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**6. VELIKONOČNA  
NEDELJA**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

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## PRIPRAVITI POT ZA PRIHOD SV. DUHA

Evangelij današnje nedelje vsebuje obljube izredne domačnosti z Očetom, z Jezusom in s Svetim Duhom. V govoru po zadnji večerji Jezus naznani: »Če me kdo ljubi, se bo držal moje besede in moj Oče ga bo ljubil. Prišla bova k njemu in prebivala pri njem.«

Krščansko življenje je življenje domačnosti z Bogom. Bog je naš notranji gost. Zavedati se moramo tega svojega privilegija. Ljubezen do Jezusa nas sili, da spolnujemo njegovo besedo; posledica tega je, da nas Oče ljubi in skupaj z Jezusom prihaja k nam in prebiva pri nas.

Evharistično obhajilo izrazi to Božje bivanje v nas in ga okrepi. Nikoli nismo sami: vedno je z nami Bog, ki je blagovolil prebivati v nas. Nikoli si ne bi mogli predstavljati večjega privilegija. Mi smo Božji tempelj, kakor pravi Pavel v svojih pismih (prim. 1 Kor 3,16-17; 6,19; 2 Kor 6,16; Ef 2,21).

Jasno je, da to Božje bivanje zahteva od nas globoko spoštovanje in iskreno poslušnost. Svojih notranjih gostov ne smemo prizadeti, ampak moramo z njimi živeti v slogi, polni zaupanja in ljubezni.

Potem Jezus naznani prihod Svetega Duha, ki se bo imenoval »Tolažnik«, ker bo tolažil učence zaradi njegove odsotnosti in jim bo vedno dajal notranje opogumljenje in tolažbo.

Sveti Duh ima dolžnost v zvezi z našo zaupnostjo z Jezusom in Očetom. On pride v nas. Kakor namreč lahko prodre povsod, lahko prodre tudi v nas.

Jezus pravi: »On vas bo učil vsega in spomnil vsega, kar sem vam povedal.« Naloga Svetega Duha je, da ponotranji Jezusovo učenje.

Med Jezusovim javnim delovanjem so apostoli slišali njegovo učenje, vendar ga pogosto niso razumeli, ker so imeli kamnito srce. Ni dovolj slišati z ušesi: potrebno je, da to sporočilo sprejme v srce. In to se pri učencih ni zgodilo pred Jezusovim trpljenjem. Po svojem trpljenju in vstajenju pa nam je Jezus pridobil Svetega Duha, ki prihaja v nas, da nam posreduje notranje spoznanje Jezusovega nauka.

Sveti Duh nam da čut za duhovne reči. Naravni človek ceni gmotne reči in prednosti: denar, bogastvo, užitke ..., ne zna pa ceniti duhovnih

reči: vere v Kristusa, življenja v združenosti z njim tudi skozi bolečine življenja, v pristni ljubezni ... Sveti Duh stori, da cenimo vse te reči.

Sveti Duh nas uči notranje poslušnosti Božji volji, ko nam da razumeti, da je ta volja izraz Božje ljubezni in da zato za nas ni večje dobrine od nje.

S tem evangelijskim odlomkom nas Cerkev pripravlja na binkoštni pra-znik. Svetuje nam, naj bomo vedno bolj poslušni Svetemu Duhu, da bomo postali v resnici kristjani v globini svojega bitja. To prinaša s seboj dolgo vajo.

Jezus potem oznani: »Mir vam zapuščam, svoj mir vam dajem. Ne dajem vam ga, kakor ga daje svet.« Mir, ki je dar vstalega Kristusa, je notranji dar. Ne gre za odsotnost zunanjih nesoglasij, ampak za notranjo ubranost, ki izvira iz naše skladnosti z Bogom, iz sprave, ki jo je uresničil Jezus po svojem trpljenju.

Mir, ki ga daje Jezus, je mir, »ki presega vsak razum« (Flp 4,7). To ni mir, ki ga daje svet. Kakor vsak dan vidimo, svet ni sposoben dati pravega miru: daje krhek, zunanji mir, ki ga pogosto uničujejo spopadi. Jezus pa daje mir, ki vzdrži v vseh nasprotnih okoliščinah.

