

May 17, 2015
Slovak Catholic Parish

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Nanebovstúpenie Pána. The Ascension of the Lord.

Pán vystupuje do neba za hlaholu poľnice.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

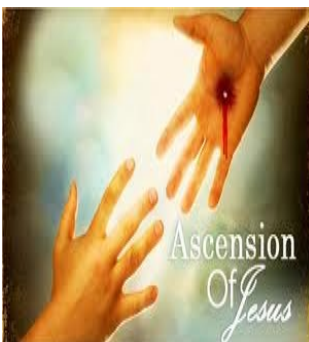


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Chodte a ucete vsecky narody, hovorí Pán; ja som s vami po vsecky dni až do skončenia sveta.

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Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.



Dnes uvažujeme nad záverom pozemského života Pána Ježiša. Jeho oslava začala Vzkriesením, ale vrcholí Nanebovstúpením.

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„V jeho mene sa bude všetkým národom ohlasovať pokánie, na odpustenie hriechov.“ Boh od nás ľudí nevyžaduje žiadne zvieracie obete, aby nám odpustil hriechy, ale vyžaduje naše pokánie, aby sme zmenili svoje zmýšľanie. Pokánie sa uskutočňuje vtedy, keď sa Božie Slovo stáva normou nášho myslenia, chcenia i konania. A v pokání má Boh zaľúbenie. „Zapri sám seba!“ Človek, ktorý sa týmto spôsobom obracia k Bohu, prestáva už žiť pre hriech a hriech sa pre neho stáva trápením. Boh ho ospravedľňuje, napriek tomu, že hriech stále môže byť v ňom veľmi silný a človek si sám s ním nepomôže.

Pán Ježiš nám zjavuje Nové bytie v Duchu Svätom. V kresťanstve nejde len o prijatie novej nauky, ale o moc, ktorá spočíva v prijatí Krista. Máme o ňom svedčiť. Pán Ježiš napomína apoštolov, aby očakávali Otcovo prisľúbenie, aby dotiaľ neodchádzali z Jeruzalema. S nami je to podobne. Dokiaľ nemáme v sebe výraznejšiu prítomnosť Ducha Svätého, nemôžeme splniť Veľký misijný príkaz Pána Ježiša, nemáme čo ľuďom povedať, pretože svedčiť, to nie je to isté ako učiť katechizmus. Samozrejme, že aj vyučovanie

catechizmu a teológie je potrebné, ale svedčiť, to znamená hovoriť o veľkých veciach, ktoré mi učil Pán. Svedectvo sa objavuje tam, kde človek prežíva, ako Panna Mária, veľké veci, ktoré mu urobil Pán a jeho duša jasá v Bohu Spasiteľovi. Duch Svätý nám dáva zážitok Boha, poznanie Božej dobroty. Ježiš nás vovádza do spoločenstva s Bohom skrze Ducha Svätého.

Svedectvo nemusí spočívať nutne v reči. Môže byť aj v pokojnom, navonok nehluchom, vnútornom živote, ktorý napriek tomu oslovuje. Ťažisko nášho kresťanského svedectva je v prežívaní Božej lásky vo svojom srdci - v zmene bytia. Prijímame Božie Slovo, ale skrze Slovo prijímame Božieho Ducha. Duch Boží rozhoduje o kvalite bytia. A naše bytie môže byť zmenené a posvätená jedine prijatím Ducha Svätého. Kresťanské svedectvo sa predovšetkým má dotýkať tejto oblasti. Svedectvo o zmenenom bytí, skrze prijatie Ježiša Krista.

Svedectvo o tom, že žijeme v pokoji s Bohom. Svedectvo o tom, že Boh žije v nás.

The sacred scripture is like a treasure chest... you need keys in order to open it and find its treasure. We need a key to open up what is hidden in the suffering, death, resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus Christ to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

For today's scripture the key is found in understanding that there is chronos time and there is kairos time. Chronos time is linear and quantitative. It is human time; we humans measure things by it. Kairos time is God's time. Scripture tells us "in the fullness of time God sent His only-begotten Son into our world." Normal events and the rules of nature are suspended and God disrupts things as He enters into our space and time according to His

schedule.

