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Jezus, prijatelj izgubljenih in zavrženih

Komu je Jezus povedal priliko? Verjetno cestinarjem in grešnikom, ljudem, ki so jim verski voditelji jemali upanje. Jezus je videl izgubljene in je k njim pristopil. Cestinarji so pobirali pristojbine pri mestnih vratih, bili so Judje v službi Rimljanov. Grešniki pa so bili vsi, ki se niso menili za izpolnjevanje verskih predpisov. Cestinarji in grešniki so bili brezbožneži, v nasprotju s farizeji, ki so se »imeli za bogaboječe« in verne. Že sprejemanje grešnikov je bilo slabo, jesti z njimi še toliko slabše, postati njihov prijatelj pa je pomenilo nasprotovati vsem vrednotam »pravovernega, bogaboječega Juda«.

Zakaj Jezus tako ravna? Ker hoče, da se grešniki rešijo. Jezus poudarja usmiljenje, ki je del človekove narave: »Kdo izmed vas...« Noben človek ni brez vrednosti in vsak nezavedno odgovarja na božji klic. Zato Bog nad nikomer ne obupa. Jezus je med nenavadnimi prijatelji odkrival zaupanje. Ni bil slep za njihove potrebe: človek ne more živeti brez molitve. Če se je zaradi moralnih napak odtujil Bogu in človeku, je žal na pol mrtev. Tako so cestinarji in grešniki izgubljeni zaradi neumnosti, zaradi katere se tudi ovca izgubi, izgubljeni zaradi svoje brezbržnosti in brezbržnosti okolice, kakor je izgubljen kovanec. Jezus se je družil z grešniki zaradi njihove izgubljenosti in zaupanja. Prišel jim je naproti. To je edini način, da jih privede do osvoboditve. A tudi farizeji in pismouki so izgubljeni, čeprav na drugi poti.

V priliki o izgubljenem kovancu je poudarek na kovancu in ženinem veselju. Ena sama drahma ni veliko bogastvo, toda bila je deseti del ženinih prihrankov in polovica tempeljske takse. Zaradi pomanjkanje je tudi izguba ene same drahme, ljudi navdala z grozo. V božjih očeh pa ima tolikšno vrednost sleherni človek. Bog se ne more sprijazniti z izgubljenim zakladom. Žena je preiskala vso hišo... Tudi Bog človeka išče. Pripravljenost najti človeka ga je pripeljala celo na Kalvarijo: to je čudovita zgodba, zgodba odrešenja. Odpreti se Bogu, ki te išče, je tisto, kar človeka resnično osvobodi.

LONG WEEKEND - LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Za ta »Long Weekend« je bilo zelo živahno po društvih, posebej še na Slovenskem parku, kjer je bilo tekmovanje v Baseballu. Zvečer je mlade z glasbo zabaval DJ Joe. V nedeljo ob enih pa smo se zbrali tudi pri kapeli za mašo. V popoldnevu so mladi uživali v topli vodi, drugi ob dobri hrani in prijateljski družbi ali pa tudi ob zvokih melodij ansambla Goleden Keys. Lepo vreme je pripomoglo k dobremu razpoloženju.

V ponedeljek pa je bilo zelo živahno tudi pri društvu Bled, kjer se tudi zbralo presenetljivo veliko obiskovalcev. Gotovo je mnoge privabila glasba slovenskega ansambla KOLOVRÁT.



LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS

Thank you to all the families who have suggested memorial donations to St. Gregory the Great Church in memory of their loved ones. These donations received from parishioners and friends are truly appreciated.

We would encourage all parishioners to consider remembering St. Gregory the Great Church when suggesting expressions of sympathy or when arranging estate planning. Parishioners who would like information about making a bequest or leaving a legacy in their will should contact Father Drago for more information.

