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**30. NEDELJA
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**30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Vera, ki odpravlja slepoto

Evangelij današnje nedelje nam za zgled ponuja slepca iz Jerihe: zgled molitve, vere in pripravljenosti na hojo za Jezusom.

Evangelist nam poroča, da je »slepi berač Bartimaj, Timajev sin, sedel ob poti«. »Ko je slišal, da je to Jezus Nazarečan, je začel vpiti in govoriti: 'Jezus, Davidov sin, usmili se me!' Bartimaj ve, da je Jezus Davidov sin; torej že veruje vanj kot v Mesija.

Ljudje so ga grajali, da bi ga utišali; hoteli so, da bi Jezus imel mir. Slepi pa je še močneje vpil. Tako je za nas vzor zaupne, vztrajne molitve, ki pred ovirami ne izgubi poguma, ampak postane še močnejši. Zato njegova prošnja po usmiljenju ustreza Jezusovi naravi.

Drugo berilo nam govori o velikem duhovniku, ki »more potrpeti z nevednimi in tistimi, ki še blodijo«. Slepi iz evangelija predstavlja vse tiste, ki so v nevednosti in blodijo; ker je v temi, ne vidi. Ima pa sposobnost, da kliče Jezusovo usmiljenje in se tako znajde na poti odrešenja.

Prvo berilo nas spominja, »da je Gospod rešil svoje ljudstvo, Izraelov ostanek«. Bog sam zatrdi: »Pripeljem jih iz severne dežele in jih zberem od koncev zemlje. Med njimi tudi slepe in hrome, noseče in porodnice hkrati.«

V Stari zavezi se Bog kaže vedno pripravljen poslušati molitve svojega ljudstva, čeprav je ljudstvo grešno in zasluži kazen. Bog je z njim sočuten in ga po kazni v izgnanstvu spet pripelje v svojo deželo. On sam pravi: »Z jokom bodo prišli, s tolažbami jih pospremim nazaj; k potokom voda jih popeljem, po ravni poti, kjer se ne spotaknejo. Jaz sem namreč Izraelov Oče in Efraim je moj prvorojenec.« V tej obljubi pomoči in tolažbe za ljudstvo se kaže vsa božja dobrota.

Slepec iz evangelija torej upravičeno zaupa v Jezusovo pomoč. Jezus nam namreč prinaša vso Očetovo ljubezen in sočutje, pa tudi vso učin-



kovitost božjega delovanja. Božje sočutje, ki je bilo v Stari zavezi obljubljeno najšibkejšim - slepim, kruljavim, ženam na porodu - se v polnosti kaže v Jezusu. V evangeliju se večkrat pojavlja glagol »biti ganjen, prevzet od sočutja« in ga vedno pripišejo Jezusu.

Ob tej priložnosti se Jezus pokaže poln sočutja v odnosu do slepega: ne gre mimo ampak se ustavi in ga da poklicati. Ljudje torej pokličejo slepega in mu pravijo: »Le pogum, vstani, kliče te!« Slep je odvrzel svoj plašč, skočil pokonci in šel k Jezusu.

Tukaj v resnici vidimo moč slepčeve vere, ki ga požene na noge. Tudi mi moramo vedno znova obujati vero in vztrajati v prošnji. Ko nam Gospod da znamenje, moramo takoj skočiti pokonci in iti k njemu.

Jezus vpraša Bartimaja: »Kaj hočeš, da ti storim?« In slepi takoj odgovori: »Rabuni, da bi spregledal!« Njegova prošnja je zelo jasna, pa tudi zelo močna. Jezus mu tedaj reče: »Pojdi, tvoja vera te je rešila!«

Pogoj odrešenja je vera po kateri dosežemo milosti, vse potrebno za naše odrešenje. Slep je imel vero in ta vera ga je rešila.

Pripoved bi se lahko končala tukaj, a izvemo še, da je slepi »šel po poti za njim«. Bartimaj ozdravljenje izkoristi za to, da gre za Jezusom. Sedaj lahko urno hodi, ker vidi pot. Toda namesto da bi šel tja, kamor ga žene človeško nagnjenje, gre za Jezusom. Tako postane za nas zgled učenca.

