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5. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA

5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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#### **U**RESNIČEVANJE LJUBEZNI

Evangelij današnje nedelje je kratek, a pomenljiv. Spominja nas, da se je poveličanje rodilo iz trpljenja. V velikonočni skrivnosti sta trpljenje in poveličanje tesno povezana med seboj: »Zdaj je Sin človekov poveličan in Bog je poveličan v njem.« Jezus to izjavi v trenutku, ko Juda odide iz dvorane zadnje večerje. Ta trenutek je torej začetek Jezusovega poveličanja. Janez ne pravi, da je bil Jezus poveličan šele po trpljenju, ampak kaže, da se je njegovo poveličanje začelo prav s trpljenjem. V njem Jezus kaže svojo slavo, ki je slava velikodušne ljubezni.

Božja slava je slava ljubezni. On je ljubil Očeta, ko je s popolno velikodušnostjo izpolnil njegovo voljo; ljubil je nas, tako da je dal svoje življenje za nas. Tako je poveličan že v svojem trpljenju in Bog je poveličan v njem. Vendar je trpljenje samo začetek. Zato Jezus pravi, da bo njegovo poveličanje prihodnje: »Če je Bog poveličan v njem, ga bo tudi Bog poveličal v sebi; in poveličal ga bo takoj.«

Jezus svojim učencem naznani svoj odhod nato jim da zapoved: »Novo zapoved vam dam, da se ljubite med seboj. Kakor sem vas jaz ljubil, tako se tudi vi ljubite med seboj.« Če se ljubimo med seboj, je Jezus še naprej navzoč med nami, in to na zelo konkreten način. Jezusova navzočnost na svetu je mnogovrstna: v besedi, v evharistiji, pa tudi v ljubezni, ki združuje kristjane, če jo uresničujejo s poslušnostjo njegovi milosti.

Vprašamo se v čem je zapoved nova? Zapoved ljubezni, ki je obstajala že v Stari zavezi, je postala nova, ker ji je Jezus dal zelo pomemben dodatek: »Ljubite se med seboj, kakor sem vas jaz ljubil.« Novo je prav to; ljubiti, kakor me je Jezus ljubil.

V Stari zavezi ni bilo takšnega zgleda ljubezni. Stara zaveza namreč ni predstavila nobenega zgleda ljubezni, ampak je zgolj oblikovala zapoved ljubezni. Jezus pa nam je samega sebe dal za zgled ljubezni.

Gre za brezmejno velikodušno in univerzalno ljubezen. Nikoli ni bil noben položaj tako nasproten ljubezni kakor tisti, v katerem se je znašel Jezus v svojem trpljenju: vsi so ga zavrnili, zasmehovali, obsodili, usmrtili. In vendar ga je spremenil v priložnost za največjo ljubezen.

Ko nam daje novo zapoved, zahteva, naj sledimo njegovemu zgledu. Seveda tega nismo sposobni s svojimi močmi, zato nam je Gospod sam obljubil, da bo navzoč v našem srcu in nas bo usposobil za to nadvse velikodušno ljubezen, ki premega vse ovire. Ljubiti druge tako, kakor jih je ljubil Jezus, je mogoče samo s silo tiste ljubezni, ki nam jo posreduje evharistija. Ko sprejmemo Kristusa v srce, sprejmemo njegovo srce, polno najbolj velikodušne ljubezni, ki gre do popolnega darovanja samega sebe.

Jezus sklene: »Po tem bodo vsi spoznali, da ste moji učenci, če boste imeli med seboj ljubezen.« Znamenje kristjana je bratska ljubezen, živeta po Jezusovem zgledu, po njegovi milosti.

V prvih stoletjih so pogani občudovali obnašanje kristjanov. Videli so, da je med njimi zelo močna, velikodušna bratska ljubezen: »Poglejte, kako se ljubijo.« Če bomo tako živeli, bomo imeli Jezusovo veselje. On je vedno hotel, da bi se "nalezli" njegovega veselja. Velika skrivnost, kako imeti njegovo veselje v sebi, je, pustiti, da njegova milost deluje v nas, da premaga vse ovire in jih spremeni v priložnost za napredek ljubezni.

Pavel in Barnaba končujeta prvo apostolsko potovanje po Mali Aziji in ko se vračata v mesta, ki sta jih že obiskala, opogumljata učence in jih spodbujata, naj ostanejo trdni v veri, saj je treba, kakor pravita, »skozi veliko stisk ... da pridemo v Božje kraljestvo.«

In ko se vrneta v Antiohijo, skupnosti poročata, »kaj vse je Bog storil po njiju in kako je poganom odprl vrata vere«. Vse to je sad Jezusovega vstajenja. Bog je po apostolih uresničil velike reči. Predvsem je pokazal veliko moč Kristusove ljubezni, ko je poganom odprl vrata vere.