»Vaše srce naj se ne vznemirja in ne plaši.« Kadar smo v skladu s Kristusovo voljo, uživamo mir, ki ga ne more nič vznemiriti. Kdor je z Gospodom, uživa mir, se ne boji ničesar, saj tudi najbolj negativne okoliščine zanj postanejo priložnost za poglobitev notranjega miru in ljubezni.

V prvem berilu vidimo, kako je apostolska Cerkev spet našla mir, potem ko se je nekaj časa zdelo, da je ta ogrožen.

Antiohijski kristjani so izhajali iz poganskih narodov. Z vero so se oprijeli Kristusa in so živeli v ljubezni. Nekateri judovski kristjani pa so jih začeli vznemirjati, ker so trdili, da je potrebna obreza, z njo pa spoštovanje vseh predpisov Mojzesove postave.

Pavel in Barnaba se temu mnenju upreta. Razumeta, da ni v skladu z Božjo voljo za kristjane. Kristjanom, ki so prišli iz poganstva, ni treba vstopiti v judovski geto, ni se jim treba prilagoditi njim, ampak lahko ohranijo svojo narodno in kulturno identiteto v vsem, kar ne nasprotuje češčenju pravega Boga in veri v Jezusa.

Zato je bil v Jeruzalemu koncil, na katerem so Peter, Jakob in Janez posredovali, da bi rešili ta problem.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING: *Acts 15.1-2,22-29*

The early faith community is troubled by division and discord. They have no clear roadmap but must discern their way to the truth. The synodal way to which Pope Francis invites our Church today has its roots in the very origin of the followers of Jesus.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you..

### SECOND READING: *Rev. 21.10-14,22-23*

The book of Revelation, written at a time of fierce persecution and division within the early Church, reassures us that whatever division and tensions there may be among the followers of Christ, his Spirit is always with us.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 14.23*

Alleluia - Whoever loves me will keep my word, \* and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. - Alleluia.

### GOSPEL: *John 14.23-29*

At the Last Supper Jesus reassures his bewildered and sorrowing disciples. He will never abandon us. We will receive the Spirit of courage and understanding, however poor our faith may seem to us.



## Illustration

In the business world there is an acronym called VUCA. It's a shorthand way of describing contemporary life as Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous. The suggestion is that VUCA describes our moment in history, but each generation, including within the Church, tends to think that life was simpler and more straightforward in the past, but today's readings show clearly that this is not the case.

The disciples sitting around the table at the Last Supper may well have felt that they were

living in a particularly VUCA moment. Jesus offered them reassurance in the promise of the Spirit, but how were they to understand this word? He told them not to be troubled but foretold his imminent death. The long-awaited kingdom was about to break through, but its leader washed the feet of his followers.

The early Church was no less Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous. Its leaders had to work out the relationship between Judaism and Christianity and between Christianity and the Roman Empire. There was no blueprint or rule book, but they were confident enough of God's guidance to claim, "it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us". Can we trust that God's Holy Spirit will guide us equally today?

### **Gospel teaching**

In some ways it's reassuring to read John's account of the Last Supper and to hear the bewildered questions of Jesus' disciples: where is he going, how can they follow him, why can he not make things clear? They are not so different from our own questions. Our questions can deepen our faith if we can make space in our minds and hearts for the Spirit to work within us.

Pope Francis tells us that the Synodal Path on which we are embarked depends on our capacity as a faith community to listen. We are asked to listen deeply to one another, to the voice of those on the peripheries of the Church and of society, to the signs of the times. This is where we will hear the voice of the Spirit, asking us to respond in faith, hope and love.

### **Application**

Each generation faces the challenge of having to make sense of faith in its contemporary context.

The Church of the early generations, of the Middle Ages or of the Reformation era faced the same

challenge and the same sense of anxiety and bewilderment. This week sees the celebration of the World Day of Children. Childhood is meant to be a time of life free from worry and anxiety, but adults worry about the world that their children are going to inherit, and whether they will have the equipment to carry them through. We do our best to pass the faith on to them, but we know that at some point they will have to make a choice for or against faith – as we did ourselves.

