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JEZUS SE RAZODENE TREM APOSTOLM

Božja zaveza z Abramom je temeljni korak v Božjem načrtu. Bog se zveže z enim človekom, z eno družino in obljubi čudovite stvari. Abram pravi: »Poglej proti nebu in preštej zvezde, če jih moreš prešteti (...) Tako bo s tvojim potomstvom.« Abram je to obljubo sprejel z vero: »Veroval je Gospodu in ta mu je to štel v pravičnost.« Potem Bog doda še drugo obljubo, obljubo zemlje: »Tvojemu potomstvu dajem to deželo od Egiptovske reke do velike reke, reke Evfrata.«

Ta zaveza je samo prvi korak v Božjem načrtu. Nova zaveza bo veliko bolj velikodušna, saj bo Bog dal svojega Sina. Ni bilo mogoče, da bi Bog z nami vzpostavil globljo, močnejšo, popolnejšo vez. Jezus je Božji Sin hkrati pa je Abramov potomec. Torej se v njem izpolnjuje obljuba, dana Abramom.

Spremenitev je pomemben evangeljski dogodek: dogodek, ki se zgodi po prvi napovedi trpljenja in razodene Jezusovo globoko bistvo; dogodek, ki pripravlja apostole, da bodo presegli pohujšanje križa in razumeli slavo vstajenja.

V Lukovem evangeliju beremo: »Tisti čas je Jezus vzel s seboj Petra, Janeza in Jakoba in šel na goro molit. Medtem ko je molil, se je videz njegovega obličja spremenil in njegova oblačila so belo sijala.« V molitvi se Jezus združi z Očetom in to združenje se izrazi s spremenitvijo, v kateri Jezus postane veličasten, sijajen.

Vendar je to poveličanje povezano s celotnim Božjim načrtom. Evangelist trdi: »In glej, dva moža sta se pogovarjala z njim; bila sta Mojzes in Elija. Prikazala sta se v veličastvu in govorila o njegovem odhodu, ki ga bo dopolnil v Jeruzalemu.« Tako je izražena povezava med Jezusovo spremenitvijo in njegovim trpljenjem. Mojzes in Elija govorita o Jezusovem trpljenju; spremenitev je tesno povezana z njim.

V spremenitvi se Bog pokaže na podoben način kot v drugih dogodkih, v katerih sta glavni osebi Mojzes in Elija. V Stari zavezi je rečeno, da se je Mojzes povzpел na goro - kakor se tukaj Jezus povzpne na goro spremenitve - in je prosil Boga, naj

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se mu razodene: »Pokaži mi, prosim, svoje veličastvo!« (2 MZ 33,18). Bog mu je odgovoril, da tega ne more, ker ne bi preživel tako silovitega doživetja, kot je videti Božjo svetost. Gospod je potem šel mimo in klical svoje ime, Mojzes pa je lahko videl samo njegov hrbet. Tako je imel Mojzes samo nepopolno razodetje Boga.

Poleg tega razodetja je Mojzes od Boga prejel poslanstvo, naj judovskemu ljudstvu prenese postavo. Na gori Sinaj je Bog dal spoznati svojo postavo.

Elija je imel podobno izkustvo. Ko ga je preganjala kraljica Jezabela, ker je premagal in pobil Baalove preroke, ga je Bog, medtem ko je bežal, povabil, naj se povzpne na goro. Tukaj je doživel razodetje, ki pa je drugačno od Mojzesovega na gori Sinaj. Prišel je silovit vihar, vendar Boga ni bilo v viharju. Potem je prišel potres, vendar Boga ni bilo v potresu. Potem ogenj, toda Boga ni bilo v ognju. Na koncu se Bog razodene preroku v lahnem šepetu, kot v nekakšnem intimnem razodetju.

Tudi Elija je od Boga dobil poslanstvo: mazili naj aramskega in Izraelovega kralja ter posveti Elizeja kot preroka.

