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## 3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Veselite se vedno v Gospodu

*Na tretjo adventno nedeljo nas Cerkev vabi k veselju. (...) Advent je rešnično čas veselja, ker se v njem pripravlja Odrešenikov prihod, priprava prihoda ljubljene in velikodušne osebe pa je vedno razlog za veselje.*

*Tako nas že današnji berili vabita k veselju. Evangelij pa odgovarja na vidik spreobrnjena in pričakovanja Odrešenikovega prihoda, ki ga oznanja Janez Krstnik.*

*Prvo berilo je vztrajno povabilo k veselju: »Vriskaj, hči sionska, vzklikaj, Izrael,« ki je podoben izrazu oznanjenja: »Pozdravljena, obdarjena z milostjo« (Lk 1,28). Ta podobnost nam svetuje, da vase sprejmemo Marijino veselje. Marija je sionska hči, ki je povabljena, da vriska, da se razveseli, Zakaj? Ker prihaja odrešenje, prihaja Odrešenik. Gospodova navzočnost na zemlji se začne s povabilom k veselju. (...) Prerok daje razumeti, da je to veselje obojestransko: mi smo povabljeni, da se razveselimo, pa tudi Gospod se bo razveselil svojega odnosa z nami: »Veseli se nad teboj v radosti, nemi v svoji ljubezni, vriska nad teboj v prepevanju.«*

*Veselje, ki je izraženo v tem odlomku, ima svojo dovršitev v Jezusu. On nam namreč, ko pride na svet, prinaša svoje veselje, kakor sam izjavlja v Janezovem evangeliju: »To sem vam povedal, da bo moje veselje v vas in da bo vaše veselje dopolnjeno« (Jn 15,11). Jezus ljudem ne prinaša samo odrešenja, konca nesreč in skrbi, ampak tudi svoje veselje. In tako je odrešenje popolno.*

*V drugem berilu Pavel iz ječe vabi svoje »drage« Filipljane, naj se veselijo v Gospodu: »Veselite se v Gospodu zmeraj; ponavljam vam, veselite se.« In v drugem odlomku istega pisma pravi: »Prav tako se veselite tudi vi in se radujte z menoj« (Flp 2,18). Zakaj se je treba veseliti? Ker je »Gospod blizu«.*

*Samo greh je tisti, ki nas oddalji od njega. In tudi ko smo grešili, nam on še naprej ostaja blizu s svojim usmiljenjem, s svojo pripravljenostjo odpustiti. Zato, pravi Pavel, nam ni treba za nič skrbeti, ampak lahko Gospodu vedno izrazimo svoje prošnje, svoje potrebe, svoje skrbi »z molitvijo in prošnjo«. Že to je velik razlog za veselje: vedeti, da lahko vedno prosimo Gospoda; vedeti, da on nikdar ne zavrne naših prošenj. In apostol dodaja: »Z zahvaljevanjem«. Veselje, ki nam ga posreduje Gospod, zbudi zahvaljevanje,*

hvaležno ljubezen. In ta s svoje strani prispeva k veselju. Veselje je namreč polno, kadar se zahvaljujemo Gospodu za dobrine, ki smo jih prejeli. Kdor božje darove sprejema na sebičen način, ne najde pravega veselja. Kdor pa v darovih, ki jih je prejel od Boga, najde priložnost, da ga ljubi z iskreno hvaležnostjo in njegovo ljubezen posreduje drugim, je resnično poln veselja.

Končno Pavel želi Filipljanom, naj božji mir, ki presega vsak razum, varuje njihova srca in njihove misli v Jezusu Kristusu. Mir in veselje gresta skupaj: brez globokega miru ne more biti pravega veselja in po drugi strani brez veselja mir ni popoln.

Že prerok Mihej poroča o tem, kaj naj stori verni Jud, da bi ugajal Gospodu: »S čim naj stopim pred Gospoda, se priklonim Bogu višave? Naj stopim predenj z žgalnimi daritvami, z enoletnimi teleti?« (6,6-7). Bog po ustih preroka odgovori: »Oznanil ti je, o človek, kaj je dobro, kaj Gospod hoče od tebe: nič drugega, kakor da ravnaš pravično, da ljubiš dobrohotnost in ponižno hodiš s svojim Bogom« (6,8). (...)

Janez da zelo konkretne nasvete tako množicam, cestninarjem, pobiralcem davkov, vojakom ... Bog ne zahteva nič izrednega, ampak samo, naj bodo pravični.