Hvala vsem družinam, ki so predlagale, da ob pogrebu vaših dragih lahko ljudje namenijo dar za našo cerkev. Radi bi tudi spodbudili farane, da bi se spomnili cerkve sv. Gregorija Velikega tudi, ko delate svoje oporoke ali zapuščino. Tisti, ki bi radi imeli kaj več informacij glede te zadeve, se lahko obrnete na župnišče.

SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

"The Foundation was established to encourage youth of Slovenian descent to pursue academic excellence in post secondary college and/or university studies and to encourage them to exemplify pride in their rich Slovenian cultural roots and traditions as Canadian citizens in leadership roles of the future."

(Mission Statement)

The 2016 Scholarship/Bursary Application Form is now available for eligible candidates. A paper copy can be obtained from St. Gregory the Great Parish, Bled Hall or Lipa Park. If you need further information, or a

downloaded copy of the application form, please contact Teresa Zupančič, Slo./Can. Board Member at 905-930-7545 or at t_zupancic@hotmail.com. The deadline for submission is September 9th, 2016.

All scholarships and bursaries will be awarded at a special luncheon (also a fundraiser) on **Sunday October 23rd, 2016**. We hope to see everyone there, as we will be celebrating our 20th year awarding scholarships and bursaries to our youth of Slovenian descent.

For Tickets, please contact any one of the following:

Karl Ferko - 905-578-5890
Rosemary Pavlič - 905-643-7394
Ed Kodarin - 905-309-4050
Andy Habjan - 905-899-3876
Irene Glavač Petrič - 905-379-3667

Please note: Memorial Donation Cards for the Slovenian Canadian Scholarship Foundation are now available in three funeral homes: Donald Brown in Stoney Creek, Smith's Funeral Home in Stoney Creek and Markey-Dermody Funeral Home in Hamilton. We hope to include Patrick J. Dart Funeral Chapel in St. Catharines in the next coming month. If you have any questions regarding the donation cards, please contact the funeral director at the above – mentioned funeral homes, or contact Irene Glavač-Petrič, Slo./Can. Board Member at 905-379-3667 or at glavacpetric@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

Board Members

Karl Ferko (Co-Chair), Andy Habjan (Co-Chair), Jerry Ponikvar, Ed Kodarin, Teresa Zupančič, Rosemary Pavlič, John Doma, John Kranjc, Mariane Mallia, Frank Gimpelj, Irene Glavač-Petrič.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – FALL BANQUET / ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Summer is almost over and the parish fall banquet is fast approaching. This year, the banquet is on Sunday, September 25 and there will be an opportunity to purchase St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish's Anniversary Book. Fr. Bogdan, who put the book together, will be the guest speaker at the event.

We are also looking for volunteers and would appreciate any help you can offer; servers, bartenders, and help with the set up and clean up of the hall. Please contact a member of the Parish Council by Sunday, September 18. As always, there promises to be good food and there will even be a few door prizes.

Reservations are being taken so please contact **Pamela Gosgnach** at **905-304-8719** or **Teresa Sarjaš** at **905-560-1218**

Thank you,
Parish Council



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Response: **I will get up and go to my Father.**

First Reading Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

For the Lord to break his promise to Abraham would be to deny God's own self.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul is himself a sign of God's mercy. He lived in God's mercy.

Gospel Luke 15:1-32

In the human heart, no matter how perverse, there is always an echo of God's mercy.

"He was lost and is found."

Illustration

A traditional feature of many Catholic churches is what's known as the St Anthony's Box. Its presence is often taken for granted by those who have been brought up in the Catholic faith, but for newcomers or visitors to our churches its purpose may be somewhat confusing. Try explaining it to someone who's unfamiliar with it and look at his or her face, as you explain that St Anthony is the saint who specialises in finding lost things. It may help to add that the money put in the box is supposed to be for those who are poor.

