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**17. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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SKRITI ZAKLAD, DRAGOCENI BISER, RIBE V MREŽI ...

Tudi danes Jezus poučuje v prilikah. Ponuja nam naslednje tri: o skritem zakladu, o dragocenem biseru in o mreži, ki jo vržejo v morje, da zajame raznovrstne ribe.

Prvi dve priliki poudarjata veselje nad odkritjem pravih vrednot: človek, ki najde zaklad na njivi vesel prodaja vse svoje imetje in kupi tisto njivo. Trgovec gre in išče dragocene

bisere - ko najde biser velike vrednosti, prodaja vse svoje imetje in ga kupi.

Ko človek odkrije prave vrednote, se spremeni v njegovo življenje, spremeni se v veselje. Najti skriti zaklad ali dragoceni biser je vsekakor nekaj čudovitega. Kdor ju najde, se čuti v prednosti.

Kako pomembno je odkriti svojo poklicanost v občestvo z Bogom in v ljubezen do bližnjega! In ko ga odkrijemo, moramo sprejeti vse potrebne odpovedi ter kupiti zaklad, ki se imenuje božji načrt. Ta božji načrt je namreč prav načrt ljubezni, občestva, življenja v polnosti. Bog hoče, da smo veseli, prav tako Jezus, ki v evangeliju zatrjuje: »To sem vam povedal, da bo moje veselje v vas in da bo vaše veselje dopolnjeno« (Jn 15,11).

Spoznati moramo božji načrt za naše življenje, ki je načrt ljubezni, občestva in lepote. Velikokrat v svojih molitvah prosimo za drugotne stvari, ki ne morejo izpolniti našega življenja; namesto tega moramo presoditi in prositi, da bi dosegli bolj pomembne milosti, tiste, ki nam morejo dati polnost življenja.

Prvo berilo deloma osvetljuje evangelij, saj opisuje Salomona, ki je znal razločiti prave vrednote najpomembnejše stvari. Lahko bi prosil za dolgo življenje, bogastvo, za smrt svojih sovražnikov: vsa ta darila, za katera se zdi, da so veliko vredna, pa so dejansko drugotnega pomena in ne morejo napolniti srca, ne morejo v polnosti osrečiti. Salomon pa je po navdihnjenju prosil Gospoda, da bi znal presojeti; prosil je za modro srce, da bi znal razločiti, katere stvari so resnično vredne in katere so drugotne.



Njegova molitev je vzor za vse naše molitve - in to nam daje misliti. Salomon se je zavedal svoje odgovornosti. Še zelo mlad je, zato pravi: »Jaz pa sem še deček; ne vem ne kod ne kam.« Razume, da je najvažnejša prav modrost srca, da bi se znal pravilno usmeriti, da bi znal deliti pravico ljudstvu.

Salomon ne prosi ne bogastva, ne moči in niti ugodja - temveč milost, da bi znal razsojati, kako naj se odloči, kaj naj naredi: »Daj torej svojemu služabniku poslušno srce, da bo znal vladati tvojemu ljudstvu in razločevati med dobrim in hudim! Kajti kdo bi sicer mogel vladati temu tvojemu mogočnemu ljudstvu?«

V molitvi se moramo zavedati svoje odgovornosti in prositi za milosti. To je najpomembnejše pri naših molitvah. Lahko se bomo veselili - kot tisti ljudje, ki so prodali vse svoje imetje, da so lahko kupili njivo z zakladom ali pa dragoceni biser.

Božji načrt je za naše življenje čudovit, vendar ga moramo sami odkriti. V drugem berilu nam Pavel govori o dinamiki božjega načrta. »Kajti tiste, ki jih je že vnaprej poznal, je tudi vnaprej določil, naj bodo upodobljeni po njegovem Sinu, da bi bil ta prvorojenec med mnogimi brati.« Vsak na svoj način in vsak glede na svojo poklicanost je vnaprej določen, da bi dosegel podobnost z Jezusom.