Solidarnost in pravičnost sta temeljni zahtevi, brez katerih se ne moremo dobro pripraviti na Gospodov prihod. To velja tudi za nas, ki moramo biti v tem času pred božičem posebno pozorni na pravičnost in poštenost, po drugi strani pa na podelitev in solidarnost.

Končno Janez Krstnik pove, da on ni Kristus ... »Jaz vas krščujem v vodi, pride pa močnejši od mene, katerega nisem vreden odvezati jermenov njegovih sandal.« On je tisti, ki »vas bo krstil v Svetem Duhu in ognjem«. Krstnik opiše Kristusa kot izvrševalca sodbe: »Velnico ima v roki, da bo počistil svoje mlatišče in spravljal žito v svojo kaščo, pleve pa sežgal z neugasljivim ognjem.«

V resnici pa Bog pripravlja prihod svojega Sina v perspektivi usmiljenja. Seveda je spreobrnjenje vedno potrebno, vendar je Bog za svojega edinorojenega Sina predvidel ime »Jezus«, ker bo »svoje ljudstvo odrešil grehov« (Mt 1,21). In Jezus sam je dejal: »Nisem prišel, da bi svet sodil, ampak da bi ga rešil« (Jn 12,47). Bog bo ljudi sodil ob koncu sveta, sedaj pa jih hoče samo rešiti.

Jezusov prihod pričakujemo z velikim upanjem, vendar, da je Jezus največji dar Očetove ljubezni. Zato je Jezusov prihod za nas razlog velikega veselja.

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**R: Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**First Reading** *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

The day of the Lord's coming is a day of great rejoicing that will see evil expelled and the world renewed in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading** *Philippians 4:4-7*

The early Christian Church is encouraged to live model lives as they immanently await with hope the Lord's return.

**Gospel** *Luke 3:1-18*

With hopeful expectation, John guides the people to prepare themselves by putting aside the passing world.

*And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?"*



### Illustration

At various times throughout our lives, we will put ourselves through experiences which could be classed as unpleasant or even painful.

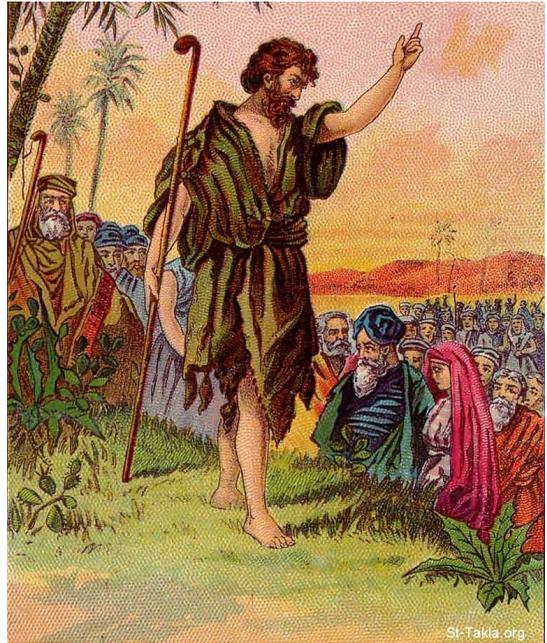
From Weight Watchers to Slimming World: we stop eating fattening foods, cut down on the quantities we take, and even start eating foods which we might otherwise consider distasteful. From examinations to driving tests: these involve weeks of hard study, sleepless nights and long hours of practice, all in the hope of remembering and, on the day, practicing what has been learnt.

Diets and examinations are but samples of the many unpleasant or painful experiences which we inflict on ourselves throughout our lives. The question is – Why? Why do we diet, why do we take exams, why do we do anything that causes pain or is unpleasant? The reason is, of course, so that we can eventually rejoice in the fact that we are slim and healthy or knowledgeable and qualified. We rejoice because we have achieved our aim; we have completed the process; we have attained our goal.

## Gospel Teaching

In the Old Testament times, there were many prophets in the generations preceding the birth of Jesus. These men predicted the future, often centred around the coming of a saviour. Many of the prophets described how people would feel and how they would react when this event took place. In the first reading from the prophet Zephaniah, we find an example of this prophecy. Zephaniah foresees a day of great rejoicing when people will rejoice with all their heart. However, people everywhere on earth, at the instant of the Saviour's birth – the day of rejoicing – didn't begin a festival of dancing and song. People who were unhappy or sick or poor didn't start dancing and shouting aloud.

