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**25. NEDELJA
MED LETOM**

**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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To nedeljo nas liturgija kar dvakrat spominja na Jezusovo trpljenje: v prvem berilu, iz knjige Modrosti, je prav pretresljivo prikazano sovraštvo med brezbožniki in pravičnim; v evangeliju Jezus naznanja svoje trpljenje. Evangelist nam daje vedeti, da so »so Jezus in njegovi učenci prepotovali Galilejo, vendar ni želel, da bi kdo to izvedel. Učil je namreč svoje učence in jim govoril: 'Sin človekov bo izročen v človeške roke in ga bodo umorili, ko pa bo umorjen, bo po treh dneh vstal.'« Takoj za tem pa doda, da učenci niso razumeli teh besed in so se bali vprašati.

Jezusovo oznanilo je jasno: gre za njegovo trpljenje in vstajenje od mrtvih. Vendar pa so apostoli pričakovali vse kaj drugega. Zanje bi moral biti Mesija zmagovalec in zato ne more biti izročen v roke sovražnikom, da bi ga umorili. Z druge strani pa ni bil niti pojem »vstati od mrtvih« v tistih časih preveč jasen.

Vsekakor pa je jasno, da učenci tega sporočila niso sprejeli enotno - kajti takoj za tem so začeli med seboj razpravljati, kdo je med njimi največji. Učenci sledijo svojemu učitelju, ki zase noče častnih položajev, temveč hoče služiti vse do tega, da podari svoje življenje v odkupnino za mnoge - učenci pa hrepenijo po veličini.

Tudi sami večkrat ne živimo po veri, temveč po človeških hrepenenjih po ambicijah, veličini in časti. Jezus nas tako kot nekoč svoje učence poučuje: »Če kdo hoče biti prvi, naj bo od vseh zadnji in služabnik vsem« (prim. Mt 20,27). To je evangelijsko načelo: veličina je v služanju.

Spontano tudi sami ne ravnamo tako. Naše človeško pričakovanje je pač tako, da je tisti, ki služi, na dnu lestvice vrednot, ne more biti prvi, temveč zadnji. Na drugi strani pa je tisti, kateremu se služi, višji v družbi, zato bolj čaščen in velja za prvega. Jezus pa nam kaže, da je prava veličina v služanju.



Ta Jezusov pouk je močan, zahteven, vendar tudi zelo potreben in lep. Jezus od nas zahteva, da bi znali ceniti - ne časti, temveč služenje. Ponižni služabnik je večji od bogataša, ki ne služi nikomur in pusti, da mu strežejo drugi. V naši družbi prevladuje drugačno prepričanje; mi pa mu moramo znati nasprotovati in vrednotiti stvari po evangeljskem načelu: »Kdor hoče biti velik, naj bo zadnji in služabnik vsem.«

Da bi učencem še bolj vtepel v glavo to misel, Jezus vzame otroka, ga postavi mednje, ga objame in reče svojim učencem: »Kdor sprejme enega takih otrok v mojem imenu, mene sprejme; kdor pa mene sprejme, ne sprejme mene, temveč tistega, ki me je poslal.«

Jezus potem doda: »Kdor sprejme mene, ne sprejme mene, temveč tistega, ki me je poslal.« Ni mogoče sprejeti pomembnejše osebe, kot je Oče.

Prvo berilo pa nam kaže, kako lahko človeška miselnost hitro postane sprevrženo pokvarjena: namesto da bi sprejela pravičnega in Gospoda, postane sovražna in skuša pravičnega odstraniti.

Brezbožni pravijo: »Zalezujmo pravičnega, ker nam je v napoto, ker nasprotuje našim delom; ker nam očita grehe zoper postavo in nas obtožuje za grehe pri naši vzgoji... Na sramotno smrt ga obsodimo, saj ga bo po njegovih besedah rešil Bog.«

Jezusovo trpljenje je izzvala hudobija ljudi. Jezus, je delal dobro in bil do vseh velikodušen, usmiljen - prav zato so mu nasprotovali, ga preganjali, obtožili in obsodili.