The disciples and the great saints of our history didn't have a magic formula to tell them what to do or how to live out their faith in practice. Their strength lay in daily opening their minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit at work within themselves, within the community, and within the signs of the times. They believed in the promises of Christ and prayed and lived as if they believed them.

It may seem better to rely on business forecasts, on expert advice or on political analysis, and indeed all of this can be part of the Spirit's work, feeding into our understanding of how we are to live best according to the mind of Christ. But without a habit of prayer which reflects on how God is present in our everyday reality, we are unlikely to hear God's still, small voice. The Spirit tends to whisper rather than to bellow. Are we listening hard enough to hear?





# *Invitation*

*To a*

*Celebration of Slovenia's Independence Day*

*With Keynote Speaker*

**H.E. Andrej Gregor Rode**  
veleposlanik Slovenije v Kanadi  
Ambassador of Slovenia to Canada

**Friday, June 6, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**St. Gregory the Great (Slovenian) Church**  
125 Centennial Pkwy N,  
Hamilton, ON L8E 3n6

*Music by Ansambel Sibaj*

*Light Refreshments*

*Special Guests*

Hosted by:

**Slovenian Embassy in Ottawa**  
**Canadian Slovenian Chamber of Commerce**

**\*Please kindly RSVP by Friday, May 30, 2025:**

<https://forms.gle/5fnpmvS32xP486ig7>



Slovenski Park Presents

# 2025 ANNUAL GOLF Tournament

WITH BUFFET DINNER AND PRIZES

**SATURDAY MAY 31ST**

**SHOTGUN START 1:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION**  
Registration Per Golfer - \$160  
Includes: Golf, Cart Rental, Sandwich or Hotdog or Sausage at the turn, Dinner & Starter's Package

**DINNER ONLY - \$30**  
Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**DONATION OF PRIZES WOULD BE APPRECIATED**  
Please contact Travis Blackwell

**CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB**  
Cambridge Golf Club, 1346 Clyde Rd.,  
Cambridge, ON, N1R 5S7  
15 minutes from Slovenski Park

**SLOVENSKI PARK**  
4408 Sideroad 25 N, Cambridge, ON  
N3C 2V4

**FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT: TRAVIS BLACKWELL**  
Email: [travisblackwell@gmail.com](mailto:travisblackwell@gmail.com) Phone: (905) 783-0132

## Victoria weekend at Slovenski park

We had a spooky and fun filled weekend at Slovenski Park this past May Long Weekend!

On Saturday we celebrated Halloween in May with a scavenger hunt, trivia and a haunted house! Saturday night continued with our annual electric jello dance party with music by the talented DJ Jason!

On Sunday we had our annual procesjia at the hall, and had a wonderful picnic afterwards. We also drew for our 50/50 fundraiser for the new playground at the park, and our lucky winner was Pam Gimpelij! Later in the day we gathered at the hall to watch the leafs in game 7 and hosted a euchre tournament. Congrats to Marianne Skerl who was the big tournament winner!

It was a very successful weekend at Slovenski Park! Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the festivities and we'll see you all at our golf tournament on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and on Canada Day long weekend when we'll be having a soccer tournament and a band from Slovenia Šmarnogorski Kvintet playing Saturday night.

Kristina Kajin Blackwell





Fr. Drago-Gačnik



# 34th Slovenski Dan - 2025

St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish  
125 Centennial Pkwy. N. Hamilton  
June 22, 2025

## Volunteers!

To make this a great day for all, we are looking for volunteers to help out. With more volunteers, we can have shorter shifts so that everyone can enjoy the day. Call, text or email if you can help out!

Contact Heidy Novak

905-317-6002

Novakhsn@gmail.com

## PECIVO



It is fitting to have traditional Slovenian home baking along with some tasty Canadian treats, available for guests to purchase and enjoy. So... start your baking now and bring them to our hall for our volunteers to prepare delicious plates for our pecivo table. Please let us know if we can count on your baking talents.

