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Ak chceš, môžeš plniť prikázania; je v tvojej moci zostať verným. Boh položil pred teba oheň a vodu, siahni rukou po tom, čo chceš. Pred človekom stojí život a smrť; dostane to, čo si vyvolá.

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Šiesta nedeľa v Cezročnom období
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blažení tí, čo kráčajú podľa zákona Pánovho.
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Máme povinnosť a zodpovednosť vychovávať sa, formovať svoje svedomie

Ako rôzne sa dokážeme voči sebe navzájom, aj voči sebe samému správať! Čo charakterizuje naše správanie? Podľa čoho nás ľudia poznajú? Príslovie hovorí: „Vtáka poznáš po perí a človeka po reči“. Ale aj naše skutky, vzťahy, priateľstvá, postoje, názory o niečom hovoria, predstavujú nás, prezentujú.

Sused nekompromisne odrezal konáre na stromoch suseda, ktoré presahovali cez plot. Doteraz mu to nevadilo, veď úrodu na svojom vždy si pozberal, ale bol upozornený, že má žumpu v neporiadku. Neraz povieme: Kde má ten a ten svedomie? Aké to má svedomie? Svedomie. Často máme myslieť na vlastné svedomie. Svedomie je teda v hlavnej miere základom vnútornej dôstojnosti človeka a zároveň aj jeho vzťahu k Bohu (Ján Pavol II.).

Ježiš nám hovorí: „Ale vaša reč nech je „áno - áno“, „nie - nie“. Čo je navyše, pochádza od Zlého (Mt 5,37).

Ježiš v evanjeliu upozorňuje, že kresťanstvo nie je ľahké. Motívom nášho života musí byť láska. Sv. Augustín hovorí: „Miluj Boha a rob, čo chceš.“ Keď si uvedomujeme lásku Boha k nám, vtedy náš pohľad na prikázania bude správny. Nepodceníme žiadny z príkazov, lebo aj ten najmenší nám otvára bránu

neba. Keď pápež Ján XXIII. podnikal kroky v ekumenizme, aby zjednotil kresťanov, navrhol, aby sa prestalo hovoriť o hriechoch tých, ktorí opustili rímsku Cirkev.

Na potápajúcom sa Titanicu jeden muž zastavil námorníka: „Musím vám čosi povedať. Ja som pred dvadsiatimi rokmi zavraždil svoju manželku.“ Muž si zrazu uvedomil, že má svedomie a jeho správanie sa dá vyjadriť slovami: Nemôžem s tým odísť na večnosť. Svedomie sa nazýva upravovateľ a vychovávateľ duše, príkaz rozumu. O svedomí sa hovorí, že ospravedlňuje alebo obviňuje, pokiaľ poznávame, že sme dobre alebo zle jednali (sv. TA I q.79 a.13). Je čas pozrieť si svoje svedomie. Je čas sa za svoje previnenia naučiť odprosiť a modliť. Je čas využiť dnešnú svätú omšu na vyprosenie si potrebných milostí.

You may never physically hurt or harm another person, but you can ignore them and give them little or no attention. You can not take them seriously. You can give them the silent treatment; you can freeze them out of your icy heart and give them a cold stone instead of a warm heart.

You may think that you are better than so-and-so, even better than most people around you. You can proudly set yourself above all others, all the while forgetting that the word Pharisee in Hebrew means precisely that: "One who is separate and apart from others - one who is chosen - one who is

special."

The truth is that all people, each one of us here, are a strange mixture of good and bad. If we were all totally honest we would have to see that there is some bad in the best of us... and there is some good in the worst of us. We are always a strange mixture of good and bad. Our motives are mixed, too. We hardly ever decide to do anything for one simple reason. Usually we decide to do things for an array of motives that are both good and bad, selfish and unselfish.

Jesus wants us to have a clean record on the outside and a clean heart on the inside. For Jesus, to be good means that we must not only not kill people but we must also in our hearts not want to do away with them. To be good we not only should avoid lusting after others and not commit adultery, we should likewise not use other people simply for our own pleasure and personal gain.

It is genuine love that matters, not just words or appearances.

And for Jesus, to have the sort of goodness He wants us to have, we must go way beyond simply not telling a lie - we must disclose the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. There is a big difference between not lying and telling the whole truth. If you are not aware of that difference you haven't been listening to the news over the past year.

Bulletin Announcements

The first reading today reminds us that *acting faithfully* is a matter of our own choice. Likewise, making stewardship a way of life is also a choice. Every day, the stewardship lifestyle is lived through freely made choices. The good steward chooses to live simply; chooses to possess sensibly; chooses to be grateful every day; and, chooses to be generous. Modern culture is driving many to choose a path that is counter to the path God intends for us. Each and every day, we are bombarded with images in the media which are designed to stimulate our selfish desires. We make choices between stimulus and consequence and the choices we make seal our fate. What lifestyle choices are you making?



Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish invites you to Two Weekends of Seminars jointly delivered by Fr. Elias Vella (a Franciscan priest from Malta) and Diana Mascarenhas (co-leader at Institute for World Evangelisation ICPE Mission). **Feb 22 & 23**, Sat & Sun (9am – 5pm) **Relationships and Marriage** (for singles & couples) at All Saints Parish Center, 821 Fairfax, Coquitlam. Cost \$50/person. **March 1 & 2**, Sat & Sun (9am – 5pm) **Discernment – Seeking God's Plan For Our Lives** at St Mary Parish Hall, 5239 Joyce St, Vancouver. Cost \$50/person. More information and registration: www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014. Email: retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org. Phone: 604-526-7351

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - For most post-abortive women, the forgiveness of God is a concept which they can mouth, yet difficult for them to digest. How can they feel forgiven when every instinct in their nature says they cannot be forgiven, even should not be forgiven? God can forgive any sin, even abortion. Come experience God's merciful forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is May 2-4. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

Canonization Celebration The Archdiocese of Vancouver will be hosting an event on Apr. 27th to celebrate the Canonization of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII. All parishes are encouraged to save the date! More details to follow.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,160
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	-\$340

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Tuto nedelu nie je modlitba prihovoru v kostole.

This Sunday is no prayer ministry at church.

Sun 16 9:00am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	+ Ernest Novak	Family Palko
Sun 16 11:00am	6. nedel'a v Cezročnom období; Sir 15:15-20; 1 Kor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Cecíliu	Rodina Trochanová
Mon 17 8:00am	The Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites; James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Jána	Rodina Hrušková
Tue 18 8:00am	James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21	+ Fr. Ján Kadlec	Eva a Andrej Cassty
Wed 19 8:00am	James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26	+ Mária (prvé výročie)	Rodina Eškutová
Thu 20 8:00am	James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Fri 21 8:00am	St Peter Damian; James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1	Thanksgiving and Praise	Angie
Sat 22 8:00am	St Peter Damian; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19	+ Pavol Handula	Dcéra s rodinou
Sun 23 9:00am	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
Sun 23 11:00am	7. nedel'a v Cezročnom období; Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Kor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48	Za Božie sprevádzanie a uzdravenie pre Máriu Pauchly s rodinou	Rodina Bebjaková