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*Ukáž nám, Pane, svoje
milosrdenstvo a daj nám
svoju spásu.*

*Majte sa na pozore,
bdejte, lebo neviete, kedy
príde ten čas.*

*Let us see, O Lord, your
mercy and give us your
saving help.*

*Be on guard, stay awake,
because you never know
when the time will come.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

1. Adventná Nedeľa 1st Sunday of Advent

***Bože, obnov nás, rozjasni svoju tvár a budeme spasení.
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

Dnešnou nedeľou začíname nový liturgický rok. Ježiš nás na začiatku adventu vyzýva k bedlivosti. Naša kresťanská bedlivosť spočíva v túžbe chcieť prijať Ježiša do vlastného života. On sa nám v evanjeliu predstavuje ako ten, ktorý prichádza nečakane, aby nás naplnil svojou božskou prítomnosťou. Ako tomu máme rozumieť? Či je tu medzi nami niekto taký, ktorý ešte Krista neprijal a teraz musí čakať, kedy ho prekvapí?

Môžeme si to vysvetliť nasledovne: evanjeliové prijatie Krista spočíva v tom, že on nám prináša novú kvalitu života, ktorou je on sám. Bedlivosť znamená, že prijímam Krista so všetkými svojimi ľudskými schopnosťami. Do svojho rozumu, vôle a srdca. Nestačí teda len Krista poznať. Nestačí ani ochota zúčastňovať sa vonkajších slávností Cirkvi. Nestačí len občas vyjadriť svoj vzťah k nemu. Náš vzťah ku Kristovi je zvyčajne podmienený okolnosťami a prostredím v ktorom žijeme. Oni nám ponúkajú obraz o Kristovi, ale Krista nám môže dať len Kristus sám. Nestačí len tzv. prvé prijatie Krista. Dôležité je aj druhé prijatie. A to je zmysel bedlivosti. To je ten nečakaný príchod Krista, ktorý nás povoláva, aby sme ho jednoznačne prijali a milovali. Duchovná teológia to nazýva aj "druhým obrátením".

Vyzvanie „bedlite“ je nám adresované v čase, keď sme dost' ľahostajní a nemáme sil urobiť čosi viac pre svoju vieru a pre svoj vzťah ku Kristovi. Naše srdcia sa stali väzňami našich starostí o telesné potreby, zábavy, rozkoše, jedia, duchovnej plytkosti a povrchnosti. Dnešní ľudia strácajú citlivosť na množstvo „znamení doby“, ktoré ich vážne upozorňujú, že môžu zahnúť vo svojich hriechoch. Akoby im na tom vôbec nezáležalo. Ocitli sa v prúde, ktorý ich vedie do záhuby a oni už nemajú dost' síl, aby z neho

vystúpili. Sú bedliví, keď ide o ich telesné potreby a vtedy dokážu prinášať veľké obete. Pokiaľ ide o ich srdce, dušu, vieru, sú ľahostajní.

Bedlivosť je pozícia života a nie smerovanie k smrti. Časť kresťanov si to začína uvedomovať. Rozhodli sa prijať Krista, keď nečakane zaklopal na ich srdcia. Napríklad, keď ich vyzval, aby sa nebáli zbaviť závislosti na nerestiach a hriechoch. Alebo im povedal, aby sa nebáli mať viac detí. Alebo sa rozhodli obetovať svoj život pre trpiacich a slabých. Ježiš ich povolal k skromnosti a oni to poslúchli. Oslovil ich nečakane doma, v kostole, na cintoríne, na štadióne, na zábave, v nemocnici. Oni sa nenaľakali a rozhodli sa pre druhé, zásadné obrátenie v svojom živote. Rozhodli sa žiť naplno. Prestali zaživa zomierať.

Pravdivo sa pýtajme na začiatku adventu, koľkokrát sme už Krista odmietli, keď prišiel nečakane a chcel zmeniť náš život. Pýtajme sa, čo sme tým získali. Rozhodnime sa ho prijať, keď znova nečakane príde, pokiaľ nie je neskoro.

Advent begins with us looking at the eventual end of the world. In today's Gospel Jesus is speaking to His disciples about the end of the world, telling them (and us) to be watchful and alert because we do not know when the Last Day will dawn. No one does.