Poklicanost mora človek slišati in ta go vodi k veri, ki opravičuje in očiščuje; opravičenje pa končno vodi v poveličanje. Tako je božji načrt dovršen; zaklada nismo le našli, temveč ga tudi posedujemo.

V evangeliju Jezus dodaja še priliko o poslednji sodbi: govori o božjem kraljestvu kot o mreži, ki so jo vrgli v morje in z njo zajeli vsakovrstne ribe. V Cerkvi so ljudje različnih vrst: na zunaj se zdi, da so vsi kristjani, vendar niso vsi taki. Resnica se bo pokazala ob sodbi, ko bodo, kot pravi Jezus, »prišli bodo angeli in ločili hudobne od pravičnih. Pahnili jih bodo v ognjeno peč. Tam bo jok in škripanje z zobmi.« Jezus tu uporablja zelo močno govorico, da bi spodbudil k pogumni poti pravičnosti.

Jezus je v prilikah skušal je izraziti stare stvari na nov način. Na enak način si morajo tisti, ki imajo dolžnost oznanjati evangelij, prizadevati, da bodo stare stvari predstavili z novimi izrazi; še več, prizadevati si morajo, da odkrijejo nove stvari, seveda skladne z božjim načrtom.

(Prim.: Oznanjevalec 3, 2008)

R: LORD, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW!

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12

Wisdom is a gift to be sought after.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

We are chosen to be "true images" of Christ.

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus' parables give a picture of the true nature of the kingdom of heaven.

"The kingdom of heaven is like..."



Illustration

Inhabitants of areas around the Indian Ocean have dived for pearls for almost four thousand years. Experienced divers are able to free-dive to depths well beyond the safe limits for normal scuba divers. In Japan, for more than one thousand years, many of these divers have been women, known as ama or "sea women". These women, who also dive for food, are revered even today for their courage and perseverance, though their numbers are declining. However, in most cultures diving for pearls has often been the work of poor people, and sadly the financial rewards of their efforts usually went to those who were already well off. Looking for pearls is a dangerous task, though if someone is lucky enough to find one that is valuable and be able to keep it, the effects could be life-changing.

We speak of people who possess the gift of wisdom as being able to offer "pearls of wisdom". King Solomon in our first reading



today, though young, in asking the Lord for a “heart to understand how to discern between good and evil”, is rewarded by God with “a heart wise and shrewd” as none before him or after him will possess. God had a purpose for Solomon: he was chosen by God to lead the people of Israel. Our second reading today reminds us that God also has a unique purpose for each one of us. This purpose is that we are chosen to become “true images” of Christ, and children of God.

Gospel Teaching

Each of us is uniquely called to be a son or daughter of God our Father, and we are invited to live out our Christian vocation as brothers and sisters in Christ. In comparing the kingdom of heaven to a treasure hidden in a field, or a pearl of great price, Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is both something to be sought after and something that requires wisdom and perseverance to attain. As with those who dive for pearls, those of us in search of the kingdom of heaven may find that we have to plumb depths within

ourselves in search of courage, faith and a future with God as our Lord and guide. We may be called to sacrifice the lesser “treasure” or “pearls” in our lives so that we can rejoice in the greater gifts that Christ offers. Like those who sift the haul that is brought ashore by fishers or divers, our lives, our hearts and minds can be full of many things, but not all of them will lead us forward as we search for God in our lives. In fact, some of them may even be an obstacle for us in our journey towards peace, love and joy.

We might say that it requires “the wisdom of Solomon” to be able to see what is of real value in our lives. We need to seek the treasure that leads us to love God and to love one another. Jesus has promised us the kingdom of God; this is his promise to those who are poor, to those who are merciful, to peacemakers, to those who seek justice for others. In these words of Christ, we have the signposts that point us in the direction of the “treasure” of the kingdom of heaven. These are the kingdom values, and we may need to “sell” or let go of less valuable things that lay claim to our time and our way of life if we want to truly possess God’s kingdom.

