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KDO JE JEZUS ZATE?

Ob slavlju svetih Petra in Pavla nam Cerkev v treh mašnih berilih govori o dveh velikih apostolih. Evangeljski odlomek, ki ga beremo, je osnova celotni evangeljski pripovedi sinoptikov. V prvem delu Jezus razodeva samega sebe s svojim učenjem, s čudeži in svojim usmiljenjem kasneje bo začel govoriti o svojem trpljenju in se vzpenjati proti Jeruzalemu.

Potem ko je Jezus naredil toliko čudežev in ljudje o njem veliko govorijo, Jezus vpraša učence: »Kaj pravijo ljudje, kdo je Sin človekov?« Izraz »Sin človekov« je Jezus uporabljal, da je označil samega sebe. Učenci takoj razumejo in odgovarjajo: nekateri mislijo, da je Sin človekov Janez Krstnik, ki je oživel; drugi, da je Elija, izjemen prerok, ki je živel precej stoletij prej; spet drugi, da Jeremija, prerok iz časa narodne katastrofe; in končno nekateri, da je eden izmed prerokov. Vse te domneve poudarjajo Jezusovo pomembnost, nimajo pa pravega temelja. Jezus namreč ni ne Janez Krstnik ne Elija ne Jeremija ne eden izmed starih prerokov.

Zdaj Jezus vpraša učence: »Kaj pa vi pravite, kdo sem?« Simon Peter po navdihnjenju odgovori: »Ti si Kristus, Sin živega Boga.«

To je natančno, popolno poimenovanje Jezusa. Jezus ni samo prerok, pa čeprav bi bil največji izmed njih, ampak je Mesija, od Boga poslani kralj, da bi prinesel Izraelu odrešenje in postal luč narodom. Petrov odgovor vsebuje tudi natančnejše pojasnilo: »Sin živega Boga.« V Natanovem izreku, v katerem so prepoznavali napoved Mesija, je rečeno, da bo Bog za Mesijo oče in da bo Mesija za Boga sin. Ta Petrova trditev torej odgovarja Svetemu pismu.

Jezus dá Petru spoznati, da ga je za ta njegov odgovor v resnici navdihnili Bog: »Blagor ti, Simon, Jonov sin, kajti tega ti nista razodela meso in kri (tvoja človeška narava), ampak moj Oče, ki je v nebesih.« Zavedati se moramo, da je naša vera Božji dar. Človeško sklepanje ne more povzročiti resnične vere. Vera je nekaj globljega in višjega. Je Božji dar, ker gre za spoznanje Božjega Sina pod zunanostjo človeka.

Nato Jezus pravi Petru: »Jaz pa ti povem: 'Ti si Peter in na tej skali bom sezidal svojo Cerkev.'« Iz dejstva, da je Oče Petru razodel Jezusovo mesijanstvo in božje sinovstvo, Jezus sklepa, da je Bog Petra tudi izbral, naj bo temeljni kamen Cerkve.

V aramejščini je Jezus uporabil izraz »Kefa«, kar pomeni »skala«. Dejal je: »Ti si skala in na to skalo bom sezidal svojo Cerkev.« Cerkev ni sezidana na pesku, ampak na skali oziroma na Petru, ki sta ga Božje razodetje in njegova vera v to razodetje spremenila v skalo. Jezus nato dostavi: »Dal ti bom ključne nebeškega kraljestva; in kar koli boš zavezal na zemlji, bo zavezano v nebesih; in kar koli boš razvezal na zemlji, bo razvezano v nebesih.« Noben drug človek ni dobil takega poslanstva in take oblasti.

Petrovo poslanstvo se je moralo izpolniti preko mnogih težav in ovir. Kralj Herod se odloči in ga da prijeti, da bi naredil nekaj, kar je vseh Judom, ki so postali sovražni krščanski skupnosti. Zdi se, da mora njegovo poslanstvo spodleteti, a Božja previdnost bedi in bedi tudi Cerkev, saj je »Cerkev zanj vztrajno molila k Bogu.«

Božja previdnost bedi in poskrbi za osvoboditev, o kateri Luka pripoveduje na zelo zanimiv način. Peter se zave, da ne sanja, ampak da je v resnici prišel iz ječe in je svoboden, da nadaljuje svoje poslanstvo: »Zdaj vem, da je res! Gospod je poslal svojega angela in me rešil iz Herodove roke in pred vsemi nakanami judovskega ljudstva.« Peter bo dovršil svoje poslanstvo v Rimu z mučeništvom.

