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**29. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME**

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VZTRAJNA MOLITEV

Mojzes, molivec, z rokami, razprostrtimi proti nebu, je idealna osnova za bogoslužje božje besede, ki ima v svojem središču Jezusovo priliko, ki jo je ohranil le Luka. Ko se je Izrael na ravnicah Refidim soočil z Amalekom, Mojzes pooseblja vse božjega ljudstva, ki moli. Brez te molitvene čuječnosti je zaman zaupati v človeške moči in prizadevanja. Podobno misel najdemo v Psalmu 127: »Če Gospod ne zida hiše, se zaman trudijo zidarji. Če Gospod ne varuje mesta, zaman čujejo stražarji.« Učinkovita in vztrajna molitev je tudi tematika, ki prisotna v pripovedi o sodniku in vdovi.



Dve osebnosti imamo pred seboj: Na eni strani je sodnik, brez vere (»ni se bal Boga«) in brez sočutja do drugih (»ni se oziral na niko-gar«). Gre za predstavitev oblastne ošabnosti, ki je žal nenehno prisotna v zgodovini. O tem govori že prerok Izaija: »Gorje njim, ki izdajajo krivične odloke in pišejo okrutne sodbe, da zavračajo pritožbe revnih in jemljejo pravico stiskanim med mojim ljudstvom, da so vdove njihov plen in ropajo sirote« (10, 1-2).

Na drugi strani pa je vdova, zelo izpostavljena nasilju, tako zelo, da se je v stari zavezi celo Bog sam razglasil za »branilca vdov«, oropane varstva moža (Ps 68,6). Tudi preroki opominjajo: »Pomagajte zatiranemu, zagovarjajte siroto, branite vdovo« (Iz 1, 7). Vdova je res vdova, vendar ni zagrenjena ne obupana. Ne zmanjka ji poguma in ne neha zagovarjati svojih pravic pred ošabnim in brezbržnim sodnikom. Njena neutrudljiva vztrajnost se ne neha pred zaprtimi vrati in jeznim odgovorom. Njen protest odmeva: »Nakloni mi pravico!«

Hudobni sodnik opazi, da z ničimer ne bo mogol-
če pogasiti te silne zahteve po pravici; čeprav bi
morda spregledal moralno spoštljivost, se zaradi
njene silne vztrajnosti prostovoljno odloči, da bo
opravil presojo. Tukaj Luka, evangelist ubogih, iz-
razi ves svoj prezir do mogočnežev in osornih biro-
kratov. Bistveno sporočilo lahko razberemo iz dveh
portretov, ki ju prilika vsebuje.

Prva »lekcija« je jasna, preprosta in se povezuje
z likom žene. Ta je vzor nenehnega prizadevanja, ki
spodbuja, upa in pričakuje. V njej se zrcalijo vsi
prebivalci božjega kraljestva; vsi tisti, katerim
ostane zgolj zaupanje v Boga. Zato je tudi njihova
molitev nenehna, kajti hrani se z upanjem.

Druga »lekcija« pa nas na prvi pogled spravlja v
zadrego. Jezus namreč primerja Boga s krivičnim
sodnikom. Namreč, če se je tako cinična osebnost,
kot je bil ta sodnik, uklonila nadlegovanju uboge
vdove, koliko bolj se bo šele Gospod, ki je pravičen
sodnik, sklonil k trpljenju svojih ustvarjenih bitij.

Prilika nagovarja tiste vernike, katerim se zdi,
da je Bog popolnoma oddaljen in brezčuten. Poziv
k čuječi molitvi v nenehnem zaupanju s seboj pri-
naša tudi gotovost, da je božje delovanje, čeprav
res pogosto skrivnostno in hodi po poteh, ki niso
naše, vendarle usmerjeno k svetlobi. Še več, Bog
svojih vernih ne bo pustil dolgo »na čakanju«, »s
takojšnjo pripravljenostjo« bo zagotovil pravico.

Kljub temu pa se odlomek konča z mislijo, ki
nam vzbuja srh: »Ali bo Sin človekov, ko bo prišel,
še našel vero na zemlji?« Gre za strahoten sum, ki
ga je Jezus predstavil nekaj vrstic višje: »Kakor je
bilo v Noetovih dneh, tako bo tudi v dneh Sina člo-
vekovskega: jedli so, pili, se ženili in se možili ...«
Vdov, ki dan in noč vpijejo k Bogu, je vedno manj,
pravični, ki si prizadevajo za resnico in ljubezen, se
pogosto utrudijo, površnost se razteguje na vse
umrljivo, »ker se bo nepostavnost povečala, se bo
ljubezen pri mnogih ohladila«. Vendar, nadaljuje
Jezus - in to je klic, namenjen nam, ki ga danes po-
slušamo: »Kdor bo vztrajal do konca, bo zveličan«.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec - C_2006/7, šte. 5)

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response:

**Our help is from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth.**

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

Victory comes to Israel as long as Moses
can keep his arms raised.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

All scripture is inspired by God and can
be used for teaching.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray con-
tinually and never lose heart.