The people of Israel went through a painful process. Just as the healthy body and the qualification only appear after undergoing the ordeal of a diet or an examination, so, with the time of joy, the time of the Saviour, the time of Jesus. A painful experience was necessary before the people could rejoice. In the Gospel we find that another prophet is not only foretelling the great day of rejoicing but also describing the process which must be undertaken before the day of rejoicing can take place. John the Baptist calls the people to change heart. He tells them that they must put right their wrongs so that those who are sad through poverty, injustice or persecution may also be able to rejoice. It is this change of heart: the rectifying of wrongs, poverty, injustice



and persecution which is the painful process, the challenge which is given by John the Baptist. This is the process which will enable all to rejoice, not just the rich and powerful but also the poor, the deprived and the persecuted.

## Application

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is given the title “gaudate”, a Latin word which means “rejoice”. On this Sunday everyone is called to renew this process which enables everyone to rejoice, to be joyous. Today we recall and renew this process of preparation and in so doing we are renewing our commitment to the Christian life; a life which calls us to make hard decisions, decisions which can be painful. Throughout these final days before Christmas, therefore, let us remember that in our Christian lives this Advent, we are called to bring joy to those around us and especially to those for whom life is filled with sadness and pain.

“Let us therefore be people of joy this Advent in time for the birthday of our Saviour.”

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Dragi rojaki,

in order to plan the Embassies' activities in 2025, we would kindly ask you to provide us the list of your activities in the coming year, especially the round anniversaries.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**VESELE PRAZNIKE!!!**

Katja Lina Biloslav

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## BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Christmas 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We have begun the Advent Season, a time of active and spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The four weeks of Advent pass quickly and, almost before we know it, Christmas is upon us: the birth of Jesus Christ in a manger in Bethlehem.



During Advent, we meet, in Sacred Scripture, figures who help us understand the importance of the Christmas event and point out the way for us to prepare well. The Angel Gabriel assures us that "with God all things are possible"! The Virgin Mary sets the high standard of openness and obedience to God's will in our lives. St. Joseph acts on revelations in his dreams. John the Baptist calls us to prepare spiritually and practically for the coming of Christ into our lives. The shepherds listen to the revelation of angels and hurry to meet the Lord. The Magi follow a star to find Him. For each, the experience is different. For all, it leads to an important encounter with Jesus.

For the past number of years, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared an on-line series called **Journey Through Advent**. The weekly reflections in English and French open our hearts and minds. This year, Cardinal Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, is the presenter in Eng-

I am excited to report that we will have a full house for New Years, celebrating our **60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee** - it will be a great way to ring in the New Year, with Family and Friends!

With 1 table and a few seats left, tickets are only \$60/person and include a complimentary welcome drink, dinner, a dessert buffet, a light late night table and live music by Slo Beat.

We are still looking for help to make things perfect. We are reaching out to everyone and looking for individuals who are willing to help out, and yes, you will be paid. While we have some help already, we still need: a few servers, kitchen help on Monday, December 30th during the day, Tuesday December 31st 9am-2pm, 2pm-9pm and 9pm-11pm. We have found clean-up help so hopefully a few more will come forward to help with our other tasks. Our hope is to have everyone out of the kitchen no later than 11pm New Year's Eve.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor on New Year's Eve.

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lish. His profound spiritual reflections are gifts to us, available on the CCCB website. They nourish our faith and help us prepare well.

In our Diocese, Parish Priests, Lay Pastoral Ministers, choirs and musicians, sacristans and decorators and cleaners — a bevy of gifted and generous people — help assure that all is ready for the Christmas celebrations. We are blessed that dedicated Priests, Deacons and lay-faithful care enough to do the necessary work of planning and preparing so that we might **Come Home for Christmas** and celebrate well. I am grateful to all who serve and I pray that, as our cloistered Carmelite Nuns so often say, "God reward you"!

Advent is a good time to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We get ready "outwardly". It is wise to prepare ourselves "interiorly" as well. A good Confession does wonders for the soul and for our hearts. It frees us and lifts us up. Pastors make time to welcome you and are happy to celebrate this liberating Sacrament.