Application

Called, as we are, to be “true images” of Christ for our world, we need to choose wisely and seek the “real” treasure, which is Christ. We can, like Solomon, in prayer ask for understanding and a greater ability to judge wisely. Such gifts will engender in us a greater love and compassion for those around us. For when we understand more deeply, we can love more generously and forgive more readily.

We could wisely spend some time this week looking at what we most treasure, what is our “pearl of great price”. Let us also find time this week to appreciate and give thanks for the treasures of our faith and our family, as well as the

Camp is Back!

at St. Gregory the Great Parish

Student Volunteers Welcome!

August 15-18, 2023

Drop off 9am - Pick up 4pm Daily

Cost \$100 per Camper

Magic, Sports, Crafts, Water Fun,

Treats, Bubble Soccer,

Bouncy Castle and more...!

End of Camp BBQ - Mark your calendars and plan

To join us for our annual camper vs. family soccer game

Friday August 18th starting at 6:30pm



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Lots of Fun!

SLOVENIAN SUMMER DAY CAMP

SLOVENSKI PARK

CIVIC HOLIDAY LONG WEEKEND



CAMPING PRICES

Day Pass: \$10 per person / Camping one night: \$20 / Camping 2 nights +: \$40
Camping available for everyone from Friday August 4th through Monday, August 7th

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH

- 4:00 pm Gates Open
7:30 pm Park OPEN but Hall CLOSED for private Members' Special General Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH SLOVENSKI PARK 2023

- 1:00 pm Children's Olympic Games Registration— at the hall patio
1:30 pm Children's Olympic Games Begin— meet at the hall patio
3:00 Kitchen & Bar Open
★ Pulled Pork Sandwich ★ Cevape on Bun ★ Kranjska on Bun
~ All available on a bun with coleslaw and/or french fries ~
8:00 pm Children's Olympic Games Awards Ceremony— at the hall patio
8:30 pm Karaoke!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

- 10:00 am Bocce Tournament
Noon Bar Opens
1:00 pm Holy Mass with Father Drago Gacnik at the Chapel
2:00 pm Kitchen Opens
★ BBQ Chicken Dinner ★ Pork Shish Kebab Dinner ★ Kranjska on Bun
~ Dinners come with green and potato salad ~
6:00 pm Sunday Night Movie Night— inside the hall



SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!!

~ EVERYONE IS WELCOME ~



Double Feature! FREE Popcorn! Bar will be open for drinks and other snacks.
"Parents/Adults/Caregivers Area" will be set up with playing cards and board games.

6:00 pm— The Little Mermaid (the original 1989 Disney cartoon version)

7:30 pm— Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2007 movie)

Društvo Bled - Proščenje



Za društvo Bled je ena od zadnjih julijskih nedelja zelo pomembna, saj je tam proščenje. Ob pol enih smo se zbrali pri daritvi svete maše. Kar lepa udeležba je pokazala, da začenjamo pomembne stvari z Bogom. Kljub temu, da so se vsenaokrog kopicili temni oblaki in je grmelo, smo lahko zaključili sveto mašo v zbranosti, molitvi in prepevanju. Člani društva so pripravili oltar in okrasili, Ivan Antolin je prebral božjo besedo. Zlatku Berkoviču sem prepustil moj fotoaparat, da je ujel nekaj trenutkov med sveto mašo.



Po maši so se vsi zgrnili h kuhinji in baru, da se okrepčajo. Kuhinja je bila dobro založena z dobrotami, prav tako bar. Nekateri pa so si zaželeli ohladitve v bazenu. Ansambel Šibaj si je pripravil vse potrebno in zbrane zabaval igranjem in petjem. Med kosilom nas je ujel del nevihte, ki je ohladila ozračje, pozneje pa je zopet posijalo sonce in marsikateri so se sprostili s plesom, drugi pa uživali v dobri družbi, pogovoru in poslušanju.





