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Slovak Catholic Parish



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

5. veľkonočná nedeľa

5th Sunday of Easter

***Tvoje milosrdenstvo, Pane, nech je nad nami, ako dúfame v teba.
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.***

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Milovaní, prichádzajte k Pánovi, k živému kameňu, ktorý ľudia síce zavrhlí, ale pred Bohom je vyvolený a vzácný, a dajte sa vbudovať aj vy ako živé kamene do duchovného domu, do svätého kňazstva, aby ste prinášali duchovné obety, príjemné Bohu skrze Ježiša Krista.

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



John 14:1

Ako často pociťujeme únavu vo viere a stávame sa vlažnými. Prestane nám „chutiť“ modlitba, nechce sa nám pristupovať k sviatostiam a vôbec robiť všetko, čo je duchovné. V takom stave mnohých napadne myšlienka: Keby sa mi tak Boh ukázal, to by bola sila!

Túžbu mnohých ľudí predniesol Ježišovi apoštol Filip: Pane, ukáž nám Otca a to nám postačí. Neviditeľnosť Boha, bola, je a bude pre mnohých veľkým problémom. Tým obhajovali aj svoju vlažnosť a ľahostajnosť aj slabú vieru. Hovorili: Keby bol Boh, nepoznali by sme vojny a zlo. Vidím, teda verím. Nevidím, potom neverím. Koľko takých alebo podobných „argumentov“ ste si mohli vypočúť v práci, v škole, v kruhu rodiny alebo na dovolenke. Možno pod ich vplyvom ste aj vy zapochybovali. Preto problém neviditeľnosti Boha rieši Ježiš v dnešnom evanjeliu. Veľký a nekonečný Boh je Duch, preto nemôže byť viditeľný ľudskými očami. Naše oči sú schopné vidieť iba hmotné veci, preto všetko, čo je mimo hmoty, človek ťažko chápe. Z toho dôvodu sa Boh priblížil k ľuďom a stal sa človekom. Prijal ľudské telo, stal sa jedným z nás a volal sa Ježiš Kristus. Ľudskými nohami chodil po našej zemi, ľudskými očami plakal nad Lazárovou smrťou, ľudskými ústami oznamoval svetu, aký dobrý je Boh. Ľudským srdcom miloval, odpúšťal a pomáhal. Preto keď Filip zatúžil vidieť Boha, Ježiš mu povedal: Filip, toľký čas som s vami a nepoznáš ma?! Kto vidí mňa, vidí Otca. Ako môžeš hovoriť: Ukáž nám Otca?! Neveríš, že ja som v Otcovi a Otec vo mne? Slová, ktoré vám hovorím, nehovorím sám zo seba, ale Otec, ktorý ostáva vo mne, koná svoje skutky. Verte mi, že ja som v Otcovi a Otec vo mne. Ak nie pre iné, aspoň pre tie skutky verte! Týmito slovami

dal jasne najavo, že odteraz nikto sa nemôže sťažovať, že Boh je neviditeľný. Lebo veriť vo viditeľného Ježiša nie je také ťažké, ako veriť v neviditeľného Boha. A milovať viditeľného Ježiša nie je také zložité ako milovať neviditeľného Boha.

Historickou sa o Ježišom živote dozvedáme z Novozákonných kníh. Cez ne lepšie ho spoznáваме, hlbšie sa oboznamujeme s jeho náukou, a tým si ho aj viac obľubujeme. Kto sa historickou metódou približuje ku Kristovi, spozná, že jeho myseľ a srdce sa otvárajú pre Boha a upevňuje sa vo viere.

Mystickou metódou sa usilujeme o vrúcny, osobný vzťah ku Kristovi a otvárame sa jeho prítomnosti v nás. Môžeme to dokázať dvojakým spôsobom: V prvom rade svojím životom sa snažíme zachovávať Ježišovu nauku. Žijeme v praxi jeho slová: Kto ma miluje, bude zachovávať moje slovo a môj Otec ho bude milovať; prideme k nemu a urobíme si uňho príbytok. Pri druhom spôsobe prijímame Ježiša v Eucharistii a vtedy plníme jeho slová: Kto je moje telo a pije moju krv, ostáva vo mne a ja v ňom. Aj my sa dostávame historickou a mystickou metódou do Ježišovho objatia, a to tak veľmi, že v jeho náručí môžeme nájsť uzdravenie svojej duše. Hľadajme uzdravujúce Pánovo objatie, a v jeho láskyplnom náručí nájdeme radostnú vieru v Boha. Vďaka Kristovi spoznáme Otca a aj v tých najťažších a najbolestnejších chvíľach života budeme vedieť, že nás miluje a neopustí.

