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**20. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**20TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Jezus, kruh za večno življenje

Na današnja nedeljo nadaljujemo pre-mišljevanje o velikem daru evharistije. S tem zakramentom svojega telesa in krvi je Jezus pri zadnji večerji obdaril Cerkev s svojo lju-beznijo. V prvem berilu nas Modrost vabi, naj jemo njen kruh in pijemo njeno vino. V drugem berilu Pavel vošči Efežanom, da so bili napolnjeni s Svetim Duhom, po evharistiji pa smo lahko tudi mi.

V prvem berilu Modrost pripravi gostijo za tiste, ki so preprosti in pogrešajo razumnost, in vabi, naj jedo njen kruh in pijejo njeno vino: »Razpošilja svoje dekle in kliče na križiščih utrjenega mesta: 'Kdo je preprost? Naj pride sem! Temu, ki pogreša razumnost, pravi: 'Pridite, jejte moj kruh, pijte vino, ki sem ga namešala.'« Gre za vino Modrosti, ki kaže pravo pot za življenje v združenosti z Bogom in za popoln uspeh v življenju.

V času svojega javnega delovanja se je Jezus nekoč razveselil v Duhu in se zahvalil Očetu, rekoč: »Slavim te, Oče, Gospod nebes in zemlje, ker si to prikrikl modrim in razumnim, razodel pa otročičem« (Mt 11,25). Te besede lahko nanesimo na evharistijo, v kateri nam Jezus podarja kruh svoje modrosti in vino svoje ljubezni. Te modrosti ne sprejme tisti, ki misli, da je moder in razumen, tisti, ki je ošaben, ampak jo sprejmejo samo mali, tisti, ki sprejema, da je popolnoma odvisen od Božje milosti, ki sprejema Gospodovo modrost, modrost križa.

V današnjem evangelijskem odlomku se Jezus predstavi kot živi kruh, ki je prišel iz nebes, in zatrdi: »Če kdo je od tega kruha, bo živel vekomaj.« To je živi in oživljajoči kruh, ki posreduje božje življenje. Ne gre za snovni kruh, ki daje samo tisto, kar je potrebno za telesno življenje, ampak za kruh, ki daje večno življenje.

Vsi si želimo imeti večno življenje, premagati smrt in doseči večno srečo v združenosti z Bogom. Zato absolutno potrebujemo ta živi in oživljajoči kruh, ki je Jezus sam.



Judom se zdi ta Jezusova trditev čudna: »Kako nam more ta dati svoje meso jesti?« Jezus ne odgovori ampak nadaljuje: »Resnično, resnično, povem vam: Če ne jeste mesa Sina človekovega in ne pijete njegove krvi, nimate življenja v sebi.« Lahko bi razložil, da bomo njegovo meso in njegovo kri prejeli po zakramentu. Ni nam treba čakati na smrt, da bi imeli večno življenje, ampak ga imamo že sedaj. S krstom smo postali božji otroci, z evharistijo pa že sedaj prejemamo večno življenje. To je življenje občestva z Bogom, življenje v božji ljubezni, ki more premagati smrt in iti čez vse ovire, saj ima izredno moč.

Jezus potem razloži, da nam evharistija da vstopiti v novo zavezo. Preden je Jezus ustanovil evharistijo, niso imeli zamisli o tako močni povezanosti; sedaj pa vemo, da po evharistiji vase sprejemamo Jezusa in smo hkrati včlenjeni vanj kot mladike na trti. Evharistija ni samo globok odnos z Jezusom, ampak je odnos, ki usmerja vse naše življenje k Očetu. Vse Jezusovo življenje je bilo usmerjeno na Očeta. Na enak način tisti, ki sprejema evharistijo, svoje življenje usmerja na Jezusa. To je življenje, ki je osvobodeno sebičnosti.

»To je kruh, ki je prišel iz nebes, ne tak, kakršnega so jedli vaši očetje in so pomrli: kdor je ta kruh, bo živel vekomaj.« Zavedati se moramo, da po evharistiji že sedaj prejemamo večno življenje: življenje ljubezni, življenje, ki je usmerjeno k božji slavi, ki je osvobodeno sebičnosti.