I like to send and receive Christmas cards at Christmas. The Canada Post strike has precluded that pleasure this year. It means prayers for my family and friends must be evermore intentional. As I pray for them, I pray also for you, brothers and sisters, co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord, and parishioners throughout this vast Diocese. As we open the **Jubilee Year of Hope** on December 29, and live the experience of being Pilgrims of Hope, let us give thanks for the

gift of faith that provides meaning and purpose to our lives —and hope for a future in union with the One Who Comes!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+ *Douglas Crosby*, OMI

(*Most Reverend*) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton

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*Pastirsko pismo ob začetku svetega leta 2025  
za ljubljansko nadškofijo*

## **ROMARJI UPANJA**

3. adventna nedelja, 15. december 2024

Dragi bratje in sestre!

Na sveti večer, 24. decembra 2024, bo papež Frančišek v baziliki sv. Petra v Rimu odprl svetoletna vrata in s tem začel z obhajanjem rednega svetega leta. V krajevnih cerkvah po vsem katoliškem svetu bomo sveto leto začeli obhajati na nedeljo Svete Družine, 29. decembra 2024. V naši nadškofiji se bomo za slovesnost ob začetku svetega leta najprej zbrali ob 15.30 v cerkvi Marijinega oznanjenja na Tromostovju v Ljubljani, od kjer bomo med molitvijo poromali proti stolnici sv. Nikolaja, kjer bo ob 16.00 sveta maša. V celotnem svetem letu pa bo mogoče poromati v še druge svetoletne cerkve v naši nadškofiji, v baziliko na Brezje, v baziliko v Stični in v župnijsko cerkev na Rakovniku v Ljubljani.

To sveto leto, v katerega vstopamo, je redno sveto leto, ki ga obhajamo vsakih petindvajset let. Papež Frančišek je za vodilno misel tega leta izbral geslo: romarji upanja. »Vsi upajo. V srcu vsakega človeka je shranjeno upanje kot želja in pričakovanje dobrega, klub temu, da ne ve, kaj bo prinesel s seboj jutri. Nepredvidljivost prihodnosti pa vendar poraja včasih nasprotujoča si občutja: od zaupanja do strahu, od vedrine do pobitosti, od gotovosti do dvoma. Naj bo Jubilej za vse priložnost za poživitev upanja. Božja Beseda nam pomaga, da za to najdemo razloge« (Bula, 1).

Sveto leto je starodavna ustanova, ki ima svoje globoke korenine v Svetem pismu. V Tretji Mojzesovi knjigi Bog naroča Mojzesu: »Deseti dan sedmega meseca, na pravni dan, daj zatrobiti na rog naznanilo, po vsej vaši deželi dajte trobiti na rog! Posvetite petdeseto leto in razglasite po deželi osvoboditev vsem njenim prebivalcem! To naj vam bo jubilej in vsakdo naj se vrne k svoji lastnini, vsak k svoji rodbini« (3 Mz 25,9-10).

Takšen rog je za nas bula papeža Frančiška, s katero je razglasil sveto leto. Buli je dal naslov »Upanje ne osramoti«. Povabilo na pot upanja, na romanje upanja, je namenjeno vsem nam. Vsem kristjanom, po nas pa vsem ljudem dobre volje.

Romanje upanja je namreč najprej osebno romanje vsakega izmed nas, da v tem svetem letu odkrije pristne globine svojega odnosa do Kristusa in njegovega evangelija. Na osebнем svetoletnem romanju se odprimo besedi Svetega pisma in milosti zakramentov, da bomo okrepili in utrdili svojo povezanost z Jezusom Kristusom in njegovo Cerkvijo. To bo romanje v »oaze duhovnosti, kjer lahko okrepečamo pot vere in se odžejamo pri vrelih upanja, najprej s pristopanjem k zakramentu sprave, ki je nenadomestljivo izhodišče resnične poti spreobrnjenja« (Bula, 5).

Papež Frančišek nas v svojem pismu vabi, da bi pridobili popolne odpustke. Možnosti je veliko. Popolni odpustek namreč pomeni poseben Božji dar usmiljenja in ga prejmemo, ko smo posebej v edinosti z Jezusom v zakramentu spovedi in evharistije, v edinosti s Cerkvijo, s papežem ter s svojimi brati in sestrami.

Vendar naše romanje upanje na sme postati ali ostati zgolj nekakšna notranja, v zasebnost življenja umaknjena, morda celo skrita pobožnost. Nikakor. Jezus namreč vedno vabi svoje učence, naj pridejo k njemu, naj bodo z njim, da jih potem pošlje. Kam? Po vsem svetu! Tako naroča Jezus svojim učencem: »Pojdite po vsem svetu in oznanite evangelij vsemu stvarstvu« (Mr 16,15).

