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*Prid', Duchu Svätý,
naplň srdcia svojich
veriacich a zapál' v nás
oheň svojej lásky.*

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*Come, Holy Spirit, fill
the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your
love.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

**Nedeľa Zoslania Ducha Svätého.
Pentecost Sunday.**

Pane, zošli svojho Ducha a obnov tvárnosť zeme.

Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Aký je význam Zoslania Ducha Svätého na sviatok Turíc? Na Sviatok Turíc Židia slávia Dožinky, čiže vďaka za prvú úrodu a zároveň si pripomínajú dar Zákona, ktorý bol daný Mojžišovi na vrchu Sinaj. A ako je zjavenie Božieho zákona na vrchu Sinaj podstatným základom Judaizmu, tak je podstatným základom kresťanského náboženstva dar Ducha (Božia milosť), ktorý zostúpil na apoštolov na Turíce. A tak, ako sa na Turíce v Izraeli zbiera prvá úroda, tak je aj dar Ducha prvou úrodou Kristovho Vykúpenia. Bez Ducha Svätého zostáva kresťanstvo na úrovni židovského náboženstva. Bez Ducha Svätého nie je a neexistuje žiadna vnútorná zmena človeka. Človek zostáva vnútorné zlý, aj keď pod vplyvom Kristovho učenia jasnejšie rozlišuje medzi dobrom a zlom. Chápe čo je dobré, ale nemá v sebe silu k nasledovaniu.

Prvý človek v raji žil z Ducha Svätého, lebo Boh pri jeho stvorení vdýchol do jeho nozdier svoj Dych, svoju Dobrotu. Ale prvotný hriech zničil v nás tento Boží Dych, tento Boží život. Sv. Pavol v liste Rimanom takto vystihuje našu situáciu po prvotnom hriechu: „Veď Kristus zomrel v určenom čase za bezbožných, keď sme boli ešte bezmocní!“ Táto bezbožnosť spočíva v tom, že my všetci sa na tento svet rodíme bez vnútornej dobroty a duchovnej moci, ktorou bol Adam obdarený skôr ako zhešil, pretože táto moc je z Boha.

To, čo sa denne snažíme predvádzať ostatným, je naša snaha o to, čím by sme chceli byť, ale akí skutočne sme, poznávame vtedy, keď nás zaskočia protivenstvá a my musíme reagovať spontánne. Obyčajne tieto reakcie nie sú ani správne, ani dobré. Hriech teda nie je len zlý skutok, ale hriech je v nás ako zlé bytie. A tak potrebujeme spasiteľný zásah v oblasti bytia.

O Duchu Svätom hovoríme, že je

Božím bozkom, objatím, prsteňom. To, čo znamená pre človeka objatie v manželstve, to je predobraz toho, čo je v Tajomstve Najsvätejšej Trojice Duch Svätý. Duch Svätý je zážitok Boha v ľudskom srdci a zároveň zážitok schopnosti milovať tak ako miluje Boh. Duch Svätý je Božský vzťah. Jedinečný a jedine správny vzťah k Bohu, k ľuďom i ku stvoreným veciam. Preto predovšetkým napráva naše pokazené vzťahy. Tak ako ťažisko našich hriechov nie je vo veciach samých, ale v zlých a nesprávnych vzťahoch, tak aj Spása sveta je v náprave vzťahov.

Prijímanie Ducha Svätého nie je jednorázová udalosť ale trvalý proces. Ak chceme zažiť Boha v Duchu Svätom, musíme sa rozhodnúť poslúchať ho. Sv. apoštol Peter hovorí, že Boh dáva svojho Ducha tým, ktorí ho poslúchajú. Znakom správne žitej poslušnosti je Duch Svätý. Sv. Augustín nás poučuje: „Každý má Ducha Svätého v takej miere, v akej miluje Kristovu Cirkev.“ Usilujme sa o dosiahnutie tohto pravého bohatstva. Ak ho nemáme, aj keby sme mali všetky poklady sveta, sme pred Bohom chudobní. Ak je On v nás, máme to pravé bohatstvo z Boha. Sme bohatí Bohom.

Some things cannot be proven to exist. Take love for example. We know it exists but forensic science cannot prove it as a fact. If you ask the finest and most sophisticated science laboratory to give you a report on how love is constituted the report will never be given. It cannot be proven to exist in itself. It is found only in certain human behavioral characteristics. The same would be true of friendship. Like love, it cannot be proven to exist in and of itself, it can only be found and identified in the way humans behave with each other.

Now the same is true with the Holy Spirit. That aspect of God, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, can only be discerned in the way God acts, discerned and “seen” in the actions of the Holy Spirit, more precisely in the interactions of the Holy Spirit with human beings.

St. Paul noted: “For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want.” The word “flesh” doesn’t refer to skin, it refers rather to unredeemed human nature, human nature wounded by sin. What is of the flesh is humanity divorced from God’s life.

Now let’s take a look at what the Holy Spirit is all about and in doing so realize that the “work” of the Holy Spirit, His mission to us, is to bring our unredeemed humanity into the life of God. He is the “Vivifier,” the One who gives us Life, the One who brings us into interactions with the Living God. The Holy Spirit is present within us. He dwells within us. He is the re-creating, rejuvenating gift of God’s presence within. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that created the world in the first place and gave us God’s life within us. It is for us to allow ourselves to become aware of His presence, to take the time and make the place where we can be aware of that inner presence of God. God offers, we respond. But nothing happens unless and until we respond. And how do we respond? By receiving, by being open and inviting, by being at the disposal of God, by being available to God.

Let the Spirit make you free, free to walk in the glorious freedom of the sons and daughters of God. Cast aside your inner fears, for the Evil One’s greatest weapon is fear. It is through fear that Satan controls us. Let the blessings and the love of the Holy Spirit take a hold of you.

Bulletin Announcements

***May 24 - Pentecost Sunday** "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 By giving each of us different gifts, God made sure that the Church would have the right combination of time, talent and treasure that was needed to do His work. However, if one of us does not utilize our gifts, God's plan goes unfulfilled. Some important work is left undone.

***Called & Gifted Workshop** The Holy Father is calling you to actively help others encounter the Risen Christ by allowing Him to work through the spiritual gifts you bring to your work, family life, and your friends. The introductory Called & Gifted workshop will teach you about your place in the Church's mission to the world and about the spiritual gifts you have been given in order to fulfill that mission. The workshop will be Friday, Oct. 2, from 7-9pm, and Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9am-4pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Everyone is invited to participate. Parish leaders are encouraged to attend. More information to follow.

***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-in-formation 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, in case of emergency, contact neighboring St. Michael Parish at 604-521-3406

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$705
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$795
Nepal Collection	\$230

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 24 9:00am	Pentecost Sunday; Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15	For parisoners	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
Mon 25	St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi; Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27	NO MASS	
Tue 26	St. Philip Ner; Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31	NO MASS	
Wed 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury; Sir 36:1,4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45	NO MASS	
Thu 28	Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52	NO MASS	
Fri 29	Sir 44:1,9-13; Mk 11:11-26	NO MASS	
Sat 30	St. Joan of Arc; Sir 51:12cs-20; Mk 11:27-33	NO MASS	
Sun 31 9:00am	The Most Holy Trinity; Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20	For parishioners	Fr. Nixon
Sun 31 11:00am	Najsvätejšej Trojice; Dt 4,32-34, 39-40; Rim 8:4-17; Mt 28:16-20	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Jozefa	Mirka s rodinou