V drugem berilu nas apostol Jakob spodbuja, naj bi imeli usmiljeno srce po Jezusovem vzoru. Pravi nam, naj ne bomo ljubosumni in uporni, ki povzročajo vse vrste hudobnega delovanja, temveč naj se obnašamo na temelju: »Modrost pa, ki je od zgoraj, je najprej čista, nato miroljubna, prizanesljiva, dozvetna, polna usmiljenja in dobrih sadov, brez pristranskosti in hinavščine.«

Potem nas Jakob spodbuja, da bi prosili in molili na pravi način: »Prositate, pa ne prejimate, ker slabo prositate - namreč za to, da bi to porabili za svoje naslade.« Sledimo Jezusu in napredujmo v krščanskem življenju, v veri, v upanju in ljubezni. In ne pustimo se zapeljati spontanim človeškim nagnjenjem, ki nas usmerjajo v nasprotno smer. (prim. Oznanjevalec 2003, št. 4)

Response: **The Lord upholds my life.**

First Reading: *Wisdom 2:12. 17-20*

People whose intentions are not good will put good people to the test.

Second Reading: *James 3:16 – 4:3*

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Gospel: *Mark 9:30-37*

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Illustration

“More haste, less speed.” How often have you used this proverb which dates to pre-Christian times and was an expression commonly used by the emperor Augustus (63 BC – AD 14)? He even stressed its message of good leadership through specially minted coins showing a hare inside the shell of a snail. Although the proverb is more than 2000 years old, people today still understand its meaning and frequently use it in ordinary conversation. That's the beauty of proverbs: their wisdom crosses the boundaries of time, space, religion, language and culture. Proverbs teach us in ways that are easy to remember and make sense to the speaker and the listener.

Today we hear St James describe wisdom as “pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity” – but wisdom is not foolish and have you ever heard of it being unkind, selfish or unthinking? Even when wisdom is



difficult to hear, it is not meant to be hurtful. That is the beauty of today's Gospel: Jesus is tactful and understanding at a time when he could have been critical and outspoken. A Persian proverb declares, "With a sweet tongue of kindness, you can drag an elephant by a hair." In his wisdom, Jesus recognised the limitations of his disciples. As their leader and shepherd, he worked slowly and gently, supporting them even in their moments of thoughtless insensitivity towards him.

Gospel teaching

In today's Gospel, Jesus had just told his disciples about his forthcoming death, preparing them for the horrendous events which were fast approaching. It was an extremely difficult moment for him and yet, instead of being supportive or asking for further explanations, his companions argued about their personal status in the group. Had they seriously reflected upon true greatness and leadership when each decided that he uniquely fitted the job description? When Jesus overheard them, did he sadly quote from the Book of Proverbs, "the mouths of fools pour out folly"?

Jesus didn't need to boast about his abilities and identity, which shone through all that he said and did. Neither was he bragging about courage when he told his companions about his forthcoming horrific death. A true hero is often silent about his or her bravery in a situation where other people are too afraid to act. The person who lets everybody

know about their gallantry was possibly not very brave, and at best, lacking in humility.

Jesus used the situation as a teaching session on leadership and greatness. The best guide shows the way by their example and the greatest person leads by their service of others. Jesus illustrated his words with a child, one of the world's most defenceless, insignificant people: those who protect and defend our society's "least, last and lost" will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. As St John would later write in his Gospel, "The truth is a heavy burden that few care to carry."

Application

We criticise the disciples for their insensitivity and self-interest as they argued over who was the greatest amongst them rather than supporting Jesus after he had told them of his impending death. Yet we can all look back and wish that we had said or done things differently in one situation or another. We are also concerned with our own interests and want to be recognised by others for our good qualities. We understand the importance of Jesus telling us to look after children who are, in so many ways, in need of care and protection – but would we look on children as role models in leadership? What happens if someone whom I consider less capable than I am is given a position of seniority over me? The very least that I will do is to grumble to myself and possibly to my loved ones when I reach home. How likely is it that I will congratulate that person in sincerity and willingness to follow wherever they will lead?

"He that would be a leader must be a bridge." So declared King Brân the Blessed (Bendigeidfran) in Welsh mythology as he made himself the bridge across the River Mynach so that his soldiers could rescue his sister Branwen from her brutal husband, Matholwch.

