' sacrifice of himself took away all sins.

Gospel: *Mark 13:24-32*

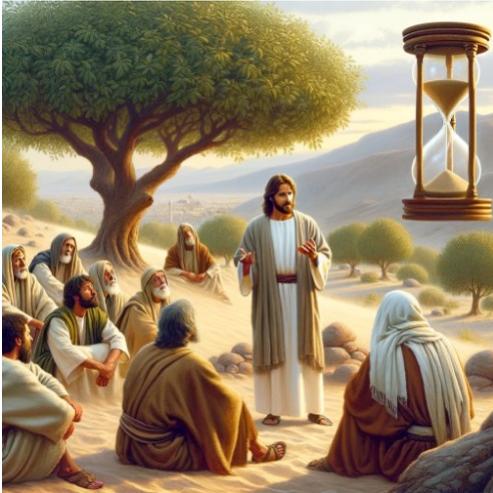
Jesus, the Word of God, speaks in human words which will last forever.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”



Illustration

The young Roman soldier stands in an archway in Pompeii as Vesuvius erupts. Protected only by his armour, a short sword and a spear, he is terrified, but has no permission to desert his station and escape. He will stay on guard duty although his obedience will cost him his life. Faithful unto Death, a painting by Sir Edward John Poynter, hangs in Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery. We don't know if the Roman soldier really existed because, almost two thousand years later, archaeologists have only excavated about one-third of Pompeii. They are still discovering what happened on that October day in AD 79. They know much about the ordinary daily lives of the city's inhabitants, but tangible evidence also reveals the unexpected terror and, sometimes, the heroism of a parent who died protecting a child.



Today, we remember the poor people of this world, conscious that poverty is often unrelated to finance. A student car park attendant commented that some of his clients receive cars from parents who otherwise remain uninvolved in their children's lives. Busy drop-in cafes and libraries support customers who long for company and recognition. Some torn-apart families struggle to heal the wounds of division. Tragically, we've witnessed families who, through war, lose everything they possess – but discover the riches of love, hope and courage. Sometimes affluence and destitution walk together. Today we pray for all those who experience poverty in whatever form, that they will find the security and hope for which they yearn.

Gospel teaching

The earth-shattering events which killed the dinosaurs failed to destroy crocodiles and cockroaches. Although the eruption of Vesuvius killed many inhabitants of Pompeii, some survived. Throughout history false prophets have foretold the date and time of the end of the world. To their surprise and embarrassment, it hasn't happened and life has continued, seemingly unchanged. At this time of year, the Gospel often carries tales of doom and gloom. Today appears to be no different as we hear about stars falling from the sky – and yet we

are offered hope. Jesus foretells the end of the known world and presents something beyond anything we can imagine – everlasting life. False prophets can only indicate a vantage point for their followers to watch the world's destruction before they die. Jesus declares that, yes, the world will end, but life will continue and he can guarantee it. He uses a tree and time-limited human words to teach his listeners that, as the eternal Word, he will accompany them forever and always. In the same way, Jesus' words will go beyond heaven and earth, into eternity. Our beautiful Planet Earth is only a foretaste of the good things to come.

Application

Ever practical, Pope Francis has supplied the homeless people of Rome with showers, a change of clothing, haircuts, food and somewhere to sleep. He also organised for many to enjoy a day out at the seaside and a pizza meal on the way home. "Why not?" he asked. "We all like a day beside the sea." Simple things can touch the hearts and lives of the poorest people and situations. Of course, in situations of war, there is often very little that we can do, and yet there is also a contribution to world peace which all of us can make, enriching the lives of those around us. There is nothing to stop us closing a door quietly or finding something good to say about even the most irritating person. Even when we are busy, we can become an island of peace which can radiate to other people. We don't need to become messengers of doom and gloom. The Roman soldier who stayed on duty as Vesuvius erupted gave us an example which echoes today even if his obedience might have been misplaced in the circumstances. Some of the most materially poor people in our world are also the most generous because, having suffered themselves, they learn empathy and strive to lessen the sufferings of others. Today, as we celebrate the World Day of the Poor, we pray for those who are in need and don't know where to look for support. They don't need to feel that they stand on the edge of disaster.



RESULTS OF THE DEANERY MEETINGS

MAIN THEMES

As the Forward Together in Christ team read the recorded notes and produced the summaries, some themes became clear. These themes come through the collected wisdom of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Hamilton and give us clear direction for moving Forward Together in Christ.