Potem ko mu je Jezus vrnil vid, na novo pridobljeno zdravje izkoristi za to, da postane njegov učenec: »in je šel po poti za njim.«

Prav to moramo storiti tudi mi. Ko se znajdemo v stiski, moramo na vso moč prositi Jezusa, ga prositi z zaupanjem, prositi za njegovo sočutje; in če nismo takoj uslišani, moramo še naprej vztrajno prositi. Ne smemo se obotavljati, da bi šli v cerkev in Bogu izrekli svoje prošnje; poglobiti moramo svojo vero. In ko smo bili uslišani, moramo to izkoristiti za to, da gremo velikodušno in popolnoma za Jezusom.

Jezus je veliki duhovnik, sočuten, pa tudi ponižen. Časti velikega duhovništva si ne jemlje sam, ampak jo prejme od nebeškega Očeta, ki mu pravi: »Ti si duhovnik na veke po Melkizedekovem redu.«

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

The people shout out in joy, because God has bestowed salvation on them, comforting them in their tears and guiding them so they do not stumble.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-6*

Christ did not give himself the glory of becoming a high priest. Rather he was chosen, called as God's son, to act for all humans in their relations with God.

Gospel: *Mark 10:46-52*

Despite being admonished and asked to stay quiet, Bartimaeus persists in his attempt to seek healing from Jesus, who tells Bartimaeus that his faith has saved him.

"Go, your faith has saved you."



Illustration

Many of us are planners, and when we set out on a journey we prepare. We research our destination and how we will get there, book our tickets, accommodation and activities, and pack carefully so that we have everything we might need. We organise things so that our journey is smooth, and we take out travel insurance in case it is not. We feel in control, able to manage on our own, powerful. More often than not, things work out because we have done our best to make sure they do and that nothing unexpected happens. When we see other people's plans fall apart, we may sympathise, but we may also judge. What did they expect? They should have checked their passports months ago! They should have factored

in traffic delays! They shouldn't have signed up for such a risky activity! Life is often spoken of in terms of a journey, and specific periods within a life are often spoken of in terms of journeys too. The difference between the journeys we plan and the journey of life – and the smaller journeys that comprise it – is that there is a limit to how much we can control in life. We can work hard to enhance our opportunities, we can nurture our relationships to enhance our personal happiness, we can eat well and exercise to enhance our health. But we cannot always insure ourselves against obstacles on that journey – be they “failure”, illness, bereavement, war, natural disaster, powerlessness.

Gospel Teaching

Today's scripture readings are about the journey of life and the shorter journeys within it. In Jeremiah and in the psalm, we hear that the people's journey was far from smooth. There were tears, suffering, and captivity, but Jeremiah tells of God's promise to comfort and guide them, and the psalm sings of the marvels God has worked for the people. In the Gospel, Bartimaeus is described as

“a blind beggar”. His life has not been smooth, and there has probably been little he has been able to do to make it smoother for himself. When he makes noise, he is told to be quiet. He seems powerless and cast aside – someone who should have no right to bother Jesus along the road. But Bartimaeus has faith in Jesus and persists. He calls Jesus “Master” and asks Jesus to let him see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him, and Bartimaeus follows Jesus along the road. And while this story is one of physical healing, it is also one of choice. Bartimaeus, who had little power on his own, has chosen to have faith in Jesus, and that faith seems to be crucial to

his healing. When his sight is restored, he chooses to follow Jesus on a path of discipleship. You might even say the story is as much about the call to follow Jesus as it is about healing.