Romanje upanja nas mora po Jezusovem naročilu voditi ven, nas voditi k bratom in sestram. Romanje upanja mora okrepiti naša krščanska občestva, v katerih

častimo Boga in poglobljamo svoje versko znanje. A romanje se ne more in ne sme končati znotraj občestva. »Oznanite evangelij vsemu stvarstvu,« pravi Jezus.

Zato prosim vse kristjane, da v želji, da bi izpolnili to Jezusovo besedo, na tem romanju upanja osvobodijo svojo vero. Že dolgo časa vedno znova večkrat slišimo in doživljamo, naj vera ostaja shranjena znotraj naših cerkva ali pa znotraj zidov našega doma. In smo se tega navadili in se temu prilagodili. Svojo vero umikamo v skrite koticke življenja. A takšna vera, skrita vera, ne more biti oznanilo vsemu stvarstvu. Naj nas romanje upanja pripelje do svobode naše vere, da jo bomo živeli z veseljem in jo izpričevali tudi drugim.

Na tej poti romanja upanja bomo morali prehoditi še eno najtežjih poti v življenju vsakega človeka, pa tudi v življenju naroda, pot sprave in pot odpuščanja. Prosim in spodbujam vas, dragi bratje in sestre, da se v svetem letu podate k ljudem, s katerimi ste v sporu; k ljudem, s katerimi ne govorite. To romanje naj ponovno združi brata z bratom, soseda s sosedom, nekdanjega prijatelja s prijateljem. Sami dobro veste, koliko teh poti bomo morali prehoditi, in veste tudi, kako težki so koraki, ki vodijo na to pot upanja. A brez tega bo sveto leto ostalo brez sadov. Slišali smo namreč Boga, ki govori Mojzesu: »Razglasite po deželi osvoboditev vsem njenim prebivalcem! To naj vam bo jubilej in vsakdo naj se vrne k svoji lastnini, vsak k svoji rodbini!«

Danes nam Janez Krstnik v evangeliju pravi: »Kdor ima dve suknji, naj ju deli s tistim, ki nima nobene, in kdor ima živež, naj stori prav tako. Ne terjajte nič več, kakor vam je ukazano. Nikomur ne grozite in nikogar ne izsiljujte, ampak bodite zadovoljni s svojo plačo.« Pavel je to povzel v enem samem stavku: »Vaša dobrotta naj bo znana vsem ljudem.«

Naj bo to, bratje in sestre, cilj našega svetoletnega romanja upanja.

msgr. Stanislav Zore OFM  
*ljubljski nadškof metropolit*

## DRUŠTVO BLEĐ

Wow, what a fantastic time we had celebrating Christmas and Cookie Sale at Bled Hall on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

We had an overwhelming attendance to the point that we ran out of food before we could feed everyone as some people did not reserve their attendance. We had expected appropriately 60 to 70 people and we ended up with 94 adults and children.

Thanks to all those who came out and supported the club! Everyone had a wonderful time, lots of crafts and games for the kids and even the big kids got involved!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped us! From the cooking staff who worked their hearts out to make a wonderful meal, to the bar staff, the students who also helped run the event and the wonderful members who help plan, set up and run the event!

Big shout out to those who donated cookies and frozen strudel for the bake sale.

Without the support and attendance from all of you this would not be possible!

The event would not be complete without a visit from Old Saint Nick himself.

As President of Bled Slovenian Cultural Club I would like to thank you all! I can't wait until next year!

Thank you, Frank Sampl



Photos: Club Bled



## SLOVENSKA ŠOLA

V soboto, 14. decembra dopoldne smo imeli sveto mašo z otroci Slovenske šole, naslednjo soboto ni več šole. Po maši so otroci s svojimi okraski okrasili smreko v atriju cerkve, nato so nadaljevali program v prostorih šole.