V dogodku spremenitve tudi mi prejmemo Božje razodetje in poslanstvo. Tokrat razodetje ni s hrbta, kakor v Mojzesovem primeru, ampak iz obličja, Jezusovega obličja. Jezusovo človeško obličje pokaže Božjo slavo, spremeni videz. To je izjemno videnje, ki na Petra in na druga dva apostola naredi močan vtis.

Bog se razodeva na Kristusovem obrazu. »Kdor je videl mene, je videl Očeta,« pravi Jezus v Janezovem evangeliju (Jn 14,9). Povabljeni smo, da gledamo Božjo lepoto in veličastnost na Jezusovem obrazu.

Naša spremenitev se začenja tukaj, na zemlji. Ne gre za dogodek, ki je odložen do Gospodovega prihoda, ampak za dogodek, ki se uresničuje že v našem zemeljskem življenju. Kdor je zvest Kristus, kdor moli, kdor išče Božjo voljo, se počasi spreminja. Če ostajamo zvesti Kristus in odprti njegovi milosti, ki ima moč, da spremeni vse naše bitje.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

FIRST READING: *Genesis 15:5-12.17-18*

God makes a covenant with Abram.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 27:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Jesus will "transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body".

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Luke 9.35*

From the bright cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

GOSPEL: *Luke 9.28b-36*

Peter, James and John witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus.



Illustration

A young father took his two children to see the rabbits in a small enclosure in a local park. Hoping to entice one of them to feed from his fingers, the six-year-old pulled a few blades of grass and held them through the wire netting. It was the first time that the toddler had ever seen a rabbit. Initially curious, he became delirious with excitement when a large and particularly furry animal hopped towards his elder brother and nibbled the grass. For several seconds, the little boy couldn't move or speak. Immobilised with joy, his eyes said everything. His open-mouthed wonder caught the attention of every nearby adult. Suddenly complete strangers looked at each other and laughed. Sharing the brief experience of a toddler's joy brightened the day for people whose ways parted a short time later.

Transfiguration is transformation with a difference. We all know what it's like to pose for the camera. Sometimes the smile



is like an advert for toothpaste: it doesn't travel as far as our eyes. There's no feeling in it. A real smile lights up a person's face and shows that life is worth living. Joy creates a completely different smile: a radiant light

suddenly erupts from deep within the heart and transforms a little corner of the world. Transfiguration is the smile that is bursting with joy. Transfiguration transforms others if their eyes and heart are open, even to mini miracles.

Gospel teaching

Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up the mountain, not expecting the unique experience of the transfiguration, when Jesus' clothes became dazzlingly white and Moses and Elijah appeared. The Gospel tells us that the two greatest people in Jewish history, who represented the Law and prophets, spoke to Jesus about his forthcoming journey to Jerusalem and all that would happen there. Confused, the three apostles didn't know what to say or do. Peter's suggestion that they build three tents to honour the occasion was possibly the only thing he could think of at the time. Peter, James and John bowed down in fright and, looking up, saw "only Jesus". In other words, regardless of having seen him in his heavenly glory, Jesus was also nobody to fear because he was such a familiar part of their lives. He might have been talking to Moses and Elijah, but he was Jesus, a young man who shared their lives and made them feel valued. He was someone who helped to gut fish and cook a meal, who lit a campfire and slept beside them in the star-spangled

wilderness. How could they describe or explain their experience? Would anybody believe them? The transfiguration transformed Jesus so that, momentarily, heaven and earth were one. The apostles briefly saw Jesus in heavenly glory, but also knew that he was the person they already knew and loved – and were no longer afraid.

Application

We can't plan for a transfiguration experience. The father wanted his children to enjoy visiting the rabbits but couldn't have expected the toddler to be so completely overwhelmed by seeing an animal feed from his brother's fingers. Even the father was awestruck to see the child's reaction.