- The People of God love their Church and they want the Church to be better at being the presence of God in the world today.
- Our Catholic people love the Church and desire to understand more fully the liturgy, and teachings of the Church. Support of lay formation will be essential to the future growth of the Church.
- The laity must be helped to realize that the Church and her ministers are not able to do everything that people may desire.
- The laity have to be assisted to understand their responsibility to help build and maintain the Church. The laity must step up to their proper role and the clergy must assist and allow them to take on these roles.
- People love their bishops and priests and are grateful for their ministry, but find it difficult when they do not seem available or responsive to their needs and struggles. Some clergy can appear aloof, as though they do not understand the people they serve.
- The clergy need to know their community and their unique attributes, to assist the faithful as the baptized people of God, called to cooperate in the mission of the Church.
- There is a very high expectation for the clergy to engage with their people. Many people feel a lack of connection with their shepherds.
- There is also a clear sense among many that the laity do not understand the life and ministry of bishops, priests and deacons.
- The clergy need to seek the wisdom of the laity in making decisions and give clear explanations for decisions.
- Ongoing dialogue between the diocese and our Catholic school boards is needed to support Catholic schools and parishes in building good relationships.
- There is a need to heal wounds in the relationships between the diocese/parishes and Catholic schools caused by misconceptions and lack of charity.
- Catechesis around the Eucharist and other sacraments needs to be improved. Many Catholics do not understand the liturgy, but there is a great desire to understand.
- Children's Liturgy is greatly desired. Helping our children to understand the Word of God and the liturgy is essential to the continuation of the Church.
- We need to provide the necessary supports and resources for parents in their role as the first teachers of the faith to their children and youth.
- We need to teach our Catholic faith in ways that are both faithful to what we believe and respectful of those whose reality does not match the ideal of the Christian message.
- Youth need support from and connection to the Church: parish, diocese and universal.
- We need to be better at communication at all levels of the diocese, improving our advertising and promoting diocesan resources, tools and events.
- In today's technological world, we must learn to make better use of technology to communicate more effectively and widely.
- Further discussion around the use of technology in the liturgy is required.

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Celebration
St. Gregory the Great

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23 NOVEMBER 2024



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4650 South Service Road, Beamsville, ON*

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December 8, 2024

*Doors open at 12:30 / Lunch served at 1:00
Just for Kids Menu!*

Cookies & Strudel for sale

Adults \$20 / Kids 6-12 \$10 / Kids 3-5 \$5 / 2 & Under Free

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MOYA FINANCIAL - HAMILTON NEWS



On Thursday, November 14, 2024, Moya Financial hosted a Grand Opening event in their new location in the Parish offices. It was a great success! In attendance were Mark Zizek (Chair), John Šusteršič (Vice Chair), Andrew Rovansek (CEO), Nancy Kajin (Financial Advisor), Helen Garf (Special Projects Administrator), Julie Letnik (MSR Supervisor) and Elizabeth Lukežič (MSR).

A sincere thank you to Fr. Drago Gačnik for celebrating with the staff and members, as well as blessing the new offices. Many thanks to all the members that took the time to attend the event and join in on the special day!

Moya Financial staff, Julie Letnik, Elizabeth Skale-Lukežič, Natalie Erzar-Bosiljevac, and Emma Milutinovič look forward to continuing to serve our members in the new location.



SAVA - BRESLAU

V mesecu novembru se spominjamo naših pokojnih. Tudi v Breslavu, smo se v nedeljo, 10. novembra 2024, ob pod dveh popoldne zbrali v bivši dvorani društva Sava. Pri sveti maši smo se spomnili tudi vseh pokojnih članov društva. Prav leto je slišati lepo slovensko petje pri maši, saj nas slovenska pesem in beseda še posebej povezujeta in združujeta. Hvala Zinki, ki poskrbi, da je vse organizirano za sveto mašo.



SLOVENSKA ŠOLA VAS VABI
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DECEMBER 1, 2024

**BANQUET AND CONCERT WITH
A VISIT FROM SV. MIKLAVŽ**



**10 AM: MASS IN THE
CHURCH**

**12PM: HOMEMADE LUNCH
IN THE UPPER HALL**

**2PM: CONCERT AND VISIT
FROM SV. MIKLAVŽ**

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OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- Nov. 20th - **CWL-SOD** - Memorial Mass - 7pm
- Nov. 23rd - **Bled** - Hunter's Banquet
- Dec. 1st - **Slovenska šola - Miklavž** - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 7th - **Lipa Park** - Tree Decorating
- Dec. 8th - **Bled** - Family Christmas Party
- Dec. 8th - **Lipa Park** - Santa Claus & Festive luncheon
- Dec. 15th - **Sava** - Mass at 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15th - **Slovenski Park** - Members Christmas Party
- Dec. 22nd - **London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 26th - **Lipa Park** - St. Stephen's Day Mass at 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 31st - **St. Gregory** - New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1st - **Lipa Park** - New Year's Day Luncheon

BRALCI - READERS:

Slov. Mass: Terezija Sarjaš (9:30 a.m.)
Eng. Mass: Rita Bartula (11:00 a.m.)

ČIŠČENJE - CLEANING

Nov. 22th - Lojzka Novak team

GIFT BEARERS

- Nov. 10th - Josie Hapke in Mary Holder

CHEQUES - INFORMATION

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

St. Gregory the Great

Under this name we are registered at the banks and they don't like to see anything else.



60th ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE TICKETS

60th Anniversary Raffle Tickets are still available. With only 500 tickets printed, your odds of winning are high.

You can purchase tickets by calling **Heidy** at **905-317-6002** to make arrangements for payment and pick up. If you prefer the online option and paying by e-transfer, please email stgregoryhamilton@gmail.com

The draw for the \$6,000 travel voucher and more will be held at our New Year's Celebration on January 1st, 2025 at 12:30am.

