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Kto ma miluje, bude zachovávať moje slovo, hovorí Pán; a môj otec ho bude milovať a prideme k nemu.

The one who loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him and we



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

30. nedeľa v Cezročnom období

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Milujem ťa, Pane, ty moja sila.
I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

Ježiš v dnešnom evanjeliu veľmi presne definuje katolíka, ktorý má byť človekom lásky. Milovať budeš Pána, svojho Boha, celým svojím srdcom, celou svojou dušou a celou svojou mysl'ou! Milovať budeš svojho blížneho ako seba samého! Druhá časť odpovede mnohých mohla prekvapíť, lebo Ježiš obe lásky robí úplne rovnocennými, keď hovorí: Na týchto dvoch prikázaniach spočíva celý Zákon i Proroci. Tým jasne vyjadril, že nie je dôležité poznať množstvo predpisov a zákonov, ale dôležité je plniť jedno prikázanie, v ktorom je obsiahnuté všetko. Vtedy sa stane naša bohoslužba a náš postoj k Bohu jasným, priehľadným a dôsledným. Farizej z evanjelia chcel Ježiša vyskúšať, ako je zbehlý v zákone. Na dnešnom krátkom príbehu je fascinujúce, že Boh vždy udalosti riadi tak, aby sa aj v ľudskej zlomyseľnosti ukázala Božia múdrosť, vynikla osobnosť Ježiša Krista a Božie pravdy. Základná Božia pravda je, že Boh existuje. Preto je povinnosťou každého rozumného stvorenia, aby hľadalo Boha, o ňom uvažovalo, v láske sa k nemu blížilo a v jeho blízkosti našlo uspokojenie a šťastie. Niekedy si myslíme, že lásku k Bohu naplníme účasťou na bohoslužbách, spievaním náboženských piesní a modlitbou. To je síce dobré, ale nie je to úplné. Ozajstná láska k Bohu znamená spolupracovať s ním, a to sa uskutočňuje v dvoch rovinách: v sebe samom a vo svojom okolí. V sebe samom spolupracujeme vtedy, ak uplatňujeme a zdokonaľujeme všetky svoje talenty, schopnosti a vedomosti tak, aby sme boli dokonalými ľuďmi, lebo takými nás chce mať Boh. Ďalšia Božia pravda je láska k blížnemu. Ako často sa nás, najmä neveriaci, pýtajú: Kde je tá vaša láska? A my veľmi dobre vieme, že pri poslednom súde bude rozhodujúcim meradlom najmä láska

k blížnym. Jej definíciu nám Ježiš približuje vo vetách:

- Ak milujete tých, ktorí vás milujú, akúže máte zásluhu? Podľa Ježiša láska začína tam, kde sa končí vypočítavosť.

- Každému, kto ťa prosí, daj. Podľa Ježiša máme svoje srdce otvoriť každému človekovi, nielen známemu a tomu, kto nám dobre robí.

- Nesúďte, aby ste neboli súdení! Podľa Ježiša sa láska prejavuje úctou k inému, čo znamená škrt ohováraníu a osočovaniu.

- Máme odpustiť bratovi nie sedem ráz, ale sedemdesiatšedem ráz... Podľa Ježiša skúšobným kameňom lásky je vedieť odpúšťať.

- Milujte svojich nepriateľov a modlite sa za tých, čo vás prenasledujú. Podľa Ježiša zákon lásky nepozná hraníc.

Môžem po vypočutí týchto slov povedať, že milujem blížneho, ako seba samého?

Znášaj teda toho, s ktorým kráčaš, aby si došiel k tomu, s kým túžiš zostať naveky. K Bohu sa dostaneme iba cez blížneho. Usilujem sa o to?

A fundamental theme that runs throughout the entire Bible is this: "God offers, we respond." God's offer of love for us is a given; His unconditional love is always offered to us no matter what. The result depends upon our response to His offer. How, then, do we respond to Christ's mandate that we love everyone as we love ourselves? It is something we must choose to do with little regard for our feelings. Feelings are important but feelings are not decisive. Convictions, things we are convinced of, are decisive. Feelings are not. More often than not, acting on our feelings leads us down wrong paths and into trouble. Then, too, we can be victimized by our feelings. We can feel sorry for ourselves and spend so much time