HVALA! THANK-YOU! These are small words that carry a huge message but they don't seem to be enough, to express the deep gratitude and respect we the Executive Committee wish to extend to each and every member, friend and guest who prepared, worked the event and/or attended **Pečenkafest 2023 held on Saturday, July 15th.**

Despite the rain and inclement weather, we all pulled together, overcame all obstacles and with joined forces were able to host, according to many of our repeat guests, **"the best Pečenkafest yet!"**

Though Pečenkafest takes months of planning and preparation, the actual work and set-up begin on Thursday evening and continue until the close of the event in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Let me say here that Slovenski Park is blessed beyond measure with a new generation of patriotic, proud and very-hard working young people. It brought a tear to many eyes to watch how enthusiastically and happily so many of our youngest members worked to clean, rake, decorate, set up tables, work in the hall and on the grounds, peel potatoes and onions, wash dishes and do whatever was needed to help the adults not only prepare but also to work the event. We can all be proud and humbled to call these youngsters the future of Slovenski Park!

The day itself was filled with weather challenges but despite it all the turn-out was fantastic. With 12 talented teams of pečenska roasters, the competition was fierce and made for a spectacular day. Each team worked on a theme and decorated their tent and roasting stations in the most unique ways providing judges and guests with delicious samples of Slovenian culinary special-

Pečenkafest 2023



Photos: Heidi Gregorič



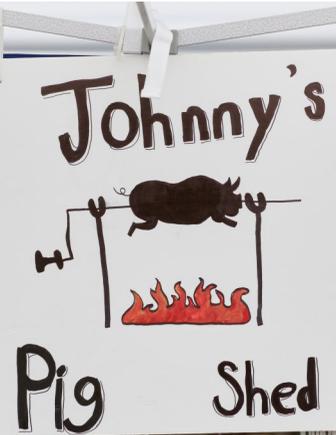
ties, live music, dinosaurs and even a petting zoo! It was a difficult task for judges to select the best-themed tent and of course the best pečenka.

Our congratulations go to First-place winners and first team ever to win the competition 3 times – “Team Ryall’s Pigshed”. 2nd place went to Team “Team Porkarija pri Žuniči” and 3rd place to “Team Electric Jello Pečenka Party”. The People’s Choice Award went to “Team Pork-A-Holics”. The honour of Mr. and Mrs. Pečenkafest was awarded to Valentin and Lucy Končan. To make it a true Slovenian fešta, lots of great food, drinks and the awesome music of Ansambel Golden Keys kept everyone celebrating into the early morning hours of Sunday.

Once again, a big thank-you to each and every member volunteer, member, guest and every Slovenian organization that contributed to the success of one of the biggest Slovenian events in Canda. Nasvidenje drugo leto! - On behalf of the Executive Committee, Magda Razpotnik, President



Photos: Tony Horvat



KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- Aug. 4 - 7 - Slovenski Park - Civic Holiday Week-end - Sunday, August 6, Mass 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 6 - Lipa Park - Music in the Park Picnic
- Aug. 12 - Breslau - Maša in Picnic - 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 15-18 - St. Gregory the Great - Day Camp
- Sept. 1-3 - Slovenski Park - Labour Day

BRALEC - READER

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CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Aug. 5th - Jozica Vegelj and team

Aug. 19th - Lojska Novak and team

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden je prvi petek v avgustu. Kot običajno bo ob 6:00 p.m. priložnost za sveto spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim, molitev rožnega venca in sveto mašo ob 7h zvečer.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu avgustu bo večna luč gorela za pokojne Joželj in Jernejčič, po namenu Sonje Langenus.

