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*Našli sme Mesiáša,
Krista. Milosť a pravda
prišli skrze neho.*

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*We have found the
Messiah—which means
the Christ—grace and
truth have come
through him.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

2. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

***Hľa, prichádzam, Pane, chcem plniť tvoju vôľu.
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

Keď sa stretnú na ulici dvaja ľudia, ktorí sa už veľmi dávno nevideli, jedna z najčastejších a najpoužívanějších otázok znie: Kde teraz bývaš? alebo Ako žiješ? Túto otázku položili Ježišovi aj učeníci Jána Krstiteľa Ondrej a Ján: Rabbi – čo v preklade znamená: Učiteľ – kde bývaš? Čo nám chce odkázať dnešné evanjelium?

V prvom rade si máme aj my dať odpoveď na otázku: Učiteľ – kde bývaš? My totiž máme sklon ohraničovať Boží prítok kostolmi a kaplnkami. Sem Boha izolujeme a pritom zabúdame, že jeho domom sme my sami. Veľmi pekne sa k tomu vyjadril svätý Pavol, keď hovorí: Neviete, že vaše telo je chrámom Ducha Svätého, ktorý je vo vás, ktorého máte od Boha, a že nepatríte sebe? Draho ste boli kúpení. Oslavujte teda Boha vo svojom tele. V tejto chvíli však musíme smutne konštatovať, že na túto skutočnosť zabúdame. Prvá výzva dnešného evanjelia znie: Sme Boží prítok. Musíme všetko pre to urobiť, aby sme ním vždy zostali a nevyhnali Boha svojimi hriechmi a vášňami zo svojho srdca. Ak by sa nám to predsa niekedy stalo, dobrou úľutosťou a svätou spoveďou máme Boha opäť pozvať do svojho prítoku.

Aby sme Boha v sebe však udržali, treba s ním prežívať celý deň. Už hneď ráno je nutné sa odpútať aspoň na chvíľku od všetkého a od všetkých, pozdraviť ho modlitbou a ticho čakať na jeho odpoveď. A keď ho začujeme, máme mu hneď odpovedať, teda nasledovať ho a držať sa jeho nauky a príkladu. To je zarúčený prostriedok, ako nevyhnať Boha zo svojho prítoku. Cirkev nám preto odporúča ranné rozjímanie. To je druhé poučenie z dnešného evanjelia. Každý z nás má byť domom Božím a k tomu nám má pomôcť ranné rozjímanie nad Božím slovom. Ktosi ale môže podráždene zareagovať: Nestačí, že chodím v nedeľu do

kostola, modlím sa a nejem v piatok mäso? Ešte k tomu aj dajaké rozjímanie? Nuž tak, ako žiak má neustále rozvíjať svoje vedomosti, športovec svoje schopnosti, tak my by sme sa nemali vo svojom duchovnom živote uspokojiť s polovičatými úspechmi. Svoj duchovný život by sme mali neustále prehľbovať, rozvíjať a zdokonaľovať. Sem práve patrí duchovné čítanie a rozjímanie nad ním.

Jeden z najradikálnejších teológov, ktorí hlásajú „smrť Boha“, Viliam Hamilton, pracoval práve na svojej najnovšej knihe, ktorej chcel dať názov: Ako vymazať Boha zo slovníka. Istého dňa sa priblížil k obloku svojej pracovne na Floride a zazrel, že na protíahľom múre je čosi načarbané. Pretrel si oči, aby lepšie videl. Na múre stálo: Boh nie je mŕtvy! Dnes ráno som sa s ním rozprával. Nápis tam pravdepodobne zanechal niektorý z univerzitných študentov.

Aj my vyznajme vieru a zvolajme: Boh žije, prebýva vo mne a ja sa s ním denne stretávam v modlitbe, rozjímaní a v bratoch a sestrách!

Today's first reading gives us a beautiful and simple story from the Old Testament's First Book of Samuel. A young boy apprenticing with an old priest, Eli, is awakened by a voice, perhaps a voice he heard in a dream. He thinks Eli is calling him. Eli is wise. Thinking it to be an illusion he tells the boy to go back to sleep. After the third time Eli begins to realize that perhaps God is really calling the boy and so tells him "If you are called again reply "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We see that God takes the initiative. God offers, we respond. We may not understand the why's, but we must always be open to God's initiatives. God's initiatives come in unexpected ways to unexpected people. For even though young Samuel was just a kid, a kid who was "not familiar with the Lord", who was not particu-

larly "religious", he became God's first Old Testament prophet, the first in a long line of prophets.

The big issue for us is not whether God has a word for us, whether God speaks to us. It is rather seeing the hand of God and the presence of God in people and in events. He uses them as His means of reaching us. The most critical issue for us is whether and how we respond. It's the question of our willingness to respond.