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish as we continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary year. *Heidy Novak*

NEW YEAR'S 2025

New Year's 2025 is just around the corner. We plan to make this 60th New Year's Diamond Jubilee a great one. We hope that everyone will come together to ring in the New Year with us.

We are thrilled to announce that '**Slo Beat**' who always ensure we have a good time is our band for the evening. The night is sure to be a great time for everyone there.

So, start planning for New Year's, call on your family and friends to join you as we plan for a great New Year's celebration together.

Heidy Novak

CWL - KŽZ

We invite family, friends and parish members to our annual **Memorial Mass** being held Wednesday, **November 20th** at **7:00 p.m.**



Please consider joining us, at this special mass, honoring our deceased members of the CWL and SOD.

CWL Membership envelopes will be available on Nov.17, on the table in front of the chapel. Please take a moment to pick up your envelope to renew your membership. Your membership is very important to the CWL being able to represent our faith values at a provincial and national level.

We welcome any ladies of our parish, interested in a CWL membership, to attend one of our meetings. Watch our Vesnik for meeting dates and times.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 4th, following 7:00 p.m. mass.

Svete maše - Masses

<p>33. NEDELJA MED LETOM 17. NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p><i>Elizabeta, franciškanska tretjerednica iz Madžarske</i></p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Lojze Lesica Marjeta Gimpelj Frank Leopold Gimpelj, obl. Frida Babič Milka Ferko †† Viktor in Kristina Ferko † Karol Drago Ferko † Izidor Fujs †† Pok. iz družina Karlin † Ivan Žižek †† Rosina in Vincenzo Gardin</p>	<p>9:30 A.M. ----- Joe Gimpelj Joe Gimpelj Joe Gimpelj John Babič Jr. Mož Karol Sin Karol Karol Ferko Aranka Dundek 11:00 A.M. Jožica Novak z družino Žena z družino Rina</p>
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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

DON BOSCO



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

Gimpelj	Frank Leopold	November 18, 2023
Škerl	Matthew	November 18, 2023
Tompa	Joseph	November 19, 1987
Hanc	Rudolf	November 19, 2013
Vučko	Štefan	November 21, 2004
Marinko	Vincenc	November 21, 2013
Mlinarič	Stephen	November 23, 1982
Jeraj	Ljudmila	November 23, 1998
Tonaj	Katarina	November 24, 1973
Kanc	Stane	November 24, 2010
Slana	Zvone-Tony	November 24, 2020

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 18. NOVEMBER <i>Posvetitev Bazilik sv. Petra in Pavla</i>	† † †† ††	Frančiška obl. in Jože Radovičevič Matija Škerl, obl. Cesare & Matia Valeri Assunta & Vincenzo Tortis	7:00 P.M.	Hči Angela Kobe Družina Škerl Irma & Rocco Valeri Irma & Rocco Valeri
TOREK - TUESDAY 19. NOVEMBER <i>Matilda, redovnica</i>	† †	V dober namen Martin Tompa Andrija in Mira Kušič	7:00 P.M.	Nadia Madronič Joe in Cristina Doma Dragica Tompa
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 20. NOVEMBER <i>Edmund, kralj</i>	†† †† ††	Pokojne članice CWL in SOD Za duše v vicah Monika Gašpar	7:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass Marija Košir Družina Gašpar
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 21. NOVEMBER <i>Darovanje Device Marije</i>	† †	Anton Vengar Tilka Vengar Bogu v zahvalo	7:00 P.M.	Rose Marie in Tony Vengar z druž. Rose Marie in Tony Vengar z druž. Rose Marie Vengar z družino
PETEK - FRIDAY 22. NOVEMBER <i>Cecilija, dev.-mučenka</i>	†† †† †	Martin in Marija Glavač Rozina in Štefan Vučko Eileen MacKenzie	7:00 P.M.	Matej z družino M. in S. Vučko N. N.
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 23. NOVEMBER <i>Klemen I., papež, muč.</i>	†† †† † † † †† †† † †	Tončka in Albina Genorio Pok. iz družine Maslo in Benc Ivan Maslo Elizabeth Ferko Tony Ferko Štefan in Elizabeta Kramar, obl. Robert in Štefan Kramar Joe Restek Alojzij Slobodnik	5:30 P.M.	Elizabeth Gimpelj Družina Benc Družina Benc Kathy Simončič Kathy Simončič Angela Antolin z družino Angela Antolin z družino Linda Slobodnik Joe Slobodnik z družino
34. NEDELJA MED LETOM 24. NOVEMBER 34RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Kristus Kralj</i> <i>Christ the King</i>	† † † † †† †† † † †† †	Za žive in rajne župljane Albina Baznik Ann Božnar Jozefa Mali Frank Gimpelj Franc in Sidonija Drvarič Pok. iz družine Sarjaš Florijan Miklavčič Marija Horvat (Cayuga) Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Joe Lackovič	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	----- Mož z družino John Božnar z družino Andreas Curkovič z družino Joe Gimpelj Aranka Dundek Ignac z družino Brat Slavko Miklavčič Vera Lackovič z družino Helen Špiler Žena Vera z družino