Jesus made himself our bridge in showing us the meaning of true leadership and service. Jesus was and is our hero. Am I prepared to imitate him and become a bridge for others?

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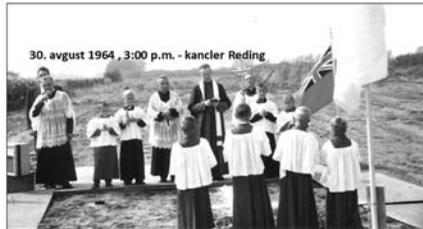
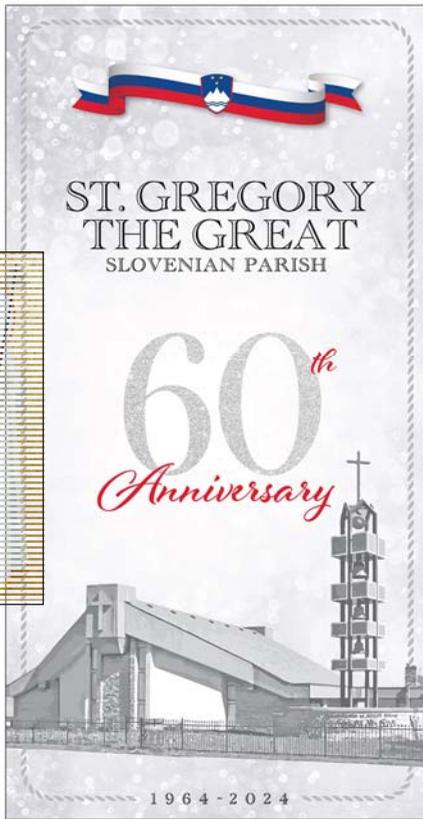
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Slovenska župnija su. Gregorija Velikega

Vabi na praznovanje 60 letnice
Ustanovitve župnije

Nedelja, 22. sept. 2024

◆ **10:00 a.m. - Mass**

Fr. Drago Gačnik, SDB župnik

Fr. John Puntino, SDB ravnatelj
salezijanske skupnosti Toronto

g. Andrej Golčnik

župnik iz Boštanja - Slovenija

English Choir & Oktet Jurij Dalmatin
(Boštanj, SLO) are singing at the Mass



◆ **12:00 noon - Dinner**

◆ **2:00 p.m. - Program**

Reservations:

Terezija Sarjaš: 905-930-7990

or **Pamela Gosgnach**

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(Suggested minimum donation: \$45.-)

Please, call before September 16, 2024

27th Bocce Tournament - 2024

The **Slovenian Society of St. Joseph** hosted their 27th annual bocce ball tournament on September 21st, 2024. This year we were happy to have 6 teams competing in our tournament.

Most sporting events begin with the singing of the national anthem, we started a new tradition in true Slovenian style, with everyone having some brandy.

We congratulate the following teams: 1st Place Team Škerl, 2nd Place Team Benc, 3rd Place Team Joe Miklavčič with runners up Team Ferletič, Team Horvat and Team Hauzer.

The tournament final was exciting and was a won on the final ball with the team winning 12-11. 45 friends gathered together for our traditional "kranjska klobasa" lunch.

We would also like to thank Fr. Drago for all his assistance including taking printing pictures. We are grateful to Linda Novak for helping to prepare lunch.

Thank you to everyone who came out to play bocce ball and enjoy a lunch among friends.

The St. Joseph Society is looking forward to gathering again in 2025.





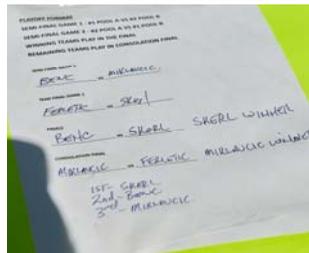


Jutranji dež je navlažil pesek, da se ni kadilo, potem se je prikazalo sonce in po enajsti uri pa so dobili še nekaj dodatnih gledalcev - otroci iz Slovenske šole so prišli pogledat in se navduševali, da bi tudi oni igrali.