“Pray continually and never lose heart.”



Illustration

Are we losing the habit of memorising?
Some of us can still remember being brought
up on The Penny Catechism with its questions
and answers about every aspect of Catholic
faith. The decision to abandon this approach
to learning was based on the belief that such
rote repetition did not bring understanding. A
similar decision was made in regard to learn-
ing one's times tables and memorising poetry.
Explanation and understanding replaced
memory. Yet memory plays a vital role in es-
tablishing our identity, both personally and as
a society. We can't eliminate its role altogeth-
er. Our social shaping comes through our
shared learning, whether nursery rhymes or
the times tables or the prayers learnt at our
mother's knee.

It is true that bad memories can haunt us,
but psychotherapists work on bringing such
into the light so that we can have a greater
sense of confidence and control in our lives.
Similarly, a neglect of learning poetry by heart



leaves us without access to the shared lived wisdom of the past. Nadezhda Mandelstam wife of the Russian poet Osip Mandelstam, who died under Stalin's purge in the 1930s, waited till better times in the 1970s to reveal his poetry to the world. Because she could have been killed for having his poetry in her possession, she had committed it all to memory.

Gospel Teaching

St Luke's Gospel constantly mentions Jesus being at prayer. It has even been called the Gospel of prayer. Jesus is found at prayer particularly when he is faced with a big decision or an important event. The consummate example is in the garden of Gethsemane. Luke links the prayer of Jesus on this occasion into what is his usual practice: Jesus went out, in accordance with his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and he encouraged his disciples twice to pray not to enter into temptation.

Jesus usually prays by himself, but he encourages his disciples to follow his example. At one point in the Gospel they ask him to teach them

how to pray, and Jesus, as in Matthew's Gospel, gives them the prayer we now know as the Lord's Prayer. It is a shorter version than the one we use but it contains the same coupling of praise and petition. It is the petition element that dominates his teaching on prayer in today's Gospel. The petitioner is a widow, a figure used by Jesus elsewhere as an example of poverty and powerlessness. The judge is the symbol of power as well as justice. He is pictured as acting on the widow's behalf, not because of the justice of her claim, but because he fears that, in the original Greek of the Gospel, she will give him a black eye if he fails to act. How much more likely that God will see justice done, even if at times God does seem slow to react.

Application

Memory and prayer have certain aspects in common. They both open us up to what is beyond or greater than ourselves. People condemn memorisation because they fear it supports indoctrination. They condemn prayer because they feel it gives a false sense of expectation. Both criticisms can be true when the practices of memory and prayer are used abusively. But to eliminate their practice on such grounds limits our ability to be open to the world and to God.

It is often said that the practice of prayer does not change God: it changes us. We become more able to understand and follow God's will. And, just as with a well-trained memory, we are then able to draw things out of our treasury, both new and old. We struggle when we cannot make sense of our world. Prayer takes us beyond the capabilities of our mind and heart to find the source of all meaning, God. This allows us to return to our world with greater understanding but also with gratitude. Life is a gift, but to remain open to a full appreciation of the gift of each day and what it brings we need that inner openness, which both prayer and memory bring. They act as the invisible cord that links us to the divine mystery that lies behind not just our own salvation but that of our world. And as we respond to this vision we, too, never lose heart.

Rembembering May 1945 Slovenian Exodus



Luncheon & Short Program

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Doors open at 12:00 noon

St. Gregory the Great Church Hall
125 Centennial Pkwy N,
Hamilton, ON L8E 1H8

Adults: **\$40**

Under 18 yrs: **\$25**

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2022 Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation Awards Application Now Available



The Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation was created to provide students of Slovenian-Canadian descent, residing within the Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, and Niagara regions, the opportunity to be recognized for their academic achievements, community involvement, and appreciation of their Slovenian heritage.

Due to the Foundation's suspension of operations during the pandemic, categories for award consideration have been expanded to include students who are commencing/ continuing post-secondary full-time studies at an accredited college/university in Fall 2022, as well as, students who have successfully completed a post-secondary program at an accredited college/university in the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year.

Select applicants will be granted a monetary award in the form of a scholarship or bursary from the foundation.

This year's awards will be presented on **Sunday, November 20, 2022 at St. Gregory the Great after English mass.**

Application forms are located at back of the church and via email request to Teresa Zupancic (teresa.zupancic@gmail.com).