Drugo berilo nam vzporedno predstavi Pavlovo usodo in njegovo prepričanost, da bo rešen: »Jaz se namreč že izlivam kot pitna daritev.« V starodavnih daritvah so vzeli kri, da so jo zlihi na žgalno žrtev. »Dober boj sem izbojeval, tek dokončal. Odslej je zame pripravljen venec pravičnosti, ki mi ga bo dal Gospod, pravični sodnik.« Pavel ve, da se bo njegovo poslanstvo končalo z mučeništvom, kar ni poraz, ampak zmago-slaven vrh izredno rodovitnega poslanstva.

Praznik nam daje veselje in zaupanje, da Gospod bedi nad nami in Cerkvijo. Kljub težavam in nevarnostim gre Cerkev naprej po svoji poti.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

FIRST READING: *Acts 12.1-11*

The Lord sends his angel to free Peter from imprisonment.

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The Lord set me free from all my fears.

SECOND READING: *2 Timothy 4,6-8,17-18*

The Lord stands by Paul and gives him the power to proclaim the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 16.18*

Alleluia - You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 16.13-19*

Jesus' Father in heaven reveals to Peter the truth of Jesus' identity. Nothing human has revealed this to him.

Illustration

When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we declare that we believe in the "Communion of Saints". By this title, we are not just declaring a belief in all the canonised or proclaimed saints in heaven. We are stating a belief in the calling of all Christians, alive or dead, to see ourselves as linked to each other in our acceptance of Christ as the author of our salvation. A consequence of this is that we try to treat each other as we would treat Christ or, more importantly, as he treats us. This is not as easy as it seems, and it is no wonder we are at times happier to leave the call to holiness to the saints in heaven or to those who pursue the religious life. No such distinction is made in the Creed. We are all called to holiness because we are holy already, the beloved of Christ. St Paul tells us: "You are holy. Therefore, be holy". The next question is inevitably: "What

does it mean to be holy?” Does it mean being always in church or on our knees? That is not possible if we are holding down a job and looking after our family. Our holiness lies in how we live out the reality of our lives, how we treat each other, our honesty and integrity, our openness to loving and being loved. Prayer and our gathering as a community in church, especially to celebrate the Eucharist, help and support these aims, but the measure of our holiness lies in our daily challenges at home and abroad, “among the pots and pans”, as St Teresa of Avila would say.

Gospel teaching

What then helps us to be holy? The lives of the saints model for us the challenges, the failures and the way forward in the pursuit of holiness. The fascination of both St Peter and St Paul, the Church’s founding apostles, is how human they were. Peter is impulsive by nature. He gets things wrong as much as he gets things right.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus congratulates Peter for recognising him as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Immediately afterwards, Jesus calls Peter “Satan” because he tries to persuade Jesus that he must not pursue his appointed pathway of suffering and death. Elsewhere, Peter’s great moment of failure is his threefold denial of Jesus.

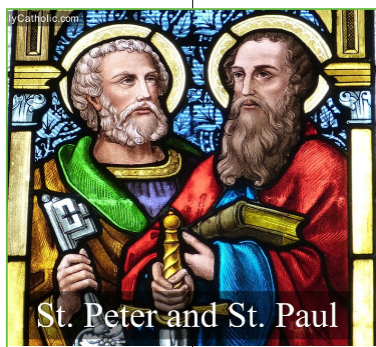
St Paul first appears as Saul, fully approving the stoning of St Stephen and aiming to persecute the Christians in Damascus. It takes a blinding fit and the direct intervention of God to change the direction of his life. He dedicates himself to taking the Gospel to the pagans, but we find him often recounting the troubles in life and his own failure to carry out his best intentions. Amid their very human confusion,

their way forward is identical: the person of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who drags Peter out of the water, and his angel who frees Peter from prison in our first reading. When Paul is overcome by the way he is treated and the struggle to convey the message of the Gospel, he loudly exclaims: “Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ!”