To glean the meaning of the Ascension we need to see it in the Lord's time. We need to see it in one Kairos event, as a part of the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. It's the closing act of the drama that began with God's Word coming down from heaven and becoming flesh in the Virgin Mary. The Ascension completes the circle. God sends His son among us to gather us together in Him in a holy communion. He thereupon takes us back to our heavenly home, back to our Father. This is all God's project, not ours. God accomplishes for us what we are powerless to bring about. God sends us His Son to bring us, His prodigal children, back home to heaven. United in Christ we are "taken up" into heaven.

The word "up" is used in the sense of telling us that Jesus entered a higher and greater dimension. It isn't proper to call His ascension a departure; rather it is parallel to His Easter resurrection. Both are inaugurations of a new Presence. His visible presence has now, in His ascension, passed into the sacraments, the "body language" of His Mystical Body, a body which no grave can contain.

It was by the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During His life, Jesus manifested the power of God's Holy Spirit at work in His miracles. By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus was raised from the dead to become the Christ of glory. And now, because of His ascension back to the Father, Christ with His Father sends us the Holy Spirit. This points to the necessity of Christ's ascension, His movement into that higher world, that universe that is God's. For without Christ's Ascension Pentecost would not have happened.

Bulletin Announcements

***May 17 - Ascension of Our Lord** "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 John 4:15 How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in your faith and share your witness with others.

***Giving "The Talk" and Walking the Walk: Demystifying Sex Education for Today's Families** This workshop, presented by international speaker & author Katrina J. Zeno, is for parents with children of all ages, as well as grandparents and educators! Learn what you can be doing for the formation of children in each of three developmental stages – preschool, grade school, and teenage years. Get practical pointers on how to cultivate in your children a spirit of self-gift and sacrifice – two indispensable qualities for happiness and virtue before and after marriage. Take a new look at dating and its purposes and guidelines for your teens. Saturday, May 30, from 9:45am to 3:30pm at St. Ann's Parish Centre, Abbotsford. Parish Mass at 9am. By donation. Please bring a bagged lunch (coffee & tea provided). To register, contact Jody at 604-852-5602 ext. 7 or email adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca. www.stannsabbotsford.ca

***Discerning Spirits: Naming the Motion of My Soul** Discernment of spirits is the interpretation of what St. Ignatius Loyola called the "motions of the soul." These interior movements consist of thoughts, imaginings, emotions, inclinations, desires, feelings, repulsions, and attractions. Spiritual discernment of spirits involves becoming sensitive to these movements, reflecting on them, and understanding where they come from and where they lead us. Join the dynamic and excellent speaker and Jesuit-information Sylvester Tan, SJ as he explains and leads us to a better understanding of discernment in the Ignatian way. Thursday, June 4 at 7pm, St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (west of the church building). Donations at the door accepted for the speaker's ongoing ministry. For more info or to pre-register, email Maureen at continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca.

* There will be **no Adoration** in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday evenings during the month of May.

*During Fr. Juraj's vacation, the masses will be celebrated by **Fr. Sarmad Biloues**. In case of emergency, contact neighboring St. Michael Parish at 604-521-3406.

*Last week's **Mother's Day Lunch** amounted to **-\$34**.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$905
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$595
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$278

Thank You. Vď'aka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru túto nedeľu v našom kostole nebude.

There will be no prayer ministry in our church this Sunday.

Sun 17 9:00am	The Ascension of the Lord; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	For parishioners	Fr. Sarmad
Sun 17 11:00am	Nanebovstúpenie Pána; Sk 1:1-11; Ef 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	+Jarda	Rod. Hruška
Mon 18 8:00am	St. John I; Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33	Deceased relatives and friends	Anonymous
Tue 19 8:00am	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a	Tony's Troup Anita	Jo and Jim
Wed 20 8:00am	St. Bernardine of Siena; Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19	+Veronika Poláková	Mirka s rodinou
Thu 21 8:00am	St. Christopher Magallanes & comp.; Acts 22:30,23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26	Fr. Juraj - for God's grace and strength	Joanne
Fri 22 8:00am	St. Rita of Cascia; Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 14:9-11	Health and well being	De Guzman
Sat 23 9:00am	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17	Za Bož.požehnanie a zdravie pre Jozefa	Mirka Bíroš
Sun 24 9:00am	Pentecost Sunday; Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15	For parishioners	Fr. Sarmad
Sun 24 11:00am	Nedeľa Zoslania Ducha Svätého; Sk 2:1-11; 1Kor 12,3b-7,12-13; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15	Na úmysel	Andrea a Peter Machula