Completed application packages must be submitted via email to:

teresa.zupancic@gmail.com by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2022 for award consideration. Please forward any questions to Teresa at 905-930-7545 or via email.

PRAY THE ROSARY

By Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB

October is the month of the rosary for Catholics. On October 13, was the 105th anniversary of the last of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima. Our Lady's big word of advice at that time was about the world getting itself into a miserable state for its rejection of Jesus Christ and that all Catholics should regularly pray the rosary. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother also stated that Russia was in serious need of conversion because it was in a position to ruin things for humanity.

Does any of this seem appropriate for us in 2022? You bet! We have to start setting things right in the world before it's too late! The rosary will really help curb Satan's destruction of humanity. Please go grab your rosary beads. The rosary can help eradicate Putin's genocide in the Ukraine. The rosary can help stop global dictators from purposely sabotaging nations... The rosary can get us back on track from a life of individualism, materialism and selfishness. The rosary can help our young people see the truth and beauty and goodness of Jesus.

So... I invite all of you to commit to praying the rosary daily. The best thing we can do for peace and God's grace is to pray it. Let it be said again: "The rosary is a powerful weapon!" Our prayers on the beads can bestow healing, forgiveness and the protection of Jesus and Mary from evil. Please pray the rosary daily.

Some people might think: Fr. Steve, is praying the rosary the best that you can come up with to help solve the tensions we face in the present environment? My answer – absolutely! In these unprecedented times we need to be prayer warriors. The rosary is

our best tool and weapon against the devil. Now more than ever, we should pray it. Let's go to Our Lord through the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary for help and strength.

We will beseech Mary to intercede before the throne of God for the protection, healing and radical transformation of our country. We look to Our



Molitev rožnega venca pri Marijinem kipu, v soboto 15.10.2022 ob 12:00h. Za prvič kar lepa skupina molivcev.



Slike prispevala Angela Kobe

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOGODKI: OKTOBER - NOVEMBER

- **Oct. 22, 2022 - Slovenski Park** - Oktoberfest
- **SOLD OUT!**
- **Nov. 20, 2022 - Scholarship** presentation
after 11:00 a.m. Mass

READERS - BRALCI BERIL

October 16, 2022

Slovenska maša - Sue Augustin

English Mass - Heidy Novak

GIFT BEARERS - SLOVENIAN MASS

Oct. 16 - Pamela Gosgnach & Mary Miketič

Oct. 23 - Milena Volčanšek & Majda Lukežič

Oct. 30 - Jožica Vegelj & Štefka Eržen

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH - ČIŠČENJE CERKVE

Oct. 15 - Gosgnach team

Oct. 29 - Lukežič, Volčanšek

ALL SOULS DAY MASS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington will take place on **Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 2:00pm.**

The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

MOLITVE NA POKOPALIŠČIH

Letos bomo imeli molitve na pokopališčih v nedeljo, 30. oktobra. Kot lahko preberete iz uradne objave škofije Hamilton, bo zopet sveta **maša na Holy Sepulchre** pokopališču in sicer ob običajni uri, **ob 2:00 popoldne.**

Torej naše molitve bodo, kot je bilo to navadno pred Covidom:

- ob 3:00 pri križu na pokopališču Holy Se-

pulchre

- ob 3:30 p.m. na pokopališču Gate of Heaven - pri slovenski kapelici

- ob 5:00 p.m. na pokopališču Our Lady of the Angels (če bo odprt mavzolej bomo noter sicer pa pod nadstreškom pred mavzolejem, kot smo to imeli lansko leto).

Letos se ura spremeni na zimski čas v ne-



NIAGARSKA KOORDINACIJA

V sredo, 12. oktobra smo imeli v dvorani jesensko srečanje predstavnikov klubov Niagarske koordinacije. Na kratko smo se zaustavili ob praznovanju Slovenskega dneva pri društvu Slovenski park; pogledali smo kako je vse potekalo in predlagali nove ideje za organizacijo Slovenskega dneva v prihodnjem letu, katerega gostitelj bo društvo Bled. Prisluhnili smo poročilu o prireditvah po posameznih klubih v letošnjem letu in nekaj tudi o načrtih za prireditve v prihodnjem letu.

Službo novega koordinatorskega bo prevzela Mary Ann Demšar (predstavnica Slovenskega parka); zahvalili pa smo se dosednji koordinatorici Heidy Novak.

Srečanja so se udeležili predstavniki Lipa Parka, Bleda, Slovenskega Parka, Zgodovinskega društva in župnije Sv. Gregorija Velikega.