Peter, James and John had a similar experience. Jesus hadn't prepared them for what would happen when they climbed the mountain. They hadn't expected to see Jesus in glory, talking to Moses and Elijah. No wonder they were absolutely stunned by events and didn't know what to say or do! Jesus didn't need to tell them to say nothing until after the resurrection: they wanted time to think about what they had seen. Jesus knew that the transfiguration would only start to make sense after Calvary and the resurrection, the ascension and Pentecost, when the pieces of the jigsaw would start falling into place and they would begin to understand all that had happened.

As we go through Lent, we would like to be transformed by our experience and yet most of us must recognise that, by Easter, we'll probably be pretty much the same as we were on Ash Wednesday. Jesus' transfiguration didn't make heroes of Peter and James on Good Friday! Today's Gospel, however, holds out a promise: one day our hearts will be transfigured and bursting with joy. We too will see Jesus in glory – and yet because we already know and love Jesus, like Peter, James and John, we also have no need to be afraid.

Passion Play - Live Stations of the Cross

Calling all parishioners - open invitation to all who would like to participate in this year's Passion Play. Thanks to those who participated last year in character as performers and to those who filled the pews in the church to watch.

Our first rehearsal is Wed March 26th, 7:30 p.m. (After Mass). No acting experience necessary. Last year, we had over 20 parishioners participating. We really hope those from last year will join us again along with new parishioners and family members for ever increasing numbers. There will be 2 to 3 rehearsals, including a costume fitting.

Performance of The Passion Play - Live Stations of The Cross - is Friday April 11th at 7:00 p.m. - a beautiful way to prepare for Holy Week leading up to the celebration of Easter.

For details, please contact Mary Ann at m_demсар@hotmail.com or text/call 905-520-2311



Live Stations of the Cross

A CWL - KĀZ INITIATIVE





St. Joseph's 2025 Banquet

Sunday, March 23

Mass at 10:00 AM

Kosilo/Dinner @ 12:00 - noon

Organizator:

Slovensko društvo sv. Jožefa

V dvorani župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega,
125 Centennial Pkwy N., Hamilton, ON L8E 1H8

Entrance ticket: \$30.00

Please contact Peter Novak 905-928-9984 for tickets.

Tickets can be purchased on Sundays March 9 & 16, before or after mass or Tuesday nights in the Villa. Deadline for tickets is Thursday March 20th. No sales at the door!!!

CWL Bazaar 2025

The annual Catholic Women's League Bazaar, which was held on Sunday, March 9th, is a cherished tradition at our parish. The hall was full. You could feel the wonderful community atmosphere. This year, as in past years, this event was another great success, due to the support of our parish community and the dedication of our CWL members!!!

Our CWL recognize that the success of this event would not be possible without the countless volunteer hours of our CWL members, parishioners, their families and friends. So many people came together to prepare for this event and did what they could when help was needed.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all CWL members, parishioners, their families and friends who worked tirelessly to prepare for and set up the Bazaar.

Special thanks to all those who spent hours preparing, making and packing noodles over several sessions; all those who prepared and made delicious strudels for us to enjoy; our CWL members who had the challenging task of taking reservations and creating a seating plan that would make everyone happy and to our parishioners who prepped, setup, tended and reconciled the bar.

We recognize and appreciate the hard work of the kitchen team and what it takes to prep and cook a delicious meal that is served out in a timely manner.

We are so proud of our servers who did a **FANTASTIC** job and all of them, this being their first time serving!! We hope we can count on you for future events!

Thank you, members who worked at the Penny Sale, Raffle, 50/50 and Bake tables. Great job ladies!!

We feel sincere gratitude to all who donated baking, penny sale, children's, hand crafted and raffle items. A special **THANK YOU** to the companies and organizations that so generously contributed to our amazing raffle prizes and to the



members who procured them. We would like to acknowledge the following donors for their support:

Moya Financial
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Slovenski Park
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TAK Technologies Inc.
Scattolon Construction Ltd.
Seguin Engineering
Canmar Contracting
Pinchin

As always, the Children's Center provided a wonderful, playful space for our children to enjoy. **Thank you** to our members who created and tended to this very special area.