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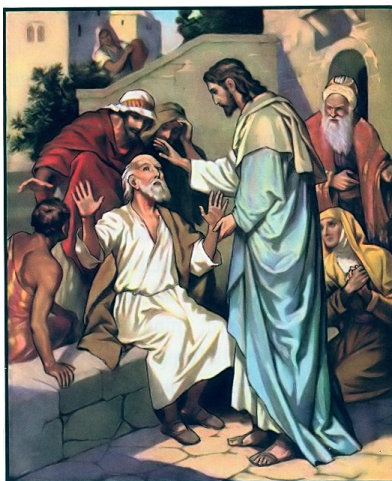
When we feel we are in control, it is easy to forget our vulnerability and the one thing that can be guaranteed in the journey of life – that it will not always be smooth. There will be plans that come to fruition, but there will also be pain, suffering, loss and rejection. Some of the journeys that comprise our life's journey may be about little more than pain

– loss of our health, our independence, our home or our loved ones. It is at times like these that our planning and our going it alone will take us only so far, and we are faced with our own vulnerability and powerlessness.

It is also at times like these that we realise we are not alone, however, and that we have been given both the gift and the choice of faith. Just as the God Jeremiah describes was there to comfort the people and guide them by a smooth path to streams of water,

and just as Jesus was there to restore Bartimaeus' sight, so we can believe that God is present to guide us on our journey – to comfort and strengthen us when the path is not smooth. Moreover, the gift and the call to faith and discipleship that Bartimaeus demonstrated are not just about the individual who needs picking up.

We are a people of faith, called to follow Jesus' example in community. It is in that togetherness that we follow the will of God, lifting each other up according to need as we journey through life, experiencing for ourselves and sharing with others the healing power of faith.





Please join us for the christening of the new wine...

Martinovanje

St. Martin's Luncheon

Sunday November 10, 2024



Featuring Music By:
Polka Maester Band



Doors open at 12:00 noon
Delicious home-style dinner served at 1:00 p.m.

Paid Members \$40
Non-Members \$50
Student (ages 11-17) \$20
Child (ages 6-10) \$10
Ages 5 and under FREE



All amateur wine makers are invited to bring their wine for the competition (by noon), and all guests (of drinking age) are eligible to taste and judge the wines!

For Tickets:



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



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Thursday November 7**

No Late Orders Accepted
No Tickets At The Door

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Bled Hall

HUNTER'S BANQUET



23 NOVEMBER 2024



MUSIC BY: ANSAMBEL ŠIBAJ
DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM
DINNER AT 6 PM

Tickets: \$65 (Cash, Credit, Tap)
For Reservations: Call Milena at 905-393-6594
or email secretary@bled.ca

4650 South Service Rd Beamsville ON



Društvo sv. Jožefa - Torkov večer - 22. oktober 2024



Na zadnjem torkovem večeru je odbor društva sv. Jožefa pripravil lep praznovanje ob župnikovem rojstnem dnevu. Povabili so člane društva in še druge, da smo se zbrali v društvenih prostorih. Poleg pizze, sladkih dobrot je bila tudi torta - tako velika, da je vsak dobil dober kos za posladkat. Seveda brez pesmi ni šlo in smo ob kitari tudi kakšno zapeli in nazdravili.

Hvala društvu sv. Jožefa, še posebej Petru Novaku in odboru, ki so vse organizirali in pripravili. Hvala Tony-ju in Petru za slike - tokrat sem praznoval, in fotoaparati so bili v njihovih rokah. Hvala vsem, ki ste prišli, da smo se skupaj povesečili. /župnik/







RESULTS OF THE DEANERY MEETINGS

LITURGY

"The Eucharist 'is the source and summit of the Christian Life" (CCC 1324 quoting Lumen Gentium 11). It is during the celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments that Catholics have their most profound and fulfilling experience of God's activity in their lives.



Liturgy must be celebrated well, in such a way that it is helpful to the community of worshippers and faithful to our Catholic tradition. The clergy and the laity desire a renewed love and understanding of the liturgy. Some standard and consistent catechesis on liturgy would be helpful. Further discussions will be required around what is needed to help us reach "full, conscious and active participation" in the liturgy. We will also need to discuss the use of technology in the liturgy.

- **Our people desire to understand better the "why and what" of liturgy, since the liturgy does not seem to speak to some**

of our people today. There needs to be more in-depth explanations of the signs, symbols, gestures and purpose of the liturgy. "Teaching Masses" were strongly requested as were explanations during the celebration of other sacraments.

