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*Očisť, čo je skalené,
zavlaž, čo je znavené,
uzdrav, čo je zranené.
Ohni, čo je strpnuté,
zohrej, čo je skrehnuté,
naprav, čo je zblúdené.
Daruj svojim veriacim,
s dôverou ťa prosiacim,
svätú milosť sedmorú.*

*There are different kinds
of spiritual gifts but the
same Spirit;
there are different forms
of service but the same
Lord;
there are different work-
ings but the same God
who produces all of them
in everyone.*

*To each individual the
manifestation of the Spir-
it
is given for some benefit.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Zoslanie Ducha Svätého
Pentecost Sunday

Pane, zošli svojho Ducha a obnov tvárnosť zeme
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth

Ježiš sľúbil apoštolom aj nám, Ducha Svätého. V prvom rade môžeme o ňom povedať, že je Duchom lásky a nadšenia. Kde vládne láska, tam si ľudia navzájom rozumejú, aj keď rozprávajú rozličnými jazykmi a dokážu jeden druhého pochopiť a odpustiť. Kde vládne duch nenávisťi, tam sa ľudia nenávidia, aj keď používajú rovnaký jazyk.

Apoštoli dostali Ducha pravdy. Duch pravdy nediktuje, čo má byť pravda, a nemanipuluje s pravdou. Kde sa totiž povie, že pravda je taká, aká sa niekomu hodí, tam je koniec dôvery. Takí ľudia dokážu všetko zlo, aj tú najväčšiu špinu, preobliecť do skvostného rúcha a ukázať ako čosi nádherné. Tak napomáhajú rast nedôvery, a kde je nedôvera, tam je strach a chaos.

Duch Svätý apoštolom dodal aj silu, lebo kde On panuje, tam majú ľudia svoje pevné zásady, ktorým sú verní a odolávajú lákadlám, nech by boli akokoľvek zvodné. Kde chýba duch sily, tam sa ľudia stávajú bezcharakternými, dajú sa kúpiť za výhody, menia svoj zovňajšok podľa potreby a za výhody schvaľujú aj najhoršie zločiny.

Apoštoli dostali veľkú posilu v Duchu lásky, nadšenia, pravdy a viditeľne sa to na nich prejavilo. Žili jednotní vo vyznávaní pravej viery a Ježišovej pravdy a to aj vtedy, keď im šlo o život. Tie isté dary dáva Duch Svätý aj nám. Ale buďme úprimní, že človek niekedy radšej počúva ducha zla a riadi sa jeho zásadami, preto je okolo nás, ale i v nás, toľko nenávisťi, bludných náuk, strachu, chaosu, bezcharakternosti a bezmocnosti. Povedali sme si, Duch je realita, ktorá sa prejavuje v účinkoch. Láska ku pravde a spravodlivosti sa nedá v človekovi zachytiť ani najmodernejšími prístrojmi, ale napriek tomu je to realita, ktorá hnala milióny ľudí k

hrdinským obetiam. Táto realita sa v dejinách neustále overuje. Cítíme si veľkých ľudí zanietených láskou k dobru, ktorí pre spravodlivosť obetovali život. Nemali by sme si preto ctiť aj ducha, ktorý bol v ich živote hybnou silou?

Apoštoli s Pannou Máriu zotrvali na modlitbách. To je recept aj pre nás, ako si získať Ducha Svätého. Modlitba je cesta, aby sme sa premenili, aby nás Duch Boží formoval a dal nám dary, ktoré dostali apoštoli. V tej chvíli z nás vyženie ducha zla, lebo on striehne ako ručiaci lev a čaká na príležitosť, aby zaujal našu dušu.

Aj my sa v tejto chvíli otvoríme Duchu Svätému a volajme: Príď Duchu Svätý do srdc všetkých ľudí. Nech tvoj oheň vypáli jed zo všetkých jazykov, ktoré ohovárajú, špinia česť iných a roznečujú nenávisť. Osvieť nás, aby sme pochopili, že slúžiť Bohu, znamená konať čo je správne a to je pre nás najväčší zisk. Zapál v nás lásku, aby sme s tebou kráčali do nebeskej vlasti.

The Holy Spirit can only be experienced by those who are believers. Jesus now lives and rules through the Catholic Church, which the Holy Spirit brings to life. From the Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ brings every believer to a new existence, to deeper intimacy and directs our deeds and our journey to eternal life. Too often when we speak about the Holy Spirit, many people assume that some rather deeply emotional and visible experience needs to take place. Too many people think that they have not experienced the power of the Holy Spirit unless they have been made to fall on the ground or to begin speaking a strange language. For many, the Holy Spirit is unknown and misunderstood.