Our sincere thank you to Fr. Drago, our spiritual counselor and unwavering supporter, for all his help and encouragement!!

So many people came together to make this event a success. Through your spirit of service to others, a true sense of community is built.

Your time, effort and generosity are truly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the 2025 Annual Catholic Women's League Bazaar - we hope to see you again next year!

May God's many blessings be with you.

St. Gregory the Great
Catholic Women's League







Maksim Gaspari 1916
National Gallery of Slovenia

Mother's Day Luncheon

SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025

Doors open at 12:30

Lunch served at 1:00

Tickets:

Adults \$40

Kids 5-15 \$20

Kids under 5 FREE

Entertainment:

Sibaj

For tickets:

Milena Krusic - 905-393-6594

Sylvia Grah-Battersby -

905-518-2457

secretary@bled.ca

Menu:

Antipasto Plate

Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup

Slovenian Garden Salad

Chicken Schnitzel & Meatloaf

Bled Hall

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OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- March 23rd - **St. Joseph's Banquet** - Mass 10 AM
- April 6th - **St. Gregory the Great** - Spring Banquet
- Mass 10:00 AM
- April 11th - **St. Gregory the Great** - Live Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. - Mass after
- April 12th - **Slovenski Park** - Clean up Day, Spring General Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
- April 13th - **St. Gregory the Great** - Palm Sunday
- April 13th - **Breslau/Sava** - Mass 1:00 PM
- April 13th - **London** - Mass 4.00 PM

BRALCI - READERS:

- Slov.: Sue Augustin
- Engl: Rita Bartula

GIFT BEARERS

- Milena Volčanšek in Majda Lukežič

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- March 29th - Lukežič/Volčanšek team

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - BANQUET

The **Annual St. Joseph's Banquet** will be held on Sunday March 23rd. Please join us for lunch after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Tickets (\$30.00) will be available before and after Mass on Sunday March 9 and March 16, Tuesday nights at Villa Slovenia or call: Peter Novak 905-928-9984.

Ticket deadline is Thursday March 20th.

- **No sales at the door.**

Na mizi v cerkveni veži so še 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.



CWL - LENTEN RETREAT

An afternoon of spiritual growth.

At **Regina Mundi Parish**

631 Mohawk Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 1X7

SAINTS - Sacrifice to Sanctity

Saturday March 22nd, 2025

11:30 a.m. - Social with lite lunch

1:00 p.m. - Presentation of True Relics

4:00 p.m. - Prayers, Confession

5:00 p.m. - Holy Mass

Registration is \$5. Please submit to the parish office.

For more information contact:

Catharine 905 318-2242

Amy: 905 575-8405



CWL GENERAL MEETING

Our CWL General Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, March 25th, following 7:00 p.m. mass.

We will be reviewing and reporting on our Bazaar, making arrangements for Our Lady of Good Counsel mass and service awards.

Please pass this information onto of our members.



THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE GROUP

Looking to dramatically change your heart this Lent season? **40 Days for Life** is inviting YOU (young and old) to participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, happening each day (Ash Wednesday -April 13th) from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. This is our opportunity to pray for the voiceless and save their parents from the suffering abortion will bring. We have already helped mothers host two baby showers! SIGN UP IN THE ONLINE CALENDAR TODAY VIA: <https://bit.ly/40dayshamilton> or call 905-962-2864.

DONATIONS - DAROVI

V spomin na pokojnega Ivana Nedelko je brat Martin z ženo Regino daroval za gradbeni sklad \$500.-

Za rože za cerkev je Ana Gergyek darovala \$50.-

Hvala za vse vaše darove.

MASS OF CHRISM

All are welcome to attend the **Diocesan Mass of Chrism** during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism.

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30 p.m. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

HEART TO HEART

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is on Wednesday, March 19th. A feast day Mass will

be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at the Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha. The Carmelite Nuns warmly welcome visitors to pray with them on this special feast.