*invites you to celebrate the New Year*

**2025**

# **New Year's Day Celebration**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

Dance, sing along,  
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MaryAnn Barich 905-945-3750  
John Gerden 905-708-7221



**Please Respect Our  
Ticket Order DEADLINE:**

**\*\*\* Friday, December 20 \*\*\***

No Late Orders Accepted

No Tickets At The Door

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

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# OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

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- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Sava - Mass at 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Slovenski Park - Members Christmas Party
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Društvo sv. Jožefa - Božičnica
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - London - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - Lipa Park - St. Stephen's Day Mass at 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - St. Gregory - New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - Lipa Park - New Year's Day Luncheon

## BRALCI - READERS:

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Slov. : Olga Glavač  
Eng. : Rita Bartula

## ČIŠČENJE - CLEANING

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Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Gosgnach team  
Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - Štefka Eržen team

## GIFT BEARERS

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- Milena Volčanšek in Majda Lukežič

## CHEQUES - INFORMATION

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When you write cheque for your donation to our church you only have to write:

**St. Gregory the Great.**

## OGNJIŠČE

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Naročnina za revijo Ognjišče za prihodnje leto je \$100.- Sporočite, če boste še naročniki revije Ognjišče za leto 2025, da jih obvestimo glede števila izvodov, ki jih nam pošiljajo. Hvala.

## ADVENT - BOŽIČ 2024

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V ponedeljek, 16. decembra bomo začeli z Božično devetdnevnicco. Med sveto mašo bomo prepevali božično devetdnevnicco.

**Spoved** pred Božičem bo v sredo, **18. decembra**, zvečer z začetkom ob **5:00 p.m.** Med spovedjo bo izpostavljeno Najsvetejše. Ob 7:00 p.m. je sveta maša z nagovorom. Za spoved bo prišel gospod **Leopold Valant** iz Toronta.

Smo tudi v pripravi na **Jubilejno leto 2025**, ki se bo uradno začelo 24. decembra 2024: papež Francišek bo na letošnji sveti večer ob 19. uri obhajal sveto mašo na Trgu sv. Petra v Vatikanu. Slovesnemu bogoslužju bo sledil **obred odpiranja svetih vrat**.

Pomenljivo je že geslo svetega leta, ki ga je papež izbral in sicer **Romarji upanja**. »To je v bistvu naša identiteta – da smo romarji na poti našega življenja. Tudi samo naše duhovno življenje je eno romanje. Ni nekaj, kar samo po sebi deluje, ampak je potrebno tudi naše sodelovanje. In hkrati pravi to upanje. Papež uporablja zanimiv izraz: ni to lahkomišno upanje, ampak gre za eno drugo vsebino. Tam je naše upanje: na koncu; ta pogled s konca: v Kristusu.«

**Envelopes for Christmas** - In the Sunday box of envelopes is no envelope for Christmas donation. Because Canada Post is still on strike, we can not mail our Christmas envelopes; you can take them at the entrance of the Church - they are beside the Vestniks.

Next Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will be able to get Sunday yearly Envelopes, Calendars, (English and Slovenian), frankincense (kadilo).

## DAROVI - DONATIONS

Za misijone je darovala \$100.– Elizabeth Gimpelj

Za gradbeni sklad in potrebe cerkve so darovali:

- \$90.– Štefan Gašpar v spomin na pok. Jan-ka Polanič
- \$1500.– Jožef in Emilija Lovrenčec
- \$300.– T. F.

Hvala vsem za vaše darove in nedeljske prispevke za potrebe naše cerkve.



## MAŠA: Breslau - Kitchener

Danes, 15. decembra bomo imeli v bivši dvorani društva Sava-Breslau ob 1:30 p.m. sveto mašo, ki se bo darovala po naslednjih namenih:

Helen Blažon z družino daruje sveto mašo:

- za pok. Branka Blažon
- za pok. Lojzeta Prilesnik

Nancy Frankovič daruje sveto mašo:

- za pok. Franka Frankovič, ucle
- za pok. Mary Frankovič, mother

Angela & Jožef Prilesnik, Mary Muhič in George Muhič-Day darujejo svete maše:

- za pok. Natasho Prilesnik
- za pok. stare starše Alojza in Antonijo Prilesnik, Jurija in Marijo Muhič
- za pok. Alexa and Betty Muhič (nee McMahan)
- za pok. Ano Barič and Adama Barič
- za pok. Leopolda "Leo" Babič

Družina Martin Mirt daruje svete maše:

- za pok. brata Pepita in Slavkota Mirt
- za pokojne starše Mirt



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

Radman	Zlatko Gordon	December 16, 2001
Kolenko	Rozalija-Rose	December 16, 2023
Smodiš	Philip Vice	December 17, 1979
Stergulc	Giovanni	December 20, 2005
Ferko	Anton (Tony)	December 20, 2023
Šverko	Marija	December 21, 2020
Sudac	Anna	December 22, 1995
Brancelj	Anton (Tony)	December 22, 2023



**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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