

May 3, 2015
Slovak Catholic Parish

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

5. veľkonočná nedeľa.
5th Sunday of Easter.

*Tebe, Pane, patrí moja chvála v zhromaždení veriacich.
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*



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*Ostaňte vo mne a ja vo
vás, hovorí Pán; kto
ostáva vo mne, prináša
veľa ovocia.*

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*Remain in me as I re-
main in you, says the
Lord. Whoever re-
mains in me will bear
much fruit.*



Dnes nám Pán Ježiš predkladá pred oči podobenstvo o tom v akom vzťahu sa nachádzame my kresťania k Bohu. Tento vzťah je podobný vzťahu vinohradníka k viniču a viniča k ratolestiam. Ježiš hovorí o sebe: „Ja som pravý vinič.“ Ježiš je zdrojom života všetkých ratolestí. Musíme sa krstom a ostatnými sviatosťami doslova zaštepíť do tohto tajomného viniča. Bez tohoto základného skutku nemôžeme produkovať dobré hrozno, ale rodíme len divé a trpké plánky. Úrodu dokážeme prinášať len v dôvernom kontakte s Ježišom. Miazgou, ktorá preniká do nás z tohoto viniča, je Duch Boží. Musíme zostať s Kristom spojení, lebo bez neho uschneme a stratíme vitalitu.

Boh Otec vystupuje v tomto podobenstve ako vinohradník, ktorý sleduje jednotlivé ratolesti a ktoré neprinášajú úrodu, tie odreže a tie ktoré prinášajú čistí, aby prinášali ešte viac. Každý zásah nožom na viniči je bolestivý. Je bolesť, v ktorej ratolesť na koniec uschne a bude hodená na oheň, kde ju spália, pretože nechce spolupracovať s viničom a len ho vykorisťuje. Ale existuje aj iná bolesť, bolesť, ktorá nás očisťuje a spôsobuje, že sme schopní prinášať stále viac ovocia. Tým nožom, ktorým nás Boh Otec čistí, je Božie Slovo. Ak ostaneme v Ježišovi a jeho slovo v nás, môžeme prosieť, čo len chceme a dostaneme to.

Sv. Paschal Baylonský nám zanechal túto náuku o modlitbe: „Keďže najväčšou túžbou Boha je preukazovať ľuďom dobrodenie, maj pri všetkých svojich prosbách pevnú vieru, že Boh ti chce dať, o čo ho prosíš. Nepros však o nič, čo by ti Boh vopred nebol vnukol, aby si o to prosil. On totiž je skorej pripravený vypočuť tvoju prosbu, ako ty ju predniesť. On stále vyčkáva, aby sme ho prosili. Nech ťa teda k prosbe vedie skôr Božia vôľa, ako tvoja

nevyhnutná potreba; pretože On ťa chce obdarovať: veď modlitby sa majú vždy konať s prihliadnutím na zásluhy tajomstva života nášho Pána Ježiša Krista. Vytrvalo cvič svoju dušu nepretržitou a usilovnou činnosťou, aby si želala iba to, čo si želá Boh; vzdial' od svojej vôle každé dobro alebo zisk, ktorý by si mohol dosiahnuť touto prosbou. Áno, vždy hľad' na toto, že predovšetkým nám treba hľadať Boha. Naozaj je dôstojné, aby sme najprv a nadovšetko hľadali Boha, a to aj z toho dôvodu, že Božia Vznesenosť si želá, aby sme aj dosiahli to, o čo prosíme, keďže tým sa stávame schopnejšími jemu slúžiť a môžeme ho dokonalejšie milovať. Takýto úmysel maj pri všetkých svojich modlitbách a prosbách, a keď o niečo prosíš, rob to z lásky a pre lásku, a tiež dôrazne a bez ohľadu. Odpútaj svoje srdce od vecí tejto doby a opätovne uvažuj, akoby na tomto svete nebolo nič iné, iba ty a Boh sám. Nikdy, čo i len na chvíľku, neodvráť svoje srdce od Boha. Nech je tvoje zmýšľanie úprimné a pokorné; neúnavne pozoruj seba samého a Božia láska nech sa rozlieva na všetko ako olej.“

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus summarized how we can bear much fruit. He said that those who abide in Him and He in them bear much fruit. In other words, those who embrace a spiritual life by seeking to grow in holiness, in them Jesus dwells.