V drugem berilu nam Pavel predstavi zelo lep vidik tega večnega življenja, ki ga živimo že sedaj: »Naj vas napolnjuje Duh.« Ni mogoče imeti večnega življenja, ne da bi imeli Svetega Duha v sebi; in kdor ima Svetega Duha, ima tudi večno življenje. Sveti Duh spreminja naše bivanje, ko nas napolni z veseljem, navdušenjem; v imenu našega Gospoda Jezusa Kristusa se nenehoma zahvaljujmo Bogu Očetu za vse.«

Grška beseda »evharistija« pomeni »zahvala«. Zato nas evharistija priganja, da živimo v stalnem zahvaljevanju. Pavel nas vabi, naj se Bogu zahvaljujemo za vse, kajti v vsaki stvari nam Bog prihaja na-proti s svojo milostjo. Zahvaliti se moramo Bogu v imenu našega Gospoda Jezusa Kristusa, ki prihaja k nam v evharistiji.

- (prim. Oznanjevalec 2003, št. 3)

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom, personified in the feminine, invites all to partake of a rich feast in a lavish or sacred setting which leads to a life of worth.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

A prudent Christian should model their life here and now on the life to come and not be tempted by worldly charms.

Gospel John 6:51-58

Jesus promises eternal life to those who eat his body and drink his blood in the eucharist.

“I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.”



Illustration

“Choose a life. Choose a job. Choose a career. Choose a family.” These are the opening words of the '90's novel, *Trainspotting*, by Irvine Welsh. Whilst a somewhat controversial storyline, the initial challenge to embrace a life of work and love is a reasonable aspiration and echoes the desires that have historically been associated with human nature. However, the monologue continues in detail to identify the lure of Western consumerism. It names and shames many of the things in our modern world that have distracted and devalued those elements of life that truly matter.

First and foremost, the storyline highlights that life is full of choices and to “choose a life” is a real challenge for everyone. However, with-



out being explicit, it introduces further fundamental questions for consideration before one can embark on such a mammoth task. What do you understand by life? On what or whom do you centre your choices? Is this existence the sum total of life?

What appears to be an earthy novel is, in reality, a provocative and philosophical challenge to the people in our own times who are searching for or choosing a life.

Gospel Teaching

Choose a life. This quote could be the opening words and the challenge of all three passages of scripture in today's liturgy. These words suggest that we are offered several options and are given more than one opportunity for discernment and decision-making. What are the choices before us and their effects?

In the reading from the Book of Proverbs, "Woman Wisdom" – wisdom being feminine in the Hebrew language – metaphorically invites her hearers to a feast. It is no ordinary meal but a rich feast in which there will be meats, bread and wine. Leaving behind other occupations and accept-

ing the invitation, we are told, will lead to life. The advice given by St Paul to the community in Ephesus delves into those occupations that might distract a believer from choosing life. He encourages them to make choices that are outwardly visible. They should be seen as people who, filled with the spirit, embody true life.

Having heard St John's account of Jesus describing himself, over the last few Sundays, as the Bread of Life, in this final instalment he reaches his crescendo. Jesus teaches that the only way to choose or to possess true life is by eating his flesh and drinking his blood. To comprehend his message, we must understand that in speaking of flesh and blood, Jesus was not speaking of components of his body but rather he was speaking of his whole person. At the time of Jesus, blood symbolised life and was viewed as the principle of life – to bleed or lose blood was to lose your life. Jesus was therefore offering his whole person, his life, so that those who accepted him as food would have his life and therefore eternal life.

Application

Choose life. Hidden beneath this Gospel challenge to choose life is all that we need to understand that which we are receiving in the Eucharist. In giving himself as the bread of heaven, Christ is offering his very self. He is offering the wholeness of his person; he is offering his life. In the sacrifice of the cross, that offering reached its fulfilment when he gave his life for us. Each time we gather for the Eucharist, the sacrifice of the Mass, we are celebrating and choosing the life of God in Christ, a life that has been made readily available to us, and that reaches beyond the here and now to eternity.