What would our world be like if cars were never invented? Or what about the railway? Or even the steam engine? If there was no such thing as oil, or gold? What would life be like if we didn't have Microwaves and Dishwashers, sewing machines and tumble dryers? Very often we

say: How did we ever do without this?

Imagine, if you will for a moment, what our world would be like if Christ had never been revealed to us. Imagine if Jesus had never been born. What would our world be like? I think that if Jesus had never been born and if we had not ever heard the Good News of the Gospel, then our world would not have as much service in it. Of course other religions and other ways of life have service. But there is a particular essence of service because of Jesus Christ. This particular essence of service is born of the fact that God became a human being in Jesus Christ. And, because God became a human being, human beings are forever better. Because Jesus became one of us we know that every person, every human being, baptised or unbaptised, born or unborn, alive or dead, free or in prison; every human being is like Jesus. And, because we are like Jesus, we are also like God. Our dignity as human beings was always there, even before Christ. But, because Jesus walked among us as God become man; now we know. We can never go back. We are always challenged to move forward. We can never forget. It is hard to imagine what life would be like if we didn't have planes, trains and automobiles. It is even harder to imagine what our world might be like if God had not become one of us. Because of Jesus Christ, our world is changed forever. The vision of life inspired by the Gospel is a vision of service to God and service to all people. It is a vision of love in concrete form.

Bulletin Announcements

5th Sunday of Easter - Jesus tells us in today's Gospel, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these". Jesus begins His statement with 'very truly'. Jesus is emphasizing that we can do this! As disciples and Christian stewards these words should comfort us and give us as a great deal of God-grounded confidence as we endeavor to share our faith through our good works.

***Jesus the Teacher Retreat**—Come to Jesus the Teacher Retreat to deepen your knowledge of the faith, renew your relationship with the Lord, and connect with old and new friends. For years the Jesus the Teacher Retreat has provided attendees with a variety of opportunities to find out more about their faith and for catechists to deepen their skills and understanding of their ministry. Led by Fr. Nick Meisl. Friday, May 23, at 7pm to Sunday, May 25 at 1pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Pre-registration required. Cost \$175.00. Registration: <http://rcav.org/oc-jesus-the-teacher-retreat>

***World Day of Prayer for the Church in China** - Archbishop Miller blessed the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Sheshan in Vancouver on Easter Sunday. You are cordially invited to visit the shrine any time, especially on the World Day of Prayer for the Church in China proposed by Pope Benedict XVI. Archbishop Joseph Ti-Kang from Taiwan will be in attendance. Saturday, May 24 at 10am. Marian Procession at 11am. St. Francis Xavier Parish, Vancouver. A member of each ethnic group in your parish is invited to lead a prayer in his/her own language. Please RSVP by contacting 604-254-2727 or parish.sfx@rcav.org

Project Advance 2014 continues in our parish today in the church hall. Ed Starick will be available to receive contributions for this cause after each Mass. Our Diocesan Goal is \$7,000. Last week's contributions totalled \$1,140. Thank you to everyone who contributed last week.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church will begin our **40 HOURS DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on Tuesday, May 20, 9am - 10pm; Wednesday, May 21, 9am - 10pm; and Thursday, 9am - 11pm. Sign-up sheets are at the back of church. Spend some extra time with our Lord and let Him keep company with you! **The benefits will be out of this world.**

Predposledný piatok v mesiaci 23. mája pozývame všetkých mužov z farnosti na tradičné stretnutie, ktoré začína o 7:00pm modlitbou večerných chvál v kostolíku a následne v basemente zdieľaním nad knihou Johna Eldredga - Divoký v srdci.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,144
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	- \$356
Work for Vocation	\$375

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Tuto nedelu nie je modlitba prihovoru.

This Sunday is no prayer ministry.

Sun 18 9:00am	5th Sunday of Easter; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12	Thanksgiving and blessing for a friend	susedy
Sun 18 11:00am	5th Sunday of Easter; Sk 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; Jan 14:1-12	Podakovanie za dobrodincov	Rodina Trochanová
Mon 19 9:00am	Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26	Za Božie požehnanie a zdravie pre Zuzanu	Lucia a Martina
Tue 20 8:00am	St Bernardine of Sienna; Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a	Za Božie požehnanie pre Helenu s rodinou	Sestra Mária
Wed 21 8:00am	St Christophper Magallames & co.; Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8	+ Eva Szabová	Rodina
Thu 22 8:00am	St Rita of Cascia; Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11	Thanksgiving and gratitude for Fabian	Mother
Fri 23 8:00am	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17	Za Božie požehnanie pre Pavla	Veronika Ondrušová
Sat 24 9:00am	Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21	Za šťastnú cestu pre Marienku	Mrs. Sentivani
Sun 25 9:00am	6th Sunday of Easter; Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 25 11:00am	6th Sunday of Easter; Sk 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Jan 14:15-21	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Irenu	Rodina Čarnogurska