The Sisters of St. Joseph at Tansley Woods celebrate a feast day Mass in the afternoon. It is an opportunity to pray with and for the St. Joseph's Health System which serves several communities in the Diocese. May those who serve the community as workers at each of the sites, be specially blessed on the Feast! I look forward to both events.

THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE is this Sunday. Remembrance in the prayers of the faithful at Sunday Masses is an important part of our commitment to pray. It is an opportunity to pray for healing and hope, for freedom and peace for those who have suffered and those who suffer still!



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

Ferfolja	Marko	March 17, 2016
Rožič	Boris	March 18, 1996
Lenart	Ana Martina	March 18, 2014
Halas	Teresa	March 19, 2008
Stergulc	Draga Emma	March 21, 1990
Kuzmič	Josef	March 21, 2011
Suhadolc	Anthony	March 21, 2021
Stegne	Miroslav	March 22, 1990
Medica	Branko	March 22, 2022



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

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<p style="text-align: center;">2. POSTNA NDELJA 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 16. marec <i>Hilarij Oglejski, škof</i> <i>Papeška nedelja</i></p>	†† † †† † †† † †	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Jožef in Terezija Gönc Ivan Nedelko Pok. iz družine Dorenčec Frank Gimpelj, obl. Ljubo in Milena Vaupotič Slavko Štern, obl. Ilija Bartula, obl.</p>	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	----- Olga Glavač z družino Ignac Dorenčec Ignac Dorenčec Žena Elizabeth z družino Vnuk Bojan Žena Marija z družino Family Bartula
<p style="text-align: center;">PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 17. marec <i>Patricij, škof</i></p>	† ††	Antonio Valeri All souls in purgatory	7:00 PM	Irma e Rocco Valeri Irma e Rocco Valeri
<p style="text-align: center;">TOREK - TUESDAY 18. marec <i>Ciril Jeruzalemski, šk. c.uč.</i></p>	†	Za zdravje Eileen MacKenzie	7:00 PM	Bernaridine Mujdrica N. N.
<p style="text-align: center;">SREDA - WEDNESDAY 19. marec <i>Jožef, mož Device Marije</i></p>	† † †† †† † † † †	Joe Hanc Joe Lackovič Marija Hočevar Marija in Jože Heric Jožef Raduha Jožef Kuzma Metod Kuzma Jože Gačnik	7:00 PM	Žena Olga z družino Žena z družino Vera Lackovič z družino Štefan in Francka Antolin Štefan in Francka Antolin Družina Kuzma Družina Kuzma Žena Jera z družino
<p style="text-align: center;">ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 20. marec <i>Klavdija, mučenka</i></p>	†† †	Anica in Ivanka Martin Tompa	7:00 PM	Jožica Novak z družino Stive in Ankica Kompes
<p style="text-align: center;">PETEK - FRIDAY 21. marec <i>Nikolaj iz Flue, kmet-puš.</i></p>	†	Križev pot Ivan Nedelko	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Ančka
<p style="text-align: center;">SOBOTA - SATURDAY 22. marec <i>Lea, spokornica</i> <i>Bazilij, mučenec</i></p>	†† †† † † †	Jožko in Igor Kuzma Ivan in Norma Tompa Ivan Nedelko Štefan Kričaj, obl. Miroslav Stegne, obl.	5:30 PM	Sestra Jožica Vlašič in družina Štefan in Ančka Petek z družino Toni in Marija Franc z družino Fanika Stegne Fanika Stegne
<p style="text-align: center;">3. POSTNA NDELJA 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 23. marec <i>Turibij, škof</i> <i>Rebeka, redovnica</i></p>	† † † † † † † † †	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Marija Černi Ivan Glavač Bronco Balažic Jožefa Mali Jože Balažic Martin Glavač, obl. Marija Hočevar Monika Gašpar Ivan Nedelko</p>	10:00 AM	----- Olga Čulig David in Jenny Antolin z družino David in Jenny Antolin z družino Andreas Čurkovič Hči Emilia Lovrenčec Matej Glavač z družino Društvo sv. Jožefa (3) Družina Gašpar Olga Hanc z družino