Today's scriptures delve deeper than Irvine Welsh's earthy challenge to "Choose life". They demand answers to those deeper questions. What do you understand by life? On what or whom do you centre your choices? Is this existence the sum total of life? They invite us to embrace wisdom and to accept the invitation to the eternal feast. They invite us to reach beyond the lures and attractions of this earthly life and personify the life of God. They invite us to receive the bread of life. Choose life. Choose Christ.

Lipa Park

SLOVENIAN
NATIONAL HOME

Please join us for one of our summer events in the Park

Music in the Park

Featuring: *Raubarji & Peški oktet*

Saturday August 24, 2024

Doors Open at 1:00 p.m.
Admission: \$10 per person



Live Music
from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Slovenian food favourites from the kitchen
and pork from the barbecue!

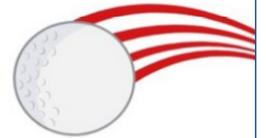
Please note that this is a cash-only event.
No outside coolers, beverages, or food allowed.
Pets are happier at home.

BLED HALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 14TH**



**Cardinal Lakes
Golf Course**
105 South Pelham Rd Welland, On



Registration (please print):

GOLFER #1: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

GOLFER #2: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

GOLFER #3: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

GOLFER #4: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Registration with lunch: 12pm
Shotgun Start (Heron Course): 1pm
Longest Drive ~ Closest to Pin
Putting Challenge



\$150 Per Golfer
Includes: 18 holes + cart + lunch + dinner
50/50 ~ Door Prizes ~ Raffle
\$40 Dinner Only

***Dinner to follow at Bled Hall*

BLED Slovenian Cultural Club
4650 South Service Road, Beamsville, ON

e-Transfer : payments@bled.ca  [BLED.CA](http://bled.ca)

2024 SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



2024 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.

Select applicants will be granted a monetary award in the form of a scholarship or bursary from the foundation. The presentation of awards will be held on **September 22, 2024 at St. Gregory's Fall Banquet.**

Application forms are available via email request to Teresa Zupančič at

teresa.zupancic@gmail.com.

Completed application packages must be submitted via email to teresa.zupancic@gmail.com by 9:00 p.m. on Friday August 23, 2024 for award consideration.

Please forward any questions to Teresa at 905-930-7545 or Irene Glavač Petrič at

glavacpetric@gmail.com.

Breslau
11. avgust 2024



Na lepo avgustovsko nedeljo so se Slovenci iz okolice Kitchenerja zbrali pri sveti maši v bivši dvorani društva Sava. Res, da dvorana ni pokala po šivih, je pa vseeno lepo se zbrati skupaj, obuditi kakšne spomine na pretekle čase. Pri maši smo lepo zapeli in zmolili in se duhovno okrepili. Hvala Zinki, ki vedno vse obvesti in organizira, da se dobimo ob pravem času, na pravem mestu.



Dobrodošli/Welcome

Back to Šola!!

Register online at:
www.stcharles.ca/ilreg

Classes Start on Saturday
September 21, 2024

Questions? Contact Sandy Ferletic
email: sferletic@gmail.com (preferred)
Tel: 905-977-8464

Ta teden je bilo okrog naše župnijske cerkve zelo živahno. V torek, 13. avgusta, se je začel poletni Summer Camp.

Iskrena zahvala gre Heidy Novak, ki Day Camp organizira že od leta 2000. Vsako leto se zbere lepo število udeležencev in tudi animatorjev, ki pomagajo pri izpeljavi projekta. To je čudovita priložnost za otroke in mlade, da se spoznajo, preživijo štiri enkratne nepozabne dneve. Ob jutranji molitvi, petju in duhovnem začetku dneva se je program odvijal največ na našem igrišču ali v dvorani. Hvala tudi Amandi, ki je pomagala Heidy pri organizaciji.

Največ povedo kar slike, kaj se je dogajalo. Za danes nekaj slik v prihodnji številki pa več.