Application

We are not likely to find ourselves in the dramatic encounters that we see in the lives of St Peter and Paul, but we will find ourselves with occasions when we have to resolve tensions and make difficult decisions. The Church’s teaching may help us at such moments, but it can also make demands that add to the difficulty. The answer, as for St Paul, lies in the person of Jesus Christ and our relationship with him. Books are written on this, but in the light of today’s

reflection, two pointers may help. Firstly, we tend to consecrate our own whims and prejudices as God’s will. It can be difficult to accept that this is what we are doing. However, if our opinions mean the condemnation and judgement of others and any use of force to implement such opinions, then we are probably on the wrong track. The way of Christ, as illustrated by his own life, is a way of vulnerability and peace. Which brings us to our second pointer. Padre Pio says that God sculpts us, chipping pieces away in order to mould us as he would wish. He insists that we learn more from our failures and sufferings than we do from our successes and consolations. Neither is an easy step to take, which is why cultivating a habit of talking it through – or even arguing – with Christ keeps us heading in the right direction.





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

Summerfest Picnic

Featuring: *The Nu-Tones with Special Guest Walter Ostanek*

Sunday July 6, 2025

Doors Open at 1:00 p.m.
Admission: \$5 per person



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



Slovenian food favourites from the kitchen
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Kot pred 35 desetimi leti, ko smo prvič praznovali Slovenski Dan pri župniji Sv. Gregorija Velikega v Hamiltonu, tako je bilo tudi preteklo nedeljo: navdušeno in veselo druženje slovenskih rojakov dobre volje.

Pri slovesni maši, ki jo je daroval g. župnik Drago Gačnik, so sodelovali predstavniki slovenskih organizacij: Lipa Park, Bled, Slovenski Park in župnija Sv. Gregorja Velikega, Slovenska Šola, društvo Sv. Jožefa in Kanadsko Slovensko zgodovinsko društvo, slovenska skupnost London. Sodelovalo je tudi več narodnih noš, mašo je še zlasti obogatil župnijski pevski zbor.

Po maši so številne obiskovalce v dvorani že pred kosilom navdušili "župnijski glasbeniki" (Joe, John, Robert in Tom).

Ob 14. uri sta začetek kulturnega programa zaznamovali obe himni, nakar sta sledila pozdravna nagovora: Heidy Novak v imenu organizatorja in Sue Avguštin v imenu Slovenskega koordinacijskega odbora Niagara kot pokrovitelja Slovenskih Dnevov.

V nadaljevanju je Heidy duhovito vodila program.

Nastopili so: Plesna skupina Mladi Glas Planika, Niagara Button Box z legendo Walterja Ostanek, Lily Tran na klavirju, otroci Slovenske šole, Luka Stankovič je na kitari spremljal Karino Stankovič.

Navzoče sta nagovorila posebna gosta dneva Vera Margutsch in veleposlanik Andrej Rode.

Sledila je simbolična predaja slovenske zastave gostitelju slovenskega dne 2026, to bo namreč Slovenski Park.

Za vesel zaključek so župnijski glasbeniki zaigrali in zapeli nekaj znanih narodnih pesmi katerim se je v en glas pridružila vsa dvorana.

V spodnji dvorani je Kanadsko Slovensko zgodovinsko društvo predstavilo zanimivo razstavo. Otroci so uživali v svojih igrah in tekmovanju.

Za veselo razpoloženje in razvedrilo je poskrbel odlični, dokaj mlad ansambel iz Slovenije: Šmarnogorski kvintet.

Slovenski Dan 2025 na Niagari je bil to pot posebno zaznamovan po množici prostovoljcev, ki so bili soustvarjalci nadvse uspešnega praznovanja Slovenskega dne v Hamiltonu.

Frank Novak

Slovenski Dan



Celebrating Our Faith, Culture, and Heritage 34th Annual Slovenski Dan

This past Sunday, our parish joyfully hosted the 34th Annual Slovenski Dan Celebration, and what a truly special day it was! While the heat gave us some pause, with the air conditioning running at full strength - and spirits even higher - everyone enjoyed a day filled with delicious food, refreshing drinks, and incredible talent.

