

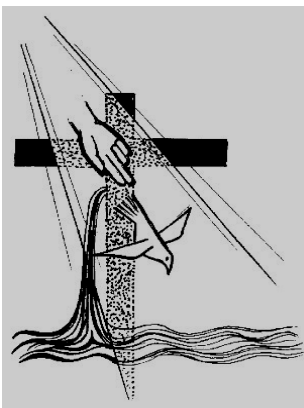


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*Sláva Otcu i Synu i
Duchu Svätému, ktorý
je, ktorý bol a ktorý
príde.*

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*Glory to the Father,
the Son, and the Holy
Spirit; to God who is,
who was, and who is to
come.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

**Najsvätejšej Trojice.
The Most Holy Trinity.**

Blažený ľud, ktorý patrí Pánovi.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Najsvätejšia Trojica je nielen veľké, ale zároveň aj ústredné tajomstvo našej viery. Jediný Boh sa zjavuje ako Spoločenstvo osôb, ako Živý, Osobný vzťah. Ako Vzťahnosť, ktorá je základom pre všetko, čo existuje.

Pán Ježiš zjavuje, že milovanie a plodenie, ktoré považujeme za najúžasnejšie schopnosti dané človeku, nie sú prvotne jeho vlastnosťami, ale sú predovšetkým vlastnosťami samotného Boha - Absolútna. Boh je ustavične Milovanie a Plodnosť. Človek i v tomto smere je len obrazom a odrazom Boha.

Plodenie v Bohu môžeme prirovnať k odovzdávaniu informácie. Ten, kto informáciu podáva, nič nestráca, ale ten, ktorý ju prijíma, stáva sa bohatším. Aj Boh Otec odovzdáva informáciu o sebe samom, teda svoje vlastné Sebapoznanie vo svojom Božskom Slove. Toto Slovo je stále plodené ale súčasne aj stále milované. Pretože Boh je Najvyššou absolútnou hodnotou, miluje sám seba Nekonečnou Láskou a pri tom nie je sebou. Lebo nielen, že absolútne dokonale miluje ale aj absolútne dokonale plodí svoje Slovo. A my toto Slovo prijímame, a skrze Neho sme premieňaní a rastieme do podoby Otca, ale z Neho nič neubúda a naopak, my sme úžasne obohatení. Toto Slovo sa zjednocuje s človekom, pretože pôvodne určenie človeka, je „byť Božím obrazom“, slúžiť Bohu ako priestor jeho zjavenia. Človek je pozvaný k tomu, aby sa cez neho zjavil Neviditeľný a absolútne Transcendentný Boh v tomto hmotnom svete. Človek má to isté určenie v hmotnom svete ako Slovo v Bohu. Teda plodnosť v Bohu nezostáva len v ňom samom, ale v tejto Božej plodnosti je Spása sveta. Človek sa na tejto Božej plodnosti môže zúčastňovať dvojakým spôsobom: prirodzeným plodením detí, ale takisto hlásaním evanjelia.

Skrze Slovo vstupuje do nás aj Duch Svätý, skutočná Láska a schopnosť milovať Božským spôsobom. Ak sa zjednocujeme so Slovom Božím, stávame sa Božími priateľmi a celá najsvätejšia Trojica vstupuje do našich životov. Toto Slovo je podmienkou priateľstva zo strany Boha. Duch Svätý je zážitkom Božieho priateľstva a lásky. Každé ľudské slovo je vydychnuté človekom. Božie Slovo je takisto vydychnuté, ale Božím dychom a tým je Duch svätý. A aj ľudská duša sa len vtedy správne rozvíja, keď dýcha v tomto Božom ovzduší. Na počiatku pri stvorení Adama Boh sa nežne sklonil k človeku a vdýchol do jeho nozdier Dych života. Skrze tento Boží Dych do ľudskej bytosti vstúpilo aj božie Slovo. Toto je naša pôvodná prirodzenosť. Pravým človekom je ten, kto prijal Božie Slovo a žije v Duchu Svätom. Posledným cieľom celej božej ekonomiky je vstup stvorení do dokonalej jednoty s Najsvätejšou Trojicou a už teraz sme pozvaní, aby v nás prebývala.