Although it is true that the Holy

Spirit can make his presence known through external signs and special gifts for the sake of unbelievers our personal Pentecost begins with the Sacrament of Baptism and is made deeper through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Too much emphasis on special and private experiences can cloud, confuse and distort the way the Holy Spirit lives in us through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, Original Sin is washed away and we become temples of the Holy Spirit, children of God and living members of the Church.

Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, baptismal grace comes to completion. It is through this sacrament that we are bound more perfectly to the Church and endowed with a special strength of the Holy Spirit to fulfill those promises made at Baptism. Through these sacraments, the Holy Spirit enlightens us with ten special gifts.

The three gifts that we receive at our Baptism are faith, hope and charity. The seven gifts we receive at our Confirmation are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

We need to remember that through these sacraments we have received an amazing treasure of gifts. It is through our daily spiritual life that these gifts allow us to persevere on our journey to eternity and allow us to be effective and courageous witnesses of the Gospel. Many times the gifts that we have already received through Baptism and Confirmation have not become fully effective in our lives because our sins, inclinations and attachments are blocking the action of grace in our souls.

Bulletin Announcements

Pentecost Sunday - Our Second Reading today contains an obvious stewardship message. We have all been given different gifts, and a variety of ways to serve. It is important to remember that stewardship is not limited to serving in the Church. When a person serves as a coach for a little league team, and they do it with the love and compassion of Jesus, then they are more than volunteering. It could be said that they are ministering. Think about how you serve others and name it – you are being a good Christian steward.

We have three recordings available from the February, 2014 seminars with *Fr Elias Vella & Diana Mascharenhas* on (1) **Relationships and Marriage** (2) **Discernment God's Plan for Our Lives and** (3) **Healing These** CD's hold a lot of data (a full weekend's worth for #1 & #2) and hence will only play on MP3 players or on a computer, they will not play on a regular CD player in their current format. The price for these CD's is \$10.00 each, 2 for \$15.00 or all three for \$20.00. Please see Bertha Palko to order your copy.

***Pro-life Sunday** - On Father's Day, June 15, the Archdiocese of Vancouver holds its annual Pro-life Sunday collection which helps all Lower Mainland pro-life organizations to fund various initiatives such as aiding crisis pregnancy centres to assisting anti-euthanasia groups and university groups that bring about a Culture of Life in our world. Please give generously.

***Vocation Live-In** - Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. Taking place on the weekend of Friday, July 4 at 7pm to Sunday, July 1pm. For more information, please contact 604-826-8715.

Project Advance 2014 contributions for our parish now total \$7,490. The good news is that we have exceeded our Archdiocesan Goal of \$7,000 and, consequently, all money contributed from this point on will be returned to our parish for its own internal use. Ed Starick will be available again today and for the next two weeks after each Sunday Mass to receive further contributions. We sincerely thank all who have contributed thus far to help our parish exceed its Archdiocesan Goal of \$7,000 as set by the Archdiocese.

Come Celebrate Father's Day with an after-Church Barbeque at 12pm Sunday June 15th after Slovak Mass.

Come and join us for Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday night 7:15pm - 8:15pm, ending with the prayer of vespers from breviary.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,208
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	-\$292
Catholic Mission	\$307

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Tuto nedelu je modlitba prihovoru 12:30h-13:30h.
This Sunday is a prayer ministry from 12:30pm-1:30pm

Sun 8 9:00am	Pentecost Sunday; Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 8 11:00am	Zoslanie Ducha Svätého ; Sk 2:1-11; 1 Kor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23	Za nové vylíatie Ducha Svätého na farnosť	Fr. Juraj
Mon 9 8:00am	St Ephrem; 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12	+ Štefan Horvat	Mary Horvat
Tue 10 8:00am	1 Kings 17: 7-16; Matthew 5:13-16	+ Edward Oravec	Rodina Bebjaková
Wed 11 8:00am	St Barnabas; 1 Kings 17: 7-16; Matthew 5:13-16	+ Ricardo T. Marcos	Family Javier
Thu 12 8:00am	1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie Eva a Andrej	Rodina Cassty
Fri 13 8:00am	St Anthony of Padua; 1 Kings 19:9a,11-16; Matthew 5:27-32	For souls in purgatory	Eleanore
Sat 14 9:00am	1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37	Za Božie požehnanie a zdravie pre Máriu	Zuzana
Sun 15 9:00am	The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day; Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 15 11:00am	Najsvätejšej Trojice; Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Kor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18	+ Hana Severová	Rodina Procházková