Our day began where it always should - with our faith. The celebration in the church, organized by Fr. Drago and Frank Novak, set the tone for everything that followed. This is no small task. Every part of the Mass was thoughtfully prepared, and all roles carefully coordinated. Thank you to Olga for baking the beautiful bread, The parishioners who wore their narodne nose, and to our Choir, whose voices lifted us all and began the day in joyful song.

A very special thank you to Andrej Kanc, who prepared the incredible pečenka portion of our dinner, with the help of Vlad Glavač. Roasting a pig is a tradition not often possible at our parish, but their dedication brought that tradition to life, adding a rich and meaningful dimension to our celebration.

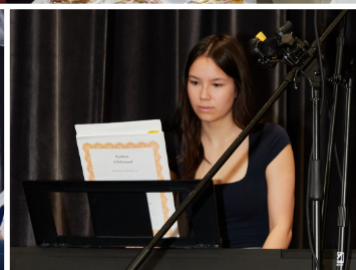
We were also deeply honored to be joined once again by our dear friend to the parish, Ambassador Andrej Gregor Rode. His presence always brings a special light to our day, and we are so grateful for his continued support and friendship. We know that he will be moving on but we hope he knows how grateful we are for his friendship and continued support.

This year's theme - music - was a perfect tribute to our Slovenian souls. The talented Šmarnogorski Kvintet, visiting us all the way from Slovenia, reminded us of the richness of our culture through their music. Their performance was heartfelt, inspiring, and left us wishing the melodies could go on forever.

We were equally moved by the musical talents of our parishioners - Robbie Letnik, Joe and John Horvat, and Tom Miklavcic. Their energy, joy, and love for performing created something that's hard to describe - something that resonated deeply with all who listened. Not only are they a talented bunch, but they are amazing friends to our parish always coming through when asked to help out. */To be continued.../*







ki Koordinacijski Odbor Niagara



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- June 27-30th - **Slovenski Park** - Canada Day Long Weekend - Mass June 29th at 1:00 PM.
- July 6th - **Lipa Park** - Summerfest Picnic
- July 13th - **Bled** - Proščenje - Mass at 1:00 PM
- July 18th - **Slovenski Park** - Pečenkafest
- Aug. 1-4th - **Slovenski Park** - Civic Holiday Long Weekend - Mass Aug. 3rd at 1:00 PM.
- Aug. 5-8th - **St. Gregory the Great** - Day Camp
- Avg. 10th - **Lipa Park** - Music in the Park Picnic
- Avg. 10th - **Sava-Breslau** - Mass 1:00 PM, Picnic
- Avg. 16th - **Bled** - Bograč Fest
- Aug. 29-Sep. 1st - **Slovenski Park** - Labour Day Weekend - Mass Aug. 31st at 1:00 PM.
- Sep. 1st - **Bled** - End of Summer Picnic

BRALEC - READER:

- Olga Glavač

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden je prvi petek v mesecu juliju. Kot običajno bo ob 6h zvečer priložnost za spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim, rožni venec in ob 7h sveto mašo.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu juliju bo večna luč gorela za pokojnega Martina Simonči, po namenu žene Kathy in družine.



SUNDAY MASSES DURING THE SUMMER

From June 22nd to FALL BANQUET, September 21st,
Sunday Masses will be celebrated
only at 10:00 AM

DONATIONS - DAROVI

V spomin ali namesto cvetja za pokojnega Petra in Lindo Novak so za gradbeni sklad darovali:

- \$ 100.- Martin in Regina Nedelko z družino
- \$ 50.- Ivan Slobodnik
- \$ 100 - Robert in Laurie Letnik
- \$ 250.- Frank in Marianne Škerl
- \$ 250.- Adam in Heidy Novak z družino
- \$ 100.- Jože in Marija Magdič z družino

V spomin na pokojnega Johna Babič so darovali za gradbeni sklad:

- \$ 50.- Hema Kosednar z družino
- \$ 100.- Margaret Žagar

Hvala vsem za vaše darove.