Finding lost things may seem like a trivial concern about which to ask for the prayers of a saint. Yet even the calmest of people can lose their cool if they have lost something. Sometimes we can become very agitated indeed, even if the thing that is lost is not all that valuable. That very human tendency to make a fuss about lost things, and to be overjoyed when we find them again, is the foundation of the three parables in the Gospel that we have heard today.

Gospel Teaching

Sometimes, in the Gospels, Jesus asks the people to supply the ending of the parable he has told. In the Gospel of St Matthew he tells the story of the vineyard owner who sends agents to ask for the fruit of his vineyard. The people who rent the vineyard abuse the agents and finally kill the owner's son. So Jesus asks his audience what the owner will do. The people reply, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives."

In today's Gospel, we have three parables that Christ completes; but what if he had stopped and asked the people to finish them? The first two parables would have been easy to complete. What would the shepherd do? He would go looking for his lost sheep. What would the woman do? She would continue to search for her lost coin.

The ending of the third parable, although this story of the prodigal son may be very familiar to us, would have been less obvious to people hearing it for the first time. When we lose property, we want it back. When we lose people, our emotions are more complex. Anger and self-righteousness can get in the way. To lose a son is much worse than to lose a sheep or a coin, but we often collude in the loss of someone in our lives. Pride stands in the way and excludes love. The father in the parable seems to humiliate himself, but what is that compared to the humility of Christ's incarnation and the cross? The only treasure God cares about is people. Yet this is not a treasure that can be found just by looking for it. This treasure has to cooperate if it is to be found. That is why an opportunity to forgive and to be forgiven is a cause for joy and celebration; but remember that the mirror of mercy looks two ways. We are called to see ourselves and our own sins in that mirror, as well as allowing the one who is forgiven to see that he or she is forgiven.

Application

In the Dominican order, when an applicant seeks to be clothed as a novice, the would-be novice is asked what he or she seeks. The answer is: "God's mercy and yours". There is an important truth there. There cannot just be a relationship to God that excludes all other human beings, and most of all in the matter of God's mercy. Human beings need to be forgiven by each other as well. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Humility makes mercy possible, but the humility of God has placed mercy in our hands. We can obscure that mercy and make each other despair. Or we can give each other hope and enter into love.

Mercy is not like a medicine, which we may take for a while and then, being healed, are able to dispense with. It is more like the air that we breathe.

PISMA - POŠTA ZA JESENSKI BANKET

V atriju imate pošto za jesenski banket: v kuverti je pismo, kuverta za dar in prijavnica za jesenski banket. Prosimo, če jih vzamete, lahko tudi za sosede, če veste, da jih ne bo v cerkev. Tako bo manj za pošiljanje po pošti.

Iskrena hvala vsem, ki so pomagali pri pripravi in zlaganju pisem v kuverte: Pamela G., Frank N., Gizela H., Majda L. In Terezija S.

CWL - KŽŽ

We will begin our regular CWL meetings in October. Ladies mark on your calendar for the Wednesday, October 5th after evening Mass.

Članice Katoliške ženske zveza bodo imela prvi sestanek v sredo, 5. oktobra, po večerni maši.



OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEVSKE VAJE

V četrtek, po večerni maši so pevske vaje za mešani pevski zbor. Pripravljamo se za nedeljo, 25. septembra ob 10h dopoldne, ko imamo jesenski banket.

DOGODKI V BLIŽNJI PRIHODNOSTI

- ♦ 10/11. september: **Triglav-London** - Saturday: Golf Tournament at Bear Creek; Sunday: Holy mass at 2:00 p.m. and picnic after.
- ♦ 25. september: **St. Gregory the Great** - FALL BANQUET: Mass at 10:00 a.m. only. **Fr. Bogdan Kolar** will do the presentation of the new book he wrote about our parish History.
- ♦ 1. oktober: **Lipa park** - Oktoberfest
- ♦ 2. oktober: **Bled** - Fall Banquet; **Sava-Breslau**: maša ob 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ 14/15 oktober: **Sava-Breslau** - Oktoberfest
- ♦ 15. oktober: **Triglav-London** - Vinska trgatav-Oktoberfest
- ♦ 22. oktober: **Slovenski park** - Clean up
- ♦ 23. oktober: **Scholarship Foundation** - SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

KITCHENER OKTOBERFEST 2016 - DAYTRIP

St. Joseph Society once again is planning to attend Oktoberfest – **Sava Club – Breslau Saturday, October 15th**.