## MINI-OLYMPICS

A quick reminder that we will have children's activities set up in the afternoon, after the program outside. If it rains, meet in the lower hall!

Children will be having fun with various activities - Families and friends are encouraged to watch the good times.

## "Skip the Line"

Purchase your tickets **in Advance** and avoid entrance line-ups!

We will record your name and keep it on file should it be required

Adults (18+): \$10    Youth (13-17) \$5    Children (12 and under): Free



## ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

125 Centennial Pkwy N, Hamilton, ON, L8E 1H8

Invites you to come and celebrate 34<sup>th</sup>



# Slovenski Dan

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch Available for Purchase
- 2:00 p.m. - Cultural Program  
Followed by songs and dancing  
to the music of Ansambel  
Šmarnogorski kvintet



**Everyone Welcome:**

**adults, children,  
family and friends!**

**a fun filled day for the whole  
family!**

Welcome to the celebration of  
Slovenian Independence  
& Canada Day



**Ansambel  
Šmarnogorski kvintet**

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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- May 25<sup>th</sup> - **St. Gregory the Great** - First Communion - **Mass at 10:00 AM**
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - **Slovenski Park** - Golf Tournament
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - **London** - Mass with procession 3 PM.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - **Bled SCC** - Father's Day Picnic - Mass at 1:00 PM.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - **St. Gregory the Great - SLOVENSKI DAN** - Mass at 10:00 AM.

## BRALCI - READERS:

- First Reading - Jeff Mill
- Second Reading - Kristina Hočevár
- Petitions - Meaghan Antolin

## GIFT BEARERS

- Dsouza Family

## ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- June 6: Gosgnach team

## SPRING MEMORIAL MASS AT CEMETERY

On Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM, Spring Memorial Mass is celebrated at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

## PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #169

Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provides them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don't be afraid to set boundaries, have solid expectations and provide correction when necessary.

God has trusted us with his precious children to raise and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children.

(Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

## SLOVENSKI DAN 2025

Our Parish is proud to be hosting the **34<sup>th</sup> Slovenski Dan** in the Niagara Region celebrating the independence of Slovenia and how proud we are to be Canadian Slovenians.

Being Slovenian we all have a story:

- how Slovenians left their country to make a new home
- why Slovenians chose to make a new home in Canada
- what it took to create our Slovenian communities in this great country of ours
- how being Slovenian impacted our lives being raised by first, second, third generation Slovenians
- our participation in Slovenian events and the precious friendships made along the way
- our social experiences with Slovenian family and friends
- the fun had by those who participated in the folklore groups in our communities
- the polkas, the songs and of course our favourite foods.

Being Slovenian impacts our lives in so many ways and being a proud Slovenian is certainly something that deserves to be celebrated.

**We invite everyone who has a connection to the Slovenian community to come out and not only celebrate, but take pride in being connected to this great community be it through family, friendships, clubs or our faith.**

**We look forward to hosting a great Slovenski Dan event.**

To put on a great Slovenski Dan event **we will need many volunteers!**

We've already had members of our community come forward and offer a helping hand, but we can always use more. We will need help before hand as well as on the day of.

Please contact **Heidy Novak 905-317-6002** if you are able to help out.

We also ask everyone to help with **baking of Pecivo** so that everyone can enjoy the various tastes of the many regions in Slovenian. We will be sharing more details closer to the event on when and where to bring your delicious creations.

We will also need help in the kitchen, in the bar, at the BBQ at the entry of our event and more. So... if you are willing to help out - reach out to us and join us as we work together to organize a Slovenski Dan to remember!

Invite your family and friends not only to come, but to help out. With many volunteering hands, we can all pitch in a little and enjoy the day together. We look forward to seeing you June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Slovenski Dan 2025! -Heidy Novak

## DRUŠTVO SV. JOŽEFA - TORKOV VEČER

V torek, 27. maja bo zadnji trokov večer v tej sezoni.

Pripravili bodo tudi nekaj za pod zob - prigrizek. Vabljeni!