Srečanje za bolnike in starejše



V sredo, 12. oktobra smo imeli dopoldne ob 11h sveto mašo in med mašo tudi priložnost za prejem zakramenta bolniškega maziljenja. Po maši pa so Jožica V., Pamela in Majda pripravile nekaj sladkega za pod zob in dober čaj. Hvala vsem za prijetno druženje.

DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad darovali:

- \$100 - John in Milka Sobočan namesto rož na grob pokojne Jože Šušteršič
- \$20 - Dorothea Ježovnik v spomin na pokojno Manjo Erzetič.
- \$300 - Marjan in Elizabeth Hozjan cvetja na grob pokojnih: Frank Pavlakovič, Matija Balažic (Whitby) in Elizabeth Farkaš (strina).

Hvala za vaš dar.

Na račun

»Eno Srce, Ena Duša«
»One Heart, One Soul«
ste za našo slovensko
župnijo sv. Gregorija

Velikega do 7. oktobra 2022:

- \$140,440. - Obljubili / Pledged

- \$123,050. - Vplačali / Paid

Hvala vsem, ki ste že prispevali.



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

Intihar	Katarina	October 17, 2010
Gerič	Irma	October 17, 2016
Gergyek	Zoltan	October 17, 2021
Nedelko	Ksenia	October 19, 2012
Udovč	Stanislav	October 22, 1996
Cestnik	John	October 22, 1999



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Monday to Friday: 7:00 P.M., Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slovenian-Sunday Mass); Sunday: 10:00 A.M. from July to Fall Banquet (Slovenian/English) - **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 or Cell: 905-520-2014

29. NEDELJA MED LETOM 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16. OKTOBER MARJETA, REDOVNICA	†† † †† † † †† † † † † † †	Za žive in rajne župljane Janez in Cecilija Frumen Stan Sajovic Edeltraud & Fred Leitenberger Mira Špiler Frank Pavlakovič Ignac in Marija Horvat Joža Šušteršič Joža Šušteršič Frank Pavlakovič Joe Lackovič Štefan Prša Maureen Trenkler	9:30 A.M. ----- Hči Vera Marič z družino Sin Stanley z družino 11:00 A.M. Adam in Heidy Novak z družino Adam in Heidy Novak z družino Adam in Heidy Novak z družino Adam in Heidy Novak z družino Julija Sagadin z družino Miriam Ferkul z družino Manja Erzetič Družina Žižek Družina Žižek Joe Pust z družino
	† †	Zoltan Gergyek, obl. Olga Peternel	7:00 P.M. Žena Ana Manja Erzetič
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 17. OKTOBER <i>Ignacij Antiohijski, škof-muč.</i>	† †	Manja Erzetič Marta Raščan Verona Gerič, obl.	7:00 P.M. Cecilija Sobočan Cvetka Milosavljevič Sestra Terezija Sarjaš
TOREK - TUESDAY 18. OKTOBER <i>Luka, evangelist</i>	† † †	Ivan Zupančič, obl. Na čast sv. Jožefu Bogu in Materi Božji v zahvalo	7:00 P.M. Žena Jožica Hapke Ivka Pašalič Ana Tadič
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 19. OKTOBER <i>Pavel od križa, duhovnik</i>	†	Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Giuliana Lovrenčec, obl.	7:00 P.M. Jožica Novak z družino Jože in Emilia Lovrenčec
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 20. OKTOBER <i>Irena (Mira), mučenka</i>	†† †	Jožef Gönc (Montreal) Marija Svašnik in družina	7:00 P.M. Olga Glavač Ana Gergyek
PETEK - FRIDAY 21. OKTOBER <i>Uršula, devica-mučenka</i>	† ††	Marija in Jože Kuzma Pok. iz družine Zelko Stane (obl.) in Magda Udovč Anton in Marija Albina Baznik, obl. John, Anton (obl.) in Anica	5:30 P.M. Hči Jožica Vlašič z družino Matilda Bratuž Families Udovč in Levstek Hči Marija Košir Mož z družino Martin Malevič z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 22. OKTOBER <i>Janez Pavel II, papež</i> <i>Marija Saloma, svetopisem-</i> <i>ska žena</i>	†† †† †† †† † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Branko Temlin Zoltan Gergyek Ann Božnar Alex Zolis, obl. Vida Sajder Irma Dorenčec Ivan Tompa Joža Šušteršič Lojze Lesica	9:30 A.M. ----- Marija Volf Karl Ferko z družino John Božnar z družino Zlatko in Marija Berkovič Matilda Bratuž Mož Ignac z družino Janez Lovrenčec 11:00 A.M. Jožica Novak z družino Žena Marija z družino
30. NEDELJA MED LETOM 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23. OKTOBER JANEZ KAPISTRAN, DUH. MISIJONSKA NEDELJA	† † † † † † † † † †		