Departure: 12:00 Special package - \$65 includes: visit to St. Jacob Market and Outlets, Sava Club Admission, Family style dinner, Oktoberfest Band, German Dancers, Taxes & gratuities and comfortable Motor Coach transportation. All are welcome!

Registration: Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Society - contact: **Frank Erzar** (905-643-0285) or **Jerry Ponikvar** (905-333-5813).

GIFT BEARERS - DAROVE PRINAŠAJO

- ♦ **11. september, 9:30 am:** Albina in Jože Antolin

KITCHEN SECRETS IS ON THE CALENDAR...

It's that time again when we start organizing a few more cooking sessions - and what could be better than to make Plum Dumplings (Cmoki / Knedelni) in the fall time. This is a potato dumpling with a juicy plum in the middle. Or if you prefer, you can simply make potato dumplings. If you are interested in adding this recipe to your recipe box, please email me at novakh@sympatico.ca to reserve your spot. This session will take place on **October 1st beginning at 9:00 am** - there are limited spots available to call to ensure you don't miss out. I look forward to sharing the kitchen with you again! Heidy

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA - SLOVENIAN SCHOOL

Dear parents,

September is here and the school doors are open for another year. This means that it will also be time for SLOVENIAN SCHOOL.

If you have a child in Kindergarten or older in English school, he/she is eligible to enroll in Slovenian School. As descendants of our small Slovenian nation, let's make it possible for our children to become acquainted with their ancestral homeland and learn Slovenian. One day they will thank you for having the foresight and the interest in sending them to Slovenian school. We all feel the need to offer our children extra curricular activities in sports, music, dance, etc. Don't you think that it is just as important to offer them the opportunity to broaden their intellect by learning the language of their parents or grandparents? We urge you to think about it and send your children to SLOVENIAN SCHOOL!

Our programs are easily comprehended and are geared towards the ability of the children. Our Kindergarten and Level One programs are geared towards children who do not speak any Slovenian. Accordingly, they

concentrate on vocabulary building by listening to stories, tapes, videos, games and conversation, etc. - with no formal reading and writing, to prepare them for level 2 where they will be eased into reading and writing in Slovenian only when they are ready for it.

First day of registration for SLOVENIAN SCHOOL was on September 10th, 2016 in the classroom behind the upper hall.

Regular classes will start on September 17th, 2016 at 9:00 AM to 12:30PM.

Although our goal is to teach the children to read, write and speak Slovenian, more importantly, it is to instill into them a Slovenian identity, a feeling of love and pride towards their Slovenian roots and their cultural heritage. Because our Slovenian School is a part of the Slovenian community, it also gives the children a sense of belonging. It is a place where they make lasting friendships.

Our children are the guarantee for the continuance of our Slovenian identity. Be proud that you are Slovenian and give your children the same opportunity! We look forward to seeing you!

Sandy Ferletič – Head Teacher

Slovenian International Language School



The teachers of Slovenian School are ready.
Are you ready too?