It is right that we should be anxious and concerned about the judgment of God on the Day of Judgment. But we should not be held in the grip of fear. Why? Because God's judgment is that we are worth saving. God's judgment comes to us in His grace and mercy given to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us that God sent His only Son not to condemn the world but to save it.

Advent is a time of expectancy along with our waiting in hope. We have

our own sets of expectations, longing for a better world. While it is true that the reign of God has, in Jesus Christ, been established among us, it is likewise true that we humans have not responded, as we should. We long for peace. We cry out for justice. Security remains illusive. Dishonesty, corruption and greed still beset us. We lament the fact that the world in which we must live is in the condition that it is.

We cry out to God, wanting to know where He has been when calamities, injustices, and injuries have come upon us. And why shouldn't we complain? To whom else should we turn when the world around us continues in its self-destructive path? No one seems to listen to our cries. Who, then, better than God, can care for the afflicted, the marginalized, and the oppressed little ones in our world?

Advent is a time to see the world for what it is, to acknowledge the mess things are in, to recognize our own failings, failings caused by our own indifference and apathy. Advent can be a gift that allows to take time out to clearly see that we need a savior and in our hearts to listen to His voice within us. We need God to come among us and set us back on the right path. And, of course, Christmas is the celebration of the fact that God has done just that. In Christmas He has given us His presence, His power, and His love.

We have all of these lamentations and cries for God to act. But Jesus has a question for us too. He has an expectation of us. He asks: Where is your faith? Do you in fact have any faith? And, He asked, when He comes again in glory on the Last Day, will He find any faith on earth?

Bulletin Announcements

***November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent** "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33 We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, everyday, and listen to what God is saying to you.

***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, Good Shepherd Church, Surrey. <http://rcav.org/about-stewardship/>

***Advent retreat** Advent Retreat by Fr. Rudolf V. D'Souza, OCD. Monday, Dec. 8 to Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 7-8:30pm. Guardian Angels Church, Vancouver. Free parking at underground of Columbus Tower across the lane from the Church. For more information, please contact 604-684-5775.

***Xmas "Food Hamper"** Our annual Xmas project is underway. Please place donated unexpired food items supporting nutritious diet in the box/ container in the church vestibule. Financial donations can be given to Andrea Machula (after 11am mass) and to father Juraj or Joanne Espenhain (after English mass).

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

***Hodinka s Ježišom** - prídte stráviť hodinku s Ježišom v našom kostole vo štvrtky od 19:15h - 20:15h.

Dňa 7.12.2014 ku nám opäť zavíta **Svätý Mikuláš**. Rodičia môžu prihlásiť svoje deti a vnúčatá do 30.11.2014. Cena za každý balíček je \$8.00. Prihlásiť sa môžete u Michaely Demčákovjé na tel: 778 593 9565.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,148
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$352

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v našom kostole každú nedeľu od 12:30pm do 1:30pm.

Prayer Ministry every Sunday in our church from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Sun 30 9:00am	1st Sunday of Advent (Year B); Is 63:16b-17,19b;1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	Thanksgiving Alick Lambert	Freida and Lorelei
Sun 30 11:00am	1. Adventná Nedeľa (Rok B); Iz 63:16d-17,19de,64,2c-7; 1Kor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	Za bož. požehnanie pre Ivana Bebjaka s rodinou	Rod. Eškut
Mon 01 8:00am	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	Healing mass Rita Azana	Evilin Azana
Tue 02 8:00am	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Blessing James Leask	Rose Leask
Wed 03 8:00am	St. Francis Xavier; Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	Za bož. pomoc pre rodičov Máriu a Jozefa	Maroš s rodinou
Thu 04 6:00am	St. John of Damascus; Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27	Za zemřelé rodiče a prarodiče	Rod. Kroupa
Fri 05 8:00am	First Friday; Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	+ Milan Kasanič	Fam. Palko
Fri 05 7:30pm	Prvý Piatok; Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	Bož. požehnanie pre Beatku a Nikolku	Rodina Vargova
Sat 06 9:00am	St. Nicolas; Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8	+ Maria Balova	Marta Mudry
Sun 07 9:00am	2nd Sunday of Advent; Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 07 11:00am	2. Adventná Nedeľa; Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	Bož. požehnanie pre Vierku a Mira	Rodina Vargova