The relationship that we should have with Jesus is compared to the branch of a vine. While the vine takes its nourishment from the ground, the branches receive their food and water from the vine. The vine seeks to feed the branches to ensure that they will receive the maximum spiritual food and living water that they need to bear much fruit. Should any of the branches

reject the Source of Life and bear no fruit, Father prunes them from the vine. As long as the branches cooperate with the vine, they will freely receive life. A failure to cooperate means an inescapable death, eternal separation from the Lord Jesus.

As branches, there are many ways that we can abide in Jesus and receive life from Him so we can bear fruit. One way is by hearing the Word of God. Through the Spirit of Truth, the Word of God feeds our souls. So powerful is the Word of God that it "is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit..." [Heb. 4:12]

The Word of God has the power to transform those who sincerely seek the truth.

During today's Gospel Reading, the word "fruit" was applied in its singular form. If it were in the plural form, it would be a reference to our spiritual works. Here, the word "fruit" was a reference to our personal sanctification by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is a reference to the "fruit" of the Holy Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." [Gal. 5:22] These are the virtues that must shine through us so that we may remain attached to the vine as our source of life. Jesus also stated that those who abide in Him and His words abide in them, they should ask the Heavenly Father whatever they wish and it will be done for them. This is a very powerful statement that gives us a clue as to how to pray. If we pray to God and expect to receive a positive response, then we should shine in the fruit of the Spirit. By obeying God, by abiding in Jesus and Jesus in us, we have the assurance that God the Father will hear and answer our prayers that will spiritually benefit us and others.

Bulletin Announcements

***May 3 – 5th Sunday of Easter** "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 JOHN 3:18 Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

***Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus Raymond Roussin, SM** A Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus Raymond Roussin will be held Friday, May 8, at the 12:10 p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver with a reception to follow in the hall. All are welcome.

***The Examen Prayer** Come learn about how this Ignatian prayer can help us to enter into a deeper and more transparent relationship with God, and how it can help us not only to enter more deeply into the life that God offers us, but also help us to live our often confused lives as a prayer to God. We should see the "examen" as an opportunity to meet with God as the Son might speak with the Father at the end of the day. By donation. Presented by Sylvester Tan, SJ, who taught at Loyola University, New Orleans, and studies theology in Toronto. Monday, May 4 at 7pm, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Richmond.

***Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** Join millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by attending an intimate weekend with your spouse. Three couples and a priest share their experience that will get you communicating in a new way. There is no group sharing. The next weekends is July 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, Pitt Meadows. To register or for more information contact Steve and Mary Bohnen at 604-876-7298 or email wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

***During the month of May no adoration in front of Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evenings.**

***Martin, our altar boy, fundraised \$1,130.00 in our church for his outreach in India.**

*During my vacation, the masses will be celebrated by **Father Sarmed Biloues**. In case of emergency, contact neighbouring St. Michael Parish at 604-521-3406.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,205
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$295
Work of Vocation	\$345

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 3 9:00am	5th Sunday of Easter; Acts 9:26-31; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 3 11:00am	5. veľkonočná nedeľa; Sk 9:26-31; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8	Za prvoprijímajúce deti	Fr. Juraj
Mon 4 8:00am	Acts 14:4-18; Jn 14:21-26	+ Josefa	Family Javier
Tue 5 8:00am	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	For Anne Persoon health	Margarete
Wed 6 8:00am	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	+ Veronika Polaková	Ed Starick
Thu 7 8:00am	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11	Deceased relatives	Family Javier
Fri 8 8:00am	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17	+ Štefan Tonco	Mary Horvat
Sat 9 9:00am	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21	Andy Trihn	Martin De Guzman
Sun 10 9:00am	6th Sunday of Easter; Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17	For parishioners	
Sun 10 11:00am	6. veľkonočná nedeľa; Sk 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17	+ Ján Macík	Andrea s rodinou