Allow me to offer you now with some practical suggestions.

1. BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU; BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES YOU CLOSE UP AND PERSONAL.

2. BEWARE OF FALSE HUMILITY -- thinking that you're such a bad person that God wouldn't want to have anything to do with you.

Jesus has died for you. He makes you worthy of God's love. You don't make yourself worthy. If you think you're so unworthy of God's loving presence to you then spend some time gazing upon Christ hanging on His cross. That will tell you your value and how much God thinks you are worth in His eyes.

3. RECOGNIZE that false humility is just another form of denial, or of pride. It makes you think you're really someone special, one of the world's greatest sinners. This isn't true; it's just another excuse for not letting yourself get near God's love.

4. TAKE TIME TO REFLECT AND PRAY, paying attention to events as well as things people say to you.

5. BE OPEN TO SEE AND HEAR THINGS. God, after all, is trying to get in touch with you... maybe in them.

Begin your next time of prayer with these words: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Bulletin Announcements

***January 18 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** God is calling...is He getting a busy signal? In today's readings, God calls Samuel, and Christ calls His first disciples. Through our baptism 'each' of us, not just 'some' of us, are called to discipleship. There are two flanks of discipleship – stewardship & evangelization. Are these two a part of your response to God's call? Without them your discipleship would be incomplete.

***The Case for the Historical Adam** Enjoy an enlightening evening with Dr. Robert Stackpole, as he explores the question, "Did Adam and Eve Really Exist?" with some surprising and exciting scholarship from the new book, *More than Myth?: Seeking the Full Truth about Genesis, Creation and Evolution*. Only \$10 at the door, Northwest Auditorium, Trinity Western University in Langley, Friday, Feb 6, 7:30-9:30pm. Dr. Stackpole will be joined by Dr. Paul Brown, TWU, and Fr. Michael Chaberek, OP, for Q&A after the main talk.

***Saint Mark's College Continuing Education course: Spiritual Growth: Why and How?** This January, start the year off right by deepening your faith. Join Sister Gabriella Yi, O.P., a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee, for three Saturday sessions. Delve into answers to the question 'Happiness or holiness: Is it really possible to have one without the other?' and other essential questions about spiritual growth. January 24, 31 from 9:30-11:45am, St. Joseph's Parish, Langley. Cost: \$20 per session. For more information, contact continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca or Saint Mark's College at 604-822-4463.

***World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass** Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, urges us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. He says: "The mission of the Church...is thus to love Jesus Christ, to adore and love him particularly in the poorest and most abandoned. Among these are migrants and refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind." Sunday, Jan. 18 at 3pm, Our Lady of Sorrows, Vancouver. Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for the 4th year in our Archdiocese as a universal church.

***Mothers Prayers Triduum – Fri, Jan.23** – Stations of the Cross 9:45 AM, St.Clare of Assisi, 1320 Johnson St, Coquitlam; **Sat, Jan.24** – Prayers 9:45 AM, Mass, St.Clare of Assisi Church (basement). **Sun, Jan. 25** – Prayers after 8:30 AM Mass, St. Clare of Assisi Church (basement). Open to all parishioners with a heart of children. For more information visit: <http://www.stclare.ca/faith-mothers.aspx> or call Rozalia 604.944.1554; Carmela 604.461.1076

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

Vpiatok 18. jan. 2015 pozývame všetkých mužov z farnosti na tradičné stretnutie, ktoré začína o 7:00pm modlitbou večerných chvál v kostolíku a následne v basemente pokračujeme zdieľaním.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$ 995
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$505
Silvestrovská zábava	\$1856.40

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

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

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

Sun 18 9:00am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1Sam 3:3b-10,19; 1Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42	+ Stanislav i Adam Piotrowski	Family Piotrowski
Sun 18 11:00am	2. Nedel'a v cezročnom období; 1Sam 3:3b-10,19; 1Kor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42	+ Hanka a starka Justina	Rodina Mahdalová
Mon 19	Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22	NO MASS	
Tue 20 8:00am	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian; Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28	Al & Joyce Diemert	Jo & Jim
Wed 21 8:00am	St. Agnes; Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Mk 3:1-6	Blessing for Joyce Krahnbel	Rodina Trochanová
Thu 22 8:00am	Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Fri 23 8:00am	St.Vincent, St. Marianne Cope; Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19	+ Michal a Ján	Mrs. Sentivani
Sat 24 9:00am	St. Francis de Sales; Heb 9:2-3,11-14; Mk 3:20-21	+ Erich Kunhadt	Lenka
Sun 25 9:00am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jon 3:1-5,10; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	Za Božie požehnanie a zdravie pre Anku	
Sun 25 11:00am	3. Nedel'a v cezročnom období; Jon 3:1-5,10; 1Kor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	+ Mária	Rodina Eškutová