MAŠA - SLOVENSKI PARK

Danes popoldne ob 1:00h bo sveta maša tudi v Slovenskem Parku. Če bo "pravo vreme" se bomo zbrali za mašo pri kapelici. Sveta maša se daruje za pokojne člane društva.

Sveta maša se bo darovala še za pokojnega Petra in Lindo Novak po namenu:

- Families Demšar-Scarcelli-Purdon
- Adam in Heidy Novak z družino
- Joe Pust z družino



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

Carey	Alojz	July 1, 1980
Pavlakovič	Franc	July 1, 2022
Vuk	Joseph	July 2, 1974
Ferenčak	Ana	July 2, 2021
Vrenjak	Josephine	July 3, 1968
Simončič	Martin	July 3, 2020
Zupančič	Ivan	July 5, 1993
Farkaš	Elizabeth	July 5, 2022



DON BOSCO

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 **Cheques:**When you write a cheque for donation to our church, please write: **St. Gregory the Great Parish**

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

Sv. PETER IN PAVEL APOSTOLA 29. junij <i>Judita, redovnica</i>	† †† †† † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Peter in Linda Novak Peter Novak Pokojni člani K. S. Kongresa Pokojni člani Slovenskega Parka	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	----- John Božnar z družino Helen Špiler z družino Jožica Novak z družino Matilda Prša Kanadski Slovenski Kongres Mass at Slovenski park
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 30. junij <i>Ladislav, kralj</i>	† ††	Ania Verl V čast Srcu Jezusovemu V čast srcu Marijinemu Marta (obl.) in Janez Raščan	7:00 PM	Varl Daughters Irma e Rocco Valeri Irma e Rocco Valeri Hči Terezija Milosavljevič z druž.
TOREK - TUESDAY 1. julij <i>Estera, sp. žena</i> <i>Canada Day</i>	† † † ††	Marija Hočevnar Frank Pavlakovič, obl. Mary Hochevar Peter in Linda Novak	7:00 PM	Olga Glavač z družino Žena Jožica z otroci Družina Prša Družina Pavlakovič
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 2. julij <i>Ptujskogorska Mati B.</i>	† † †	Janez Joželj Joe Ivan Prša Joe Vuk, obl.	7:00 PM	Angela Kobe z družino Družina Prša Družina Prša
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 3. julij <i>Tomaž, apostol</i>	† † † †	Martin Simončič, obl. Martin Simončič, obl. Martin Simončič, obl. Frank Pinter	7:00 PM	Žena Kathy Audrey Hawthorne Ljudmila Pinter in družina Ljudmila Pinter in družina
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 4. Julij - <i>Urh, škof</i>	†† †	Vinko in Francka Cestnik Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	7:00 PM	M. Cestnik in S. Vučko Jožica Novak z družino
ŠOBOTA - SATURDAY 5. julij <i>Ciril in Metor,</i> <i>Slovanska apostola</i> <i>Atanazij, menih</i>	†† † † † †† †† † †† †† † †† †† † †† ††	Ivan in Ančka Nedelko Ivan Zupančič, obl. Sonja Rozmus Ivan Intihar Katarina (obl.) in Vinko Antolin Marija in Martin Dominko Martin Malevič Jr. Peter in Linda Novak Katarina (obl.) in Vinko Antolin Frank Jr., Ana (obl.) in Franc Ferenčak Ziminak Andrey, obl Ivan Nedelko Peter in Linda Novak	5:30 PM	Martin in Regina Nedelko Žena in družina Mama z družino Sestra Hema z družino Sin Ivan z družino Ivan Antolin z družino Družina Malevič Jožica Novak z družino Jože in Albina Antolin z družino Jože in Albina Antolin z družino Cheroslava Piekarski Kathy Simončič Kathy Simončič
14. NEDELJA MED LETOM 14TH SUNDAY IN OT 6. julij <i>Nedelja Slovencev po svetu</i>	† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Za zdravje Monika Gašpar Štefan in Ana Kričaj	10:00 AM	----- Ivanka Hafner Družina Gašpar Marija