1st place: Team Škerl, 2nd place: Team Benc, 3rd place: Team Miklavčič





DEANERY MEETINGS

The major desire of synodality is to hear the voice of all the people of God. Desiring to discern the will of the Holy Spirit, the Forward Together in Christ committee organized a series of discussion days throughout the diocese, one in each deanery, except the Hamilton Deanery which had two due to the number of parishes in that deanery. Each pastor was asked to invite six members of his parish to join him for these discussions. The response from the priests and the people of God who attended, was amazing. Close to one thousand people from across the Diocese of Hamilton participated in these opportunities to speak together and offer to the bishop their wisdom and experience.

During these deanery sessions, the participants were placed in groups of six to eight people and had the opportunity to discuss each of our seven areas of growth identified for the Diocese of Hamilton. Each group had a scribe and the notes from the discussions have been saved. The Forward Together in Christ organizing team has read all of the notes and summarized them. These summaries can be viewed online below.

RESULTS OF THE DEANERY MEETINGS

LAITY

This topic is incredibly important and covers a broad spectrum of ideas. There is a strong desire for discussions focusing on engaging the laity more fully in new and mean-

ingful ways.

There needs to be further development and openness to engaging the laity in the ministry, mission and maintenance of the parish. Discussions will be needed to discern how to fully engage the laity in new ways, inviting them to share fully in the mission of the Church. The relationship between clergy, lay pastoral ministers and parish staff needs strengthening with defined roles established.

There is a sense among the pastoral ministers that they are not invited to share their gifts and talents as co-workers with their pastors, and that their dedication and service are not always recognized or appreciated.

The development of Parish and Diocesan Councils, according to the mind of the Church, needs revisiting.

- ◆ The People of God want to know and be known by their priest(s).
- ◆ There is a perceived sense from many of the laity that they feel disconnected from the bishop and priest on both diocesan and parish levels.
- ◆ There is a call for parishes to have a Parish Council, Youth Ministry, Family Ministry, and Children's Liturgy.
- ◆ The personal ask by the pastor continues to be the best way to engage people.
- ◆ We need to find ways to engage the new families / individuals who come to our parish.
- ◆ There is a real openness for there to be some engagement at the deanery level. Not every parish needs to offer everything. There can be a sharing of volunteers, talents, and resources.
- ◆ We need to engage better the youth in our parishes.

To be continued



Slovenska šola

Danes, 21. septembra 2024, je bil tudi prvi dan Slovenske šole pri sv. Gregoriju Velikem. Nismo uspeli ujeti vseh učencev na sliko, večino pa. Nekaj starejših, ki so lani končali, bodo prihajali pomagat. Lepo je videt nasmejane obraze otrok in veselje, da so se zopet srečali.



Fr. Drago Gačnik

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS



CWL - KŽZ

Our CWL extends heartfelt congratulations to our community of faith. St. Gregory the Great's 60th Anniversary is a milestone in the life of our parish. We are reminded of our rich history, the spiritual journey we have shared and the collective efforts of our parish congregation. We are grateful for the church leaders who have led us on our spiritual journey and for the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

We look forward to the future with hope and joyful hearts!

Our next general CWL meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd after 7PM Mass.



KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- **Sept 22nd - St. Gregory the Great** - Fall Banquet - **60 years of the Parish** - Mass: 10 am
- **Oct. 5th - Bled** - Oktoberfest
- **Oct. 6th - Lipa park** - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- **Oct. 16th - St. Gregory the Great** - Maša za bolnike - Anointing of the sick during the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- **Oct. 26th - Slovenski Park** - Oktoberfest

BRALCI - READERS:

- Sept. 22nd - Frank Novak, Sidonia Poppa
- Sept. 29th - Mary Miklavčič (11:00 a.m.)