- **People desire brief and well-prepared homilies, taken from the Scripture Readings of the day, and relatable to daily life. The preacher should be conscious of his audience (e.g. predominantly children or predominantly un-churched) and tailor the message and the way he preaches accordingly.**
- **Musicians need to know the liturgy better and ensure the music properly fits the liturgy being celebrated. Some priests are unwilling to challenge musicians due to their lack of knowledge or fear of musicians quitting. There needs to be an improvement in the quality and suitability of liturgical music.**
- **It is strongly encouraged that every parish would have a proper Children's Liturgy of the Word program as opposed to "Sunday School", which is primarily arts and crafts.**
- **There is a desire for a variety of devotions to be available in parish churches.**
- **There was some discussion as to the use of technology in liturgy. Whatever forms of technology are used, it must enhance participation and not distract.**

To be continued

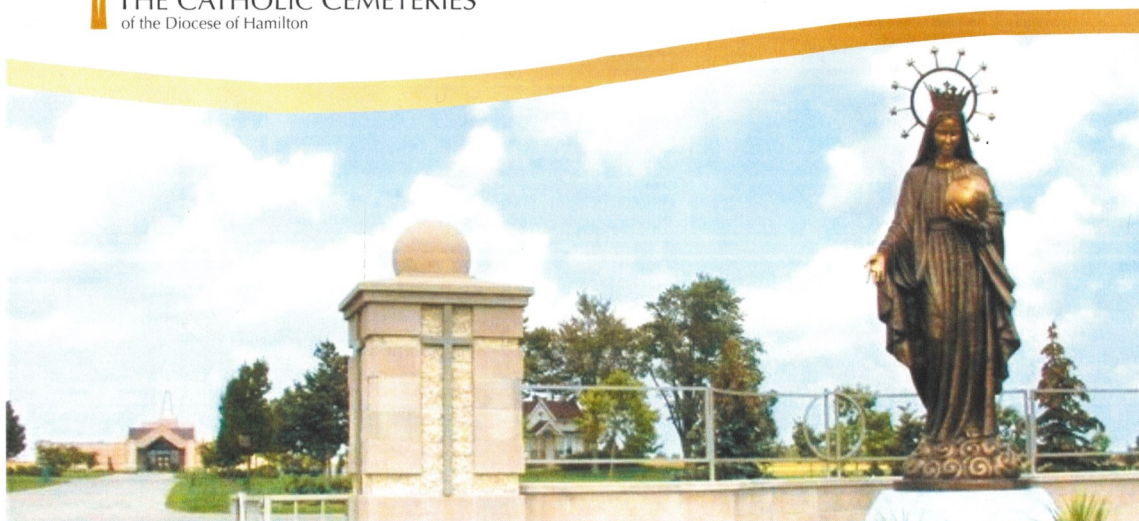


ALL SOULS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Sunday, November 3, 2024
5:30 pm

Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Stoney Creek

Join us for a time of prayer and a remembrance walk through the cemetery
Refreshments to follow



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **Nov. 2nd** - **London** - Mass at St. Peter's Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 3rd** - **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** - Mass at 2:00 p.m. - Prayers at the Cemeteries
- **Nov. 10th** - **Lipa Park** - St. Martin's lunch
- **Nov. 10th** - **Sava-Breslau** - Mass 1:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 20th** - **CWL-SOD** - Memorial Mass
- **Nov. 23rd** - **Bled** - Hunter's Banquet

BRALCI - READERS:

Slov. Mass: Rosemary Šušteršič (9:30 a.m.)

Eng. Mass: Elka Peršin (11:00 a.m.)

ČIŠČENJE - CLEANING

Oct. 26th - Gosgnach team

Nov. 9th - Štefka Eržen team

GIFT BEARERS

- Oct. 27th - Sue & Zdravko Augustin
- Nov. 3rd - Albina in Jože Antolin

CEMETERY MASS & PRAYERS

The annual **All Souls Day Mass** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Sunday, **November 3rd, 2024** at 2:00pm. All are welcome!