pitying ourselves that we end up feeling like we are victims. At times, some feelings are good. But when it comes to giving ourselves to others in love we have to make decisions. No one can command you to have warm, fuzzy feelings toward another. Not even God commands that of us. We cannot even tell ourselves to have nice, warm, loving and intimate feelings toward another. Even if we could, would it matter? No. It's what we do that matters, not how we feel. But Jesus is not speaking here of emotions and feelings. He knows how absolutely fickle and unreliable feelings really are, but decisions can last. "Falling in love" is a wonderful thing, even a beautiful thing. There is nothing wrong with them. Jesus is telling us here that love is something we do. Love is a choice, a decision, a commitment to do things. That is why Jesus is commanding us to love others. When two people marry they promise to act toward each other in ways they will not act toward anyone else. They make a conscious choice to belong to each other, and to belong to each other exclusively. Feelings come and feelings go - we have little control over them. Love and commitments, however, are choices. Furthermore, as psychologists tell us, feelings can be shaped by the way we act. Perhaps this is another reason why Jesus commands us to act toward others in a loving way, regardless of how we feel about them. Love makes commitments - feelings follow along. He commands us, He mandates us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Bulletin Announcements

*October 26th – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In fulfilling the two great commandments, we become models of faith and stewards of the Lord who gave himself totally for each one of us. Among the many ways we can show our love for God and others is by sharing our gifts joyfully – the gift of our very lives, our talents and abilities, and our financial resources.

*Stewarding God's Gifts Conference

Stewardship is a way of life, an appreciation of all that we have been given! Pastors, parish staff, and other parish leaders are invited to this one day conference where you will learn about the spiritual and practical aspects of parish stewardship from two experienced presenters, Fr. Darrin Gurr (Archdiocese of Winnipeg) and Julie Kenny (International Catholic Stewardship Council Parish Stewardship Services and Education). Share ideas in fostering stewardship in your parish. Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9am-3pm, Star of the Sea Parish, Surrey. <http://rcav.org/about-stewardship/>

*Man Alive

Man Alive is back. This year it's an evening model, short and sweet. Join the Archbishop, 30 priests, and 800 other men, Friday, Nov. 7, at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver, 7:30pm start, for a powerful evening with speaker Matt Fradd. Tickets are \$10 and available at www.rcav.org/manalive; price includes materials and manly, quality refreshments.

*Sacred Time: The Liturgical Year East and West

Learn how to pray with the Feasts and Fasts of the Liturgical Calendar of both the Roman Catholic and Byzantine Catholic Churches. Are they just historical events and dead saints? Or do they have any relevance for me and my spiritual journey? Presented by Fr. Richard Soo, SJ, a Canadian Jesuit priest of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30–8:30pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, South Surrey. Cost: \$25 (\$30 including light dinner served at 5:30pm). Pre-Registration required. Visit www.rosemaryheights.com or call 604-576-8802.

***Prayer Ministry:** every Sunday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm in our church.

***Adoration** - spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays at our church from 7:15pm - 8:15pm.

Pleas join us for a parish lunch -goulash soup next Sunday 2nd of November 2014 in our parish hall after both masses.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,250
Weekly Shortfall (Excess)	-\$250
Evangelization of Nac.	\$430

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v nedeľu od 12.30pm do 1.30pm v našom kostole.

Sun 26 9:00am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thess. 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40	+ Kazimierz Karwowski	Family Lemanowicz
Sun 26 11:00am	30. nedeľ'a v Cezročnom období; Ex 22, 20-26; 1 Sol 1, 5c-10; Mt 22, 34-40	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj
Mon 27 8:00am	Eph. 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17	+ fr. Ján Žabka	Family Aplo Cruz
Tue 28 8:00am	Saints Simon & Jude; Eph. 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Wed 29 8:00am	Eph. 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30	Thanksgiving	Evilin Azana
Thu 30 8:00am	Eph. 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35	Healing mass Rita Azana	Evilin Azana
Fri 31 8:00am	All Saints; Phil. 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6	Za Božiu pomoc pre Jakuba	Rodina Tidík
Fri 31 7.30pm	Vigília Všetkých svätých; Flp 1, 1-11; Lk 14, 1-6	+ Margita Kopanicka st. a zosnulý z rodiny	Vnuk Juraj
Sat 1 9:00am	All Saints; Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Mth. 5:1-12a	Za zdravie a Božiu požehnanie pre Luciu	Rodičia
Sun 2 9:00am	All Souls; Wis.3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; John 6:37-40	+ Honza Kisse	Lenka s rodinou
Sun 2 11:00am	Všetkých verných zosnulých Job 19, 1.23-27a; 2 Kor 4, 14-5,1; Jn 14, 1-6	+ Margita Kopanicka st.	Rodina Trochanová