Svete maše - Masses

<p>17. NEDELJA MED LE-TOM</p> <p>30. JULIJ</p> <p><i>Rufin, mučenec</i></p>	<p>††</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>††</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane</p> <p>Magda in Stane Udovč</p> <p>Ann Božnar</p> <p>Hugo Hapke</p> <p>Max Pavličič</p> <p>Izidor Fujs</p> <p>Štefan Dundek</p> <p>Pok. iz družine Balažič</p> <p>Štefan Črnko</p> <p>Jože Rajner</p>	<p>10:00 A.M.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Levstek & McLean Families</p> <p>John Božnar z družino</p> <p>Jožica Hapke</p> <p>Teresa Miga</p> <p>Aranka Dundek</p> <p>Aranka Dundek</p> <p>Matilda Bratuž</p> <p>Toni in Marija Franc</p> <p>Janez Lovrenčec</p>
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Reminder - Slovenian Summer Day Camp is just around the corner. We have so many activities planned August 15 to August 18 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12. If you have younger children that you think would like to join in, all are welcome with adult supervision. And remember to mark your calendars for our Friday evening BBQ and end of camp annual Campers vs. Family soccer game. It is always a fun evening for all. Please contact me at novakhsn@gmail.com or 905-317-6002 to register. Also, any high school students looking to get their hours in - We are happy to have you volunteer with us. Contact me and sign up. Pass the word around to family and friends of our community and let's make our first camp back since 2019 a great one! *Heidy Novak*



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

Horvat	Ignac	July 31, 2021
Vengar	Matilda	August 1, 2016
Kranjc	Josef	August 2, 1973
Marinc	Anna	August 3, 1986
Habjan	Valentin	August 3, 1999
Lonec	Kristina	August 3, 2004
Ray	Gizella	August 3, 2020
Marusich	Gabriela	August 4, 1986
Šegula	Marija	August 4, 2002
Čagran	Marija-Majda	August 5, 2022
Vučko	Paulina	August 6, 1992
Martin	Michael Christopher	August 6, 2011



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

DOM BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 31. JULIJ <i>Ignacij Lojolski, ust. Jezuitov</i>	†† ††	Marija in Ignac (obl.) Horvat Marija in Štefan Sarjaš	7:00 P.M.	Rose Žižek z družino Rose Žižek z družino
TOREK - TUESDAY 1. AVGUST <i>Alfonz Ligvorij, šk-uč.</i>	† † †	Tilka Vengar, obl. Anton Vengar Štefan Gonza	7:00 P.M.	Rose Marije & Tony Vengar z druž. Rose Marije & Tony Vengar z druž. Žena Vera z družino
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 2. AVGUST <i>Evzebij, škof</i>	††	Za farane in družine Na čast škofu Baragi Štefan in Barbara Kovač	7:00 P.M.	CWL - KŽZ K. H. Hči Marija Korošec z družino
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 3. AVGUST <i>Lidija, sp. žena</i>	†† † †	Ivan in Rozina doma James Kwasniewsky Gizella Ray, obl.	7:00 P.M.	Olga Glavač z družino K. H. Sestra Olga z družino
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 4. AVGUST <i>Janez Vianej, duhovnik</i>	† † †† †	Jožef Tompa Ivanka Hafner Jure in Marija Rajbar Mato Tadić	7:00 P.M.	Sestra Marija Jožica Nova z družino Ana Gergyek Sin Marko z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 5. AVGUST <i>Marija Snežna (Nives)</i> <i>Ožbolt, mučenec</i>	† †† † † †† †	Jakob Muhič Jr. Starša Vlašič in sin Marija Marija Bukvič Ana Nedelko Janko in Magda Veselič Za duše v vicah Jože Rajner	5:30 P.M.	Družina Muhič Jožica Vlašič z družino Anton Bukvič z družino Može Ivan z družino Mihael in Marija Fabina Marija Košir Vera Gonza in Sandy z družino
18. NEDELJA MED LETOM 6. AVGUST <i>Jezusova spremenitev na gori</i>	† †† † † †† † †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Max Pavličič Paula in Rudy Levstek Franc Raduha Max Pavličič Ivan in Rozina Doma Jože Rajner Ivan in Cecilija Sobočan Za zdravje Pokojni člani društva	10:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.	----- Karol Ferko z družino Levstek & McLean Families Žena z družino Helen Špiler Ignac in Terezija Sarjaš z družino Toni in Marija Franc z družino Janez Lovrenčec Anica Saje Slovenski park