Drugo berilo nam kaže končni izid Jezusovega vstajenja, ki je »sveto mesto, novi Jeruzalem, ko je prihajal z neba od Boga, pripravljen kakor nevesta, ki se je ozaljšala za svojega ženina«. Predmet našega upanja je, da bi bili vsi združeni v Kristusovi ljubezni, v medsebojni ljubezni, v Kristusovo in Božjo slavo. Odlomek iz Razodetja se konča s trditvijo: »Tisti, ki je sedel na prestolu, pa je rekel: 'Glej, vse delam novo!'«

Prva zares nova stvar, ki jo je naredil Bog, je bilo Jezusovo vstajenje, njegovo nebeško poveličanje.

Vstajenje je začetek cele vrste novih stvari, katerih smo deležni tudi mi. (*Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010*)

#### 5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING: Acts 14.21b-27

Paul and Barnabas give encouragement and hope to the fledgling churches of Asia Minor and Greece and tell them of the marvellous success of the spread of the Gospel.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145**

I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.

SECOND READING: Rev. 21.1-5a

God is creating a new heaven and a new earth where there will be only love, joy and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 13.34

Alleluia - I give you a new commandment: \* love one another just as I have loved you. - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35

"Love one another just as I have loved you."



#### Illustration

In the prison camp of Auschwitz One, there is the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe where he was imprisoned and ultimately murdered by lethal injection. The story is well known. In July 1941, when three prisoners appeared to have escaped from the camp, the Deputy Commander of Auschwitz ordered ten men to be chosen to be starved to death in an underground bunker.

When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, heard he was selected, he cried out, "My wife! My children!" At this point, Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

Gajowniczek later said: "I could only thank him with my eyes. I was stunned and could hardly grasp what was going on. The immensity of it: I, the condemned, am to live and someone else willingly and voluntarily offers his life for me – a stranger. Is this some dream?"

St Maximilian Kolbe survived the starvation and kept faith through prayer and hymn-singing. When all his fellow prisoners had died, he remained alive. As the Nazis wanted the cell for other men, they killed him by lethal injection. As St John Paul said, "Maximilian did not die but gave his life... for his brother."

He was cremated on 15 August 1941, the feast of the Assumption. In the darkness of that place, a candle in his cell can burn brightly with hope.

#### **Gospel teaching**

Before his death, at the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and taught them about the new commandment of love. He pointed them towards his sacrifice on the cross when he would pour out his life so that all people might be saved. To love unto death is the greatest act of love possible. In St John's Gospel the death of Jesus on the cross is not a failure but a triumph of love; a triumph through which he is glorified.

St Maximilian reveals such love in Auschwitz. Franciszek, who was saved, wondered if he was seeing a vision. He could not believe his eyes. His testimony and that of the martyrs, women and men through the ages, bear witness to the power of the commandment of love. All the great and little acts of love swell up into a great tidal wave which brings joy to countless people each day. If only all these acts of love could be counted! Only God sees the full picture of all the joy and grateful thanks. I can imagine God chuckling with delight.

This promise of the triumph of love gives hope to live another day and hope for the future. Love creates an eschatological hope, a hope for the future and the promise of eternal life, which is only fulfilled at the end of time. The second reading describes the fulfilment of this hope at the end of time in a beautiful image of marriage. The new Jerusalem, the new city of God, is likened to a bride coming to meet her groom who is Christ. Love abounds. At the end of time, we shall live eternally in a new life with a resurrected body with God and know love, joy and delight. There will be no more grief, no sadness, no mourning or death. This will pass away into oblivion. Only the joy of seeing

the love between the bride and groom will endure.

The testimony of love gives heart to us and to all the disciples of Christ in the Church. It inspires us onwards to keep running the race to the finish. We are also encouraged to be faithful in the call to love. When Paul and Barnabas tell others of the power of love, it gives new heart to the disciples and attracts new ones to follow Christ. They visit the Greek towns of Pisidia, Pamphylia and Perga. The names of these towns begin with a capital letter (pi) in the Greek alphabet. It looks like a gateway; two pillars and a crossbar. We can imagine the apostles taking the Gospel message through the gates into the cities and bringing this joyful news to others.