Tuesday May 27 will be the last Tuesday Night in this season. There will be something to eat.



### Cheques:

When you write a cheque for donation to our Parish, please write only:

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH**

Bank told us a few times, that you can not write other than official name registered with the bank.

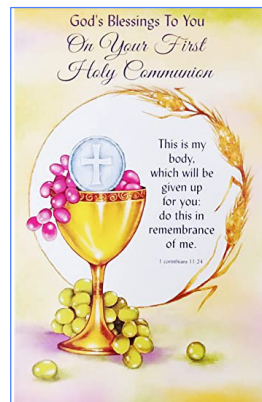
## FIRST COMMUNION

Today is the First Holy Communion for our five children.

1. **Amelia P. Antolin**
2. **Jalon Dsouza**
3. **Elaina F. Hočevar**
4. **Oliver c. Lamarre**
5. **Tomas N. Mills**

Congratulation to them and their families.

May this day stays in their memories as the one that helped them to aslways stay close to Jesus through the Eucharist.



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

Mihelčič	Janka	May 26, 2023
Gomboc	Ivanka	May 27, 2010
Kolar	Martina	May 28, 2013
Kastelic	Milka	May 28, 2019
Špiler	Marija	May 29, 2022
Tompa	Norma	May 29, 2023
Pona	Jan	May 30, 2014
Pocsaj	Elisabeth	May 31, 2003
Kaplan	John	June 1, 1969
Oswald	Anna	June 1, 1988
Marusich	Anton	June 1, 2001



**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

**DON BOSCO** personal conversation with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971 or Cell: 905-520-2014

# SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

<b>6. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA</b> <b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  25. maj <i>Nedelja turizma</i>	† † † †† †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Monika Gašpar Ada Forte Stanko in Marija Ferenčak Pavel in Paul Richad Novak Ivan in Ana Nedelko Za zdravje Jelke Novak	10:00 AM	----- John Božnar Ana Gergyek Agnes Doma Brat Lojze Ferenčak z družino Jožica Novak z družino Terezija Zadravec Tom Mlekuž
<b>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY</b> 26. maj <i>Filip Neri, duhovnik</i>	† †	Janka Mihelčič Eileen MacKenzie Po namenu za srečno pot	7:00 PM	N. N. N. N. Flora & Frank
<b>TOREK - TUESDAY</b> 27. maj <i>Alojzij Grozde, mučenec</i>	† †	Angelica Lukšič Theresa Halas	7:00 PM	Josie Hapke Jožica Novak z družino
<b>SREDA - WEDNESDAY</b> 28. maj <i>Anton Julijan, mučenec</i>	†	Danijel Lisjak Za duše v vicaH	7:00 PM	N. N. Sonja Langenfus
<b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b> 29. maj <i>Maksim Emonski, škof</i>	††	Tilka in Pepca Po namenu	7:00 PM	Jožica Novak z družino T. & M. F.
<b>PETEK - FRIDAY</b> 30. maj <i>Kancijan in oglejski muč.</i>	† †	Martin Tompa Slavko Žugec	7:00 PM	Steve in Ankica Kompes Dragica Tompa
<b>SOBOTA - SATURDAY</b> 31. maj <i>Obiskanje Device Marije Matilda, redovnica</i>	† †† †† †† † ††	Joe Lackovič Paula in Janez Horvat Štefan in Marija Kovač Ivan in Ana Nedelko Ivan Nedelko Stanko in Marija Ferenčak	5:30 PM	Žena Vera z družino Elizabeth Gimpelj z družino Sestra Marija Korošec z družino Ivan Antolin z družino Ana Borovič (Cleveland) Regina in Martin Nedelko
<b>GOSPODOV VNEBOHOD</b> <b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>  1. junij <i>Nedelja sredstev družbenega obveščanja</i>	† † † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Monika Gašpar Vojan Mozetič Milka Ferko Pavel in Paul Richard Novak  Pokojni Slovenci iz Londona	9:30 AM  11:00 AM  3:00 PM	----- Družina Žena z družino Družina Kolmanič Jožica Novak z družino  St. John the Divine Church