Prayers at the three Cemeteries:

- 3:00 p.m. - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (at the Cross)
- 3:30 p.m. - Gate of Heaven Cemetery (at the Chapel-Slovenian section)
- 5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery (in the Mausoleum)

DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - TORKOVI VEČERI

Torkovi večeri so se, v prostorih društva sv. Jožefa, začeli 15. oktobra 2024 Vabljeni, da izkoristite priložnost in pridete v družbo.

Villa Slovenia - Tuesday's night social gatherings started on October 15th, 2024 and will continue every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu novembru bo večna luč svetila za pokojno Katarino Mujdrica po namenu Bernadine in sina Martina

PRVI PETEK

Letos je prvi petek prav na praznik vseh svetih, 1. novembra. Kot navadno bo ob 6h priložnost za zakrament sv. spovedi, molitev pred najsvetejšim in sveto mašo.

Cerkev naklanja v prvih osmih dneh novembra popolni odpustek za vsak obisk pokopališča in molitev za rajne.

• Prav tako ga je mogoče prejeti v vseh cerkvah in javnih kapelah 1. in 2. novembra ter na prejšnjo ali na naslednjo nedeljo, če smo bili pri spovedi in obhajilu ter molimo po namenu svetega očeta. (Po namenu svetega očeta izmolite Oče naš, Zdravo Marijo, Slavo. Vendar morate pred molitvijo izreči: "Po namenu svetega očeta")

• Odpustek lahko namenimo rajnim, ki so še v stanju očiščevanja in jim lahko pomagajo tisti, ki so že pri Bogu in mi, ki še romamo po zemlji s svojimi molitvami, darovanimi mašami, dobrimi deli in odpustki, sami sebi namreč ne morejo več pomagati.

Moya Financial has relocated their offices to the Parish Offices in order to better serve their Members and Community.

During their regular office hours of Tuesdays from 11:00am to 4:00pm, Thursdays from 11:00am to 5:00pm, and Fridays from 11:00am to 4:00pm, the exterior door into the Parish offices will be left unlocked.

If you are visiting the credit union, please do not ring the bell, enter the Parish Office door and a Moya staff member will buzz you into the branch. If you are coming to see Father Drago, please ring the bell, and Father will greet you at the exterior door. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Moya Financial je svojo pisarno preselila v prostore poleg župnijskega urada, da bi boljše služila svojim članom in skupnosti.

V času rednih uradnih ur ob torkih od 11.00 do 16.00, četrtek od 11.00 do 17.00 in petkih od 11.00 do 16.00 bodo vhodna vrata v župnijske prostore odklenjena.



Če ste namenjeni v MOYA (Credit Union), prosimo, da ne pozvonite, vstopite pri glavnih vratih (office) in delavka od Moya vam bo odprla vrata v

poslovalnico.

Če pa hočete v župnijsko pisarno (Fr. Drago), pozvonite in gospod Drago vas bo pričakal pri vhodnih vratih.

Hvala za nadaljnje sodelovanje in podporo.



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

Gerič	Jožefa (Jožef)	October 28, 2008
Grebenc	Marija	October 28, 2013
Marinc	Ana	October 29, 2009
Suhadolc	Maria Mary	October 29, 2012
Žagar	Albin Michael	October 31, 2014
Ferenčak	Franc	October 31, 2022
Tonaj	Anton	November 2, 1975
Prijatelj	Anton Tony	November 2, 1978
Cesar	Anton	November 2, 2013
Grebenc	Lojze Andrew	November 2, 2020
Petrella	Teodora Antonia	November 2, 2021
Hull	Ludvik	November 3, 2012
Tanko	Elizabeth	November 3, 2012

Svete maše - Masses

30. NEDELJA MED LETOM 27. OKTOBER 30TH SUNDAY IN OT <i>Žegnanjska nedelja</i>	† † † † † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Jozefa Mali Family Chebian Ivan Zupančič Sonya Rosmus Ivan Žižek Marija in Ignac Horvat Francesco Schiavulli	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	----- John Božnar z družino Andreas Curkovič and family Angelina in Joy Sun Žena z družino mama Žena z družino Rose Žižek Rina



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

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SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

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