Summer Day Camp 2024





OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- **Avg. 24th - Lipa Park** - Music in the Park Picnic - Slovenian Band: Raubarji & Peški Oktet
- **Sept 1st - Slovenski Pak** - Labour Day Weekend - Baseball Tour. - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **Sept 7th - MIDLAND**
- **Sept 14th - Bled** - Golf Tournament
- **Sept 15st - London** - Mass at 3:00 p.m. - at St. John the Divine Church
- **Sept 21st - Društvo sv. Jožefa** - Bocce tournament
- **Sept 22nd - St. Gregory the Great** - Fall Banquet - **60 years of the Parish** - Mass: 10 a.m.

BRALCI - READERS:

August 18 - Rosemary Šušteršič
August 25 - Sidonia Poppa
September 1 - Slovenian
September 8 - Rita Bartula

DRUŠTVO - VEČERNI ZVON

DRUŠTVO VEČERNI ZVON praznuje Marijino vnebovzetje - proščenje in pomurski dan v nedeljo, 18. avgusta. Ob 12:00 p.m. bo sv. Maša. Maševali bosta g. Zoran Car - župnik iz župnije Črenšovci in Polana in g. Štefan Krampač, SDB župnik v Celju. Igra ansambel Raubarji in Peški Oktet. Vsi lepo vabljeni!

MIDLAND

Slovensko romanje v Midland bo v soboto, 7. septembra. - Najprej je komemoracija pri slovenskem križu, nato križev pot zunaj ob postajah križevega pota in ob 12:00 noon sveta maša v cerkvi kanadskih mučencev.

BARAGA DAYS 2024

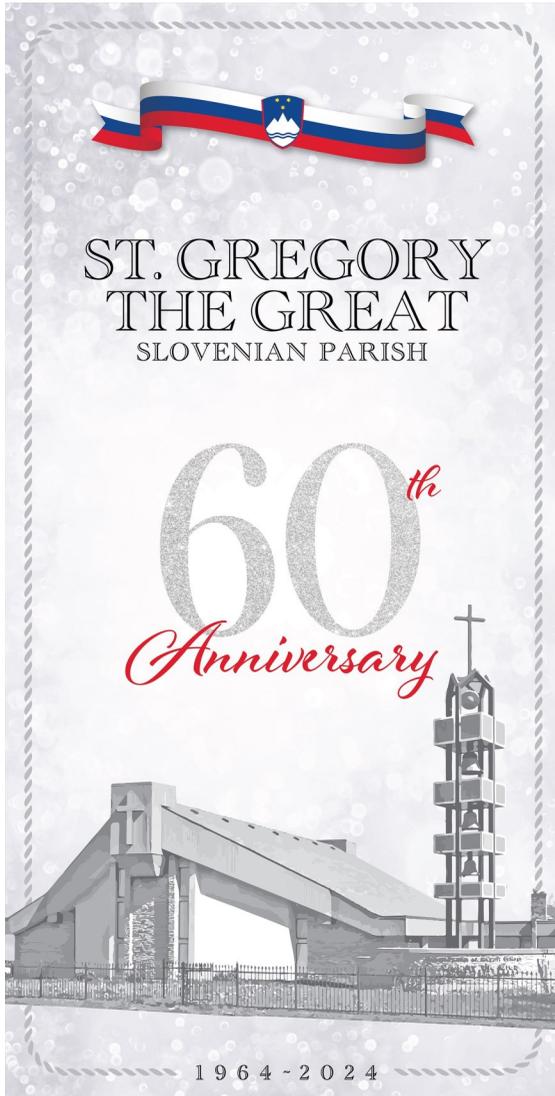
The annual Baraga Days, celebrating the life and labors of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, will be held from September 13th to 14th in the diocese of Gaylord, Michigan!

The event will be hosted by the Bishop Baraga Association (BBA) and The Diocese of Gaylord.

This event is an opportunity to know this saintly man to celebrate his work and provides an opportunity for all to learn about Bishop Frederic Baraga.

For more information about Bishop Baraga, his Cause for Canonization, and to learn more about the Bishop Baraga Association, visit <https://bishopbaraga.org/>.