#### **Application**

The hope of eternal life gives us courage to be faithful and keep loving, even when it costs dearly. There is no situation which is hopeless. There is no love which will not be rewarded. No action is too small to have eternal significance. If we viewed life in this way, then we would rejoice and be glad. This joy will attract others to Christ. Joy is always powerfully attractive and infectious.

#### Pope Leo XIV's motto and coat of arms



Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots. The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an

image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase:

"Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo"
"You have pierced my heart with your Word."

The motto: Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: "In Illo uno unum", which means "In the One, we are one." The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."







In conjunction with the Niagara Folk Arts Festival, please join us for our

## **Open House**

Monday, May 19, 2024 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

#### **Featuring**

- \*Slovenian Dance Groups: Mladi Glas & Planika Slovenian Dance Group and Nagelčki
- \*Slovenian bake sale table including apple strudel
- \*Bouncy Castle
- \*Delicious Slovenian food favourites including our famous BBQ Pork and Lamb

Meet our
Lipa Park Ambassador
Julia Dim





Slovenian Polka Dance at 2:00 p.m. featuring the award-winning Golden Keys Orchestra



Members... we appreciate your culinary contributions to our bake table. Please bring your goodies to Lipa Park on Monday, May 19 (before 11:00 a.m.).



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY!





#### ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

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

Invites you to come and celebrate 34th



## Hovenski Man

#### **Sunday, June 22, 2025**

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





Everyone Welcom: 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





PROCESIJA - 1PM
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT - 7PM
\$10 ENTRY - RANDOM PARTNERS ASSIGNED
BAR WILL BE OPEN





#### FOOD:

SATURDAY: KRANJSKA, HAMBURGERS, FRIES, POUTINE SUNDAY: CHICKEN, PEČENKA, HAMBURGERS

TO PREORDER FOR SUNDAY FOOD EMAIL: HOCEVARKRISTINA88@GMAIL.COM

50/50 DRAW WILL BE DONE ON SUNDAY

AFTER PROCESIJA



KRANJSKA ON A BUN \$8
PEČENKA DINNER \$26
ROASTED CHICKEN DINNER \$19
HAMBURGER \$5
APPLE STRUDEL \$5

Slovenski Park Presents

GOLF

Towrnament

WITH
BUFFET DINNER
AND
PRIZES

SATURDAY MAY 31ST

#### 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 630 p.m.

DONATION OF PRIZES
WOULD BE APPRECIATED
Please contact Travis Blackwell

## SHOTGUN START 1:00 PM

#### **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: travisoblackwell@gmail.com Phone: (905) 783-0132



#### Zahvala-Thank You Materinski Dan-Mother's Day

Slovenska Šola would like to thank everyone who came to our Mother's Day Lunch and Concert on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a nice gathering of about 100 people which made our event a success! The students participated during Mass by singing 3 songs.

A delicious meal was served at noon after Father Drago's blessing. A huge thank you to Nancy Dundek and Kasia Brod for making a delicious lunch for everyone. Thank you to the servers: Alyssa Taylor, Triston Taylor, Jenny Taylor, and Patryk Brod. Thank you also to Peter Novak for setting up the bar and to Jeff Mills for serving in the bar. Thank you also to all the parents who came and volunteered their time to help set up the hall so that the teachers were free to focus our attention on the dress rehearsal with the students.

After lunch, we celebrated our mothers and grandmothers with a concert by the students of Slovenska Šola. They entertained us all with the many songs they have learned with Father Drago, including "Ta Traktor je Moj!" and "Zebra!". The students put in a lot of hard work over the school year to prepare for this concert and they did a great job! We also had the pleasure of having Lily Tran play the piano for and did so beautifully.

A huge thank you to Father Drago who gives up his time each Saturday to having singing with the kids, and always helping whenever and wherever needed. Šola would not be the same without him and we thank God for bringing Father Drago to us.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Mother's Day next year!

Hvala! - Sandy Ferletič

More pitures in the next Vestnik.











### OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### KOLEDAR DOGODKOV

- May 18<sup>th</sup> Slovenski Park Victoria Day Long Weekend - Mass with procession: 1:00 PM
- May 19<sup>th</sup> **Lipa Park** Open House Picnic, Niagara Folk Arts Festival
- May 24th **Bled SCC** -Park Clean up Day
- May 25<sup>th</sup> **St. Gregory the Great** First Communion - **Mass at 10:00 AM**
- May 31st Slovenski Park Golf Tournament
- June 1st 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:**

- Slov: Terezija Sarjaš
- Engl: Rita Bartula

#### **GIFT BEARERS**

- Danny Fujs in Aranka Dundek

#### ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- May 23: Lukežič Majda, Volčanšek Milena

#### Spring Memorial Mass at Cemetery

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

#### 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.

#### 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 Slovenain 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 beit 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 22nd at Slovenski Dan 2025! -Heidy Novak

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL in Hamilton is already a national leader in Robotic Surgery! The program is expanding to include even more types of surgeries with remarkable results. This week. the St. Joseph's Heathcare Foundation launched the Robotic Surgery Revolution \$20M Campaign to fund the expansion. Already, more than half of the campaign goal has been committed by generous donors! The campaign launch showcased robotic surgery technology and research, and highlighted how it is already helping "the dear neighbour"! THE FUTURE OF CARE IS HERE!

THE CWL Hamilton Diocese Council holds their annual convention in Burlington, the weekend of May 30 and June 1, 2025. It is an opportunity for the CWL members from parishes throughout the Diocese to renew friendship, to discuss shared priorities and to prav together. May their meetings be a blessing for us all!

#### FIRST COMMUNION

Our First Communion is next Sunday,

May 25. Only one Mass at 10:00 AM will be celebrated. If the weather will permit, we will start with the prayers and dedication prayer to Mother Mary at the statue of Mary Help of Christian, behind the hall.



Children receiving

Jesus at the First Communion:

- 1. Amelia Philomena Antolin
- 2. Jalon Dsouza
- 3. Elaina Francesca Hočevar
- 4. Oliver Charles Lamarre
- 5. Tomas Nikolas Mills

Saturday, May 24th, after the Mass with Slovenian School children, we will have preparation for the First Communion celebration.



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

Sidonia	May 19, 1990
lvan	May 20, 2012
Paul Richard	May 21, 2015
Jožica	May 22, 2008
Karel	May 24, 1991
Frank	May 24, 2009
	Ivan Paul Richard Jožica Karel



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

## Svete maše - Masses

5. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  18. maj Janez I., papež mučenec	††	Za žive in rajne župljane Terezija in Franc Alojz in Marija Belovič Vojan Mozetič Paur Richard Novak Maša in procesija Jože in Marija Kuzma Janko in Veronika Broz		Hči Jožica Vegelj z družino Jože Gimpelj z družino Žena Antonija z družino Mama Jožica z družino Slovenski Park Družina Kuzma Družina Kuzma
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 19. maj Urban I., papež	†	Fr. Danijel Lisjak Kelly	7:00 рм	Jožica Novak z družino Ančka
Torek - Tuesday 20. maj Bernardin, duh.	† † † †	Ivan Sobočan, obl. Frančiška Novinec Grace Šverko Danijel Lisjak Pope Francis	7:00 рм	Family Sobočan Sestra Angela Kobe z družino Demšar-Scarcelli-Purdon Families Demšar-Scarcelli-Purdon Families Demšar-Scarcelli-Purdon Families
<b>Sreda - Wednesday</b> 21. maj <i>Timotej, dk-muč.</i>	† † †	Alojz Joželj, obl. Francka Novinec Loreta Wudloof	7:00 рм	Hči Sonja Langenfus z družino Sonja Langenfus z družino Ančka
<b>ČETRTEK - THURSDAY</b> 22. maj Marjeta Kasijska, red.		Janko in Veronika Broz Štefan in Ana Kričaj	7:00 рм	Družina Kuzma Marija
PETEK - FRIDAY 23. maj Renata, spokornica	1 1	Ana in Ivan Nedelko Pok. iz druž. Sagadin in Pozderec	7:00 рм	Alojz Sarjaš z družino Družina Verhovšek
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 24. maj Marija Pomočnica (Marija Pomagaj)	†† † ††	Janez Recek Pok. Članice SOD Ivan in Veronika Obal Marija Bukvič Jožef (obl.) in Marija Rajter Pok. Iz družine Rajter in Horvat Ivan in Ana Kovač	5:30 рм	Nečak Janez z družino Slomškovo Oltarno društvo Toni in Marija Franc Sestra Elizabeth Gimpelj z druž. Družina Mes Družina Mes Sestra Marija Korošec z družino
6. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 25. maj Nedelja turizma	† †† ††	Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Monika Gašpar Ada Forte Stanko in Marija Ferenčak Pavel in Paul Richad Novak Ivan in Ana Nedelko	10:00 ам	John Božnar Ana Gergyek Agnes Doma Brat Lojze Ferenčak z družino Jožica Novak z družino Terezija Zadravec