ČIŠČENJE - CLEANING

- Sept. 28th - Lojzka Novak team
- Oct. 12th - Lukežič & Volčanšek

GIFT BEARERS

- Sept. 22nd - Parish Council
- Sept. 29th - Danny Fujs & Aranka Dundek
- Oct. 6th - Josie Hapke & Mary Holder

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is inviting YOU (young and old) to participate in a **peaceful prayer vigil** across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, happening each day (Sept. 25th, Nov. 3rd) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Sign up in the online calendar via:

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V nedeljo, 15. septembra, se je skupnost Slovencev iz Londona zbrala pri sveti maši v cerkvi St. John the Divine. Po počitnicah je lepo videti znane obraze. Po maši so v atriju cerkve naše gospe pripravile kavo in tudi kaj sladkega, da smo lahko poklepetali in si izmenjali novice.



DARVI - DONATIONS

Za gradbeni sklad so darovali:

- \$400.- Gertrude Korošec z družino v spomin na pokojnega Rudija Korošec
- \$50.- Tončka Horvat namesto cvetja na grob pok. Janeza Kržič
- \$1,000.- Društvo Svetega Jožefa za potrebe cerkve

Hvala za vaš dar in tudi za darove, ki jih namenite vsak teden za potrebe cerkve.

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

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Drvarič	Franc	September 23, 2000
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Malevich	Marija	September 26, 1996
Peskar	Ludvik	September 27, 1977
Pust	Joseph	September 27, 2011
Kerec	Marija	September 27, 2015
Grdun	Marija	September 28, 2008
Erzetič	Manja	September 28, 2022
Brezničar	August	September 29, 1980
Kastelic	Jožefa	September 29, 2006



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

<p>25. NEDELJA MED LETOM 22. SEPTEMBER 25TH SUNDAY IN OT <i>Slomškova nedelja</i></p>	<p>†† † † † †† † † †</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Sidonija in Frank Drvarič Monika Gašpar Frank Verdinšek Mara Rode Steinhaus Janez in Joža Šušteršič Stanko Bratuž Jože Pust, obletnica Bo Harrison, obletnica Praznovanje 60 letnice župnije</p>	<p>10:00 A.M. 12:00</p>	<p>----- Hči z družino Agnes Perkič Joe Fotivec (TO) Druž. Šušteršič in Novak Druž. Šušteršič in Novak Žena Matilda Družina Pust Družina Pust Parish Hall</p>
<p>PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 23. SEPTEMBER <i>Pij, redovnik</i></p>	<p>†</p>	<p>Eileen MacKenzie</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>N. N.</p>
<p>TOREK - TUESDAY 24. SEPTEMBER <i>Anton Martin Slomšek, šk.</i></p>	<p>† †† ††</p>	<p>Mary Hochevar Za pokojne misijonarje Toni (obl.) in Sofija Vinčec</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Hči Mia Goodfellow z druž. Slomškova oltarno društvo Sin John Hlačar</p>
<p>SREDA - WEDNESDAY 25. SEPTEMBER <i>Sergij, menih</i></p>		<p>Po namenu</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>H. K.</p>
<p>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 26. SEPTEMBER <i>Kozma in Dmijan, muč.</i></p>	<p>††</p>	<p>Ivan in Jože</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Jožica Novak z družino</p>
<p>PETEK - FRIDAY 27. SEPTEMBER <i>Vincencij Pavelski, ust. Laz.</i></p>	<p>†</p>	<p>Stanko Petek</p>	<p>7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Matilda Bratuž</p>
<p>SOBOTA - SATURDAY 28. SEPTEMBER <i>Venčeslav, mučenec</i> <i>Kvatre</i></p>	<p>† †† † †† †</p>	<p>Joe Lackovič Za duše v vicah Manja Erzetič Marija in Toni Kociper Karel Volf</p>	<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Žena Vera z družino Marija Košir Hčerke z družino Regina in Martin Nedelko Joe Fotivec (TO)</p>
<p>26. NEDELJA MED LETOM 29. SEPTEMBER 26TH SUNDAY IN OT <i>Mihael, Gabrijel, Rafael,</i> <i>nadangeli</i></p>	<p>† † † † †† ††</p>	<p>Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Martin Tompa Alojz Peternel, obl. Elizabeth Gerič, obl. Pavel in Paul Richard Novak Christopher Mascaramast T & G</p>	<p>9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>----- John Božnar z družino Žena z družino Žena Sonja z družino Sin Joe z družino Helen Špiler Angelina & Joysun</p>

Sunday, September 29th - Masses at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.