\$60 In commemoration of our 60th anniversary
RAFFLE TICKET
 A CHANCE TO WIN A \$6,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER
 Lottery License No. 24-866520
 St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Church - Hamilton
 Draw to be held on January 1, 2025 12:30am



\$60 Selling at all Parish Events

MARMORA - 8. SEPTEMBER

Bus pilgrimage from Hamilton to MARMORA is taking place on Sunday, September 8, 2024 to honour Our Blessed Mother's Birthday.



The Holy Mass will take place at St. Gregory the Great church at 8:00 a.m.

Pick up is at St. Gregory's parking lot at 8:45 a.m., and also pick up at Burlington GO station on Fairview Street is at 9:20 a.m. We will return around 8:00 p.m.

Cost for the bus is \$55.00 per person and must be pre-paid before Sunday, Sep. 1, 2024. For Reservations call Catharine at 905-318-2242 or Angela at 905-930-7442 ASAP.

ZAHVALA

"Family Mozetič would like thanks everyone for their support in their sudden loss of their father Vojan Mozetič."

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

Vajdetič	Dragutina	August 19, 1966
Koncut	John	August 19, 1998
Žagar	George Karol	August 19, 2002
Horvat	Marija	August 19, 2018
Györkös	Joseph	August 20, 1992
Marusich	Amalia	August 20, 2000
Lenart	Janez John	August 21, 1982
Carey	Douglas Francis	August 21, 1992
Gomboša	Vilma	August 21, 2008
Dobršek	Fr. Ivan	August 22, 2010
Peternel	Agnes Hildegard	August 23, 1981
Leskovec	Božidar Theodor	August 24, 1995



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

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<p>20. NEDELJA MED LETOM 18. AVGUST 20TH SUNDAY IN OT <i>Helena, cesarica</i></p>	<p>† †† †</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Eugen Ferletič Pokojni iz družine Groznik Jovan Krackovič Za zdravje (Borut Zupančič)</p>	<p>10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>----- Milan in Sandy Ferletič Družina Groznik Josie Hapke z družino Josie Hapke z družino</p>
<p>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 19. AVGUST <i>Janez Eudes, duhovnik</i></p>	<p>†† †† †† † †</p>	<p>Pok. Francka in Ivanka Marija (obl.) in Ignac Horvat Marija in Štefan Sarjaš Ivan Žižek Janez</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Sestra Jožica Novak z družino Družina Žižek Družina Žižek Žena z družino Sestra Jožica z družino</p>
<p>TOREK - TUESDAY 20. AVGUST <i>Bernard, opat cerk. uč.</i></p>	<p>††</p>	<p>Ignac in Olga</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Marija Volf</p>
<p>SREDA - WEDNESDAY 21. AVGUST <i>Pij X. papež</i></p>	<p>† †</p>	<p>Štefan Kričaj Frank Rojc, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Marija Štefanija Molec</p>
<p>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 22. AVGUST <i>Devica Marija Kraljica</i></p>	<p>† † †</p>	<p>Ivan Dobršek, obl. Ivan Dobršek, obl. Ivan Dobršek, obl.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Toni in Marija Franc Družina Truden SDB</p>
<p>PETEK - FRIDAY 23. AVGUST <i>Roza iz Lime, devica</i></p>	<p>†</p>	<p>Martin Tompa</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Žena z družino</p>
<p>SOBOTA - SATURDAY 24. AVGUST <i>Jernej (Natael), apostol Emilija, redovnica</i></p>	<p>† †† † † †† † †</p>	<p>Lojzka Saje Pok. starši, bratje in sestre David Kavčič (Scotland) Štefan Kričaj Pok. iz družine Kotnik Vinko Ferenčak Cecilija Janca</p>	<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Marija Košir Angela Kobe z družino Marija Korošec z družino Frances Stegne Frances Stegne Regina in Martin Nedelko Martin in Regina Nedelko</p>
<p>21. NEDELJA MED LETOM 25. AVGUST 21ST SUNDAY IN OT <i>Ludvik, kralj Patricija, devica</i></p>	<p>† † †</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Monika Gašpar Ignac in Olga</p>	<p>10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>----- John Božnar z družino Agnes Perkič Marija Volf</p>