Is religion based on myths and lies? The author of The Da Vinci Code would have us believe that. Others tell us that humans have constructed a God for themselves, that God is a fiction weak-minded people have fashioned.

I believe that no human intelligence would have ever fabricated a God that was three Persons in one God. Such a depiction of God would have been beyond the wildest imaginings in any human's mind.

The teaching that God is Three Persons in One comes to us from Jesus. It is a teaching not found in any other religion. It is a totally unique understanding of God.

In today's Gospel account we hear Jesus commissioning His apostles and sending them out into the whole world to baptize everyone in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is asking His followers to live in the life of the triune God and to share that life with others.

Those first followers of Jesus were Jews, children of the faith of Abraham. Their view of God's presence was magnificent. God was everywhere and in everything. When things were good, God was there. When things were bad, God was there also.

Then these children of Abraham met Jesus, and their vision of God took on another dimension. In Jesus they came to find God dwelling amongst us. They observed how He behaved, how He cared and loved, how He lived with an inner authenticity, integrity, and an authority that gave His humanity powers never before known in any human being. The apostles went to their death as martyrs professing their faith in Jesus as God the Son.

After His ascension these same followers experienced God's Presence in yet another way. They realized that Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, was personally present to them in His Spirit-filled, resurrected humanity. They experienced God's Presence in special prayers while they were celebrating the Lord's Supper as well as in moments of special human significance, in suffering and death. They came to know and experience the Holy Spirit, the gift of the One who raised Jesus from death into the Christ of glory, the One who comes to us in His Mystical Body.

Christ gave them courage, joy, love and power to face the world. He gave them God's Presence. Filled with God's personal Presence Christ's disciples they entered into our world. We, their successors, still do because we, too, are sent. God is our creating and life-giving Father. He is Father, Son, and life-giving Spirit for us.

Bulletin Announcements

***May 31 - Feast of the Holy Trinity** "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - Romans 8:16-17 If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time, talent and treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

***Jesus the Teacher Retreat** Deepen your knowledge of the faith, renew your relationship with the Lord, and connect with old and new friends. For years the Jesus the Teacher Retreat has provided attendees with a variety of opportunities to find out more about their faith and for catechists to deepen their skills and understanding of their ministry. Led by Deacon Paul Goo and the Archdiocesan Catechetics Office. Friday, June 5, at 7pm to Sunday, June 7 at 1pm, Westminster Abbey, Mission. Pre-registration required. Cost \$175. For more info or to register, contact 604-683-0281 or visit rcav.org/jesus-the-teacher-retreat-certificate-program.

***Saint Mark's Summer Institute is Back!** Choose from a wide range of engaging, inspiring courses delivered by highly qualified instructors, including internationally renowned scripture specialist Fr. Walter Vogels, M. Afr., and philosophy professor and author Dr. Sam Rocha. For more info or to register, contact continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca or 604-822-4463 or visit www.stmarkscollege.ca. Register before June 15 for Early Bird Pricing.

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

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

*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	\$927
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$573

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 31 9:00am	The Most Holy Trinity; Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20	For parisioners	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
Mon 1	St. Justin; Tob 1:3,2:1b-8; Mk 12:1-12	NO MASS	
Tue 2	St. Marcellinus & Peter; Tob2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17	NO MASS	
Wed 3 8:00am	St. Charles Lwanga & Comp.; Tob 3:3-11a,16-17a; Mk 12:18-27	Al Diemert	Donna A. + Olga R.
Thu 4 8:00am	Tob 6:10-11,7:1bcde,9-17,8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34	+Josefa	Fam. Javier
Fri 5 8:00am	First Friday; St. Boniface; Tob 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37	Na úmysel	Mária
Fri 5 7:30pm	Prvý Piatok; Tob 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37	+Michal	Rod. Krupová
Sat 6 9:00am	St. Norbert; Tob 12:1,5-15,20; Mk 12:38-44	+Mária Vajčnerová	Rod. Janeková
Sun 7 9:00am	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 7 11:00am	Najsvätejšieho Kristovho Tela a Krvi; Ex 24:3-8; Hebr 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26	+Božena Bebjak	Rod. Bebjak