DAROVI

Za gradbeni sklad /streho/ so darovali:

\$ 100 Ivan in Ana Kirec
\$ 100 Marija Hočevar
\$ 100 Emilija Mertuk
\$ 100 Ivan Mertuk
\$ 100 Marija Glavač
\$ 200 Martin in Kathy Simončič
\$ 100 Toni Vinčec

V spomin na + Lyn Lobo so darovali:

\$25 Grant & Mary Mcracken
\$ 50 Majda Lukežič
\$ 25 Dennis & Jean Brellisford
\$ 20 Karol in Milka Ferko

V spomin na + Lyn Lobo in Tilko Vengar je darovala \$30 Družina Malevič

V spomin na + Slavka Slobodnika so darovali:

\$ 50 Skala Ed
\$ 80 Skala Cvetka
\$ 50 Rozalija Pušič
\$ 100 Paul & Tina Bellavia
\$ 50 Vlado & Mary Kolich
\$ 30 Ana Kolich
\$ 50 N.N.
\$ 30 Jože in Ana Marišič
\$ 100 Julie & Family Kraševac
\$ 20 Branko
\$100 Steve, MaryAnn & Family Cafuta
\$ 100 Family Majzelj
\$ 20 N.N.
\$ 40 Karlina Nemanič
\$ 40 Anton & Anica Nemanič
\$ 30 Maria Bayuk
\$ 50 Ignac in Marija Horvat

Vsi darovi so namenjeni za gradbeni sklad (streho). Hvala vsem za vaš dar.



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:00 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 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 (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.

Od 11. 9. 2016
Do 18. 9. 2016

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

24. NEDELJA MED LETOM 11. SEPTEMBER <i>Bonaventura, redovnik</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 A.M.	
	† Anika Stanko		Janez Lovrenčec
	†† Matija in Agata Žižek	11:00 A.M.	Matija in Joyce Tompa
	†† Pokojni člani društva Triglav	2:00 P.M.	London-Triglav
			Joe in Olga Hanc
PONEDELJEK-MONDAY 12. SEPTEMBER <i>Marijino ime</i>	† Pavel Novak	7:00 P.M.	Ignac in Marija Horvat
	† Jože Vuk		Ignac in Marija Horvat
	†† Tilka in Anton Vengar		Ignac in Marija Horvat
	†† Jože in Marija Zelko		Bernarda Milosavljevič
TOREK - TUESDAY			
13. SEPTEMBER <i>Janez Zlatousti, škof</i>	† Zdravko Troha	8:00 A.M.	Danica Maradin
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 14. SEPTEMBER <i>Povišanje sv. Križa</i>	†† Pokojni prijatelji	7:00 P.M.	Sonja Langenfus
	† Jože Lovšin		Družina Pust
	† Lyn Lobo		Francisca D'Costa
	† Slavko Slobodnik		Tone in Anica Nemanič
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 15. SEPTEMBER <i>Žalostna Mati Božja, (Dolores)</i>	† Stane Napast	7:00 P.M.	Družina Pinter
	†† Pokojni iz družine Kološa		Majda Salajko
	† Valentin Žvan		Družina Žvan
	†† Sorodniki in prijatelji		Družina Žvan
	†† Starši in brata Ceklin		Družina Svoljšak
	†† Starši Svoljšak		Marjan z družino
PETEK - FRIDAY 16. SEPTEMBER <i>Kornelij in Ciprijan</i>	† Dominik Zorčič	7:00 P.M.	Jožica in Ivan Vegelj
	†† Julijana in Alojz Pozderec		Julijana Sagadin z družino
	† Kathy Zamoka		Manja Erzetič
SOBOTA SATURDAY 17. SEPTEMBER <i>Robert Bellarmino, škof</i>	Po namenu	8:00 A.M.	N.N.
	†† Marija in Janez Grebenc	5:30 P.M.	Lojze in Peter Grebenc
	†† Francka in Jože Pust		Jožica Vlašič
	† Ivan Tompa		Sestra
	† Pavel Novak		Michael in Marija Fabina
25. NEDELJA MED LETOM 18. SEPTEMBER <i>Jožef, duhovnik</i>	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 A.M.	
	† Matilda Berkovič, obl.		Sin Zlatko Berkovič z družino
	†† Ankica Mlačak in pokojni Mlačak	11:00 A.M.	Sin z družino