

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

15. Nedel'a v Cezročnom období.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Ukáž mám, Pane, svoje milosrdenstvo a daj nám svoju spásu.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.



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*Otec nášho Pána Ježiša
Krista nech osvieti oči
nášho srdca, aby sme
vedeli, aká je nádej z
nášho povolania.*

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*May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ en-
lighten the eyes of our
hearts, that we may
know what is the hope
that belongs to our call.*



V dnešnom druhom čítaní sme počuli výzvu sv. Pavla ku zvelebovaniu Boha. „Nech je zvelebený Boh a Otec nášho Pána Ježiša Krista, ktorý nás v Kristovi požehnal a zahrnul nebeskými duchovnými darmi...“ Čo to znamená „zvelebovať Boha“

Katechizmus nás učí: „Velebenie vyjadruje základný smer kresťanskej modlitby: je to stretnutie Boha s človekom; v ňom Boží dar a jeho prijatie človekom volajú jeden po druhom a spájajú sa. Modlitba velenia je odpoveďou človeka na Božie dary; pretože Boh dáva požehnanie, srdce človeka môže zasa velebiť toho, ktorý je zdrojom všetkého požehnania.“

Aké miesto zaberá v našich modlitbách zvelebovanie? Aspoň niekedy zvelebujeme Boha? Často sa priznávame, že sme kliali a rúhali sme sa, ale kto sa vyznáva, že Boha nezveleboval. Ak seba samých a svoj život považujeme za pozitívnu hodnotu, alebo vyjadrím to ešte polopatistickejšie: „Ak chceme žiť!“ zvelebujeme Boha, lebo to čo je v nás a vo svete dobré, pochádza zaiste od neho. Najväčší dôkaz Božej lásky je skutočnosť toho, že sme, že existujeme. Boh miluje láskou, ktorú môžeme charakterizovať aj týmito slovami: „Milovať znamená povedať tomu druhému, chcem, aby si bol!“

Niekedy nás v našom zvelebovaní chce pomýliť naša okamžitá situácia, alebo videnie našej budúcnosti. Boha však nemáme velebiť len kvôli tomu, čo pre nás urobil, ale ho môžeme velebiť ešte úžasnejším spôsobom pre neho samého, bez ohľadu na to, ako sa cítim, čo prežívam, pretože On je Absolútne Dobro a Absolútna Krása. Môžem spievať o svojej láske v zabudnutí na seba. Boh si nás ustavične všíma a sme stále predmetom jeho nežnej starostlivosti. Sme tu len preto, lebo On sám na nás ustavične koncentruje svoju stvoriteľskú pozornosť.

Žijeme často len v preši prítomnosti, bez živej nádeje, bez myšlienky na budúcnosť, ktorú pripravuje Boh. Zabúdame na svoje základné povolanie uctievať, velebiť Boha a klaňať sa mu, milovať ho celým srdcom. Niekedy je tento nedostatok spôsobený aj neznalosťou Boha. Boh sa najdokonalejšie zjavil vo svojom Slove, ktoré sa stalo telom a prebývalo medzi nami. Na svojej ceste hľadania Boha často robíme chybu, že vedome obchádzame Božie Slovo a chceme ho hľadať kdesi inde. Ale Boh komunikuje s nami skrze svoje Všemohúce Slovo, „ktoré bolo na počiatku u Boha a Bohom bolo to Slovo a skrze ktoré bolo všetko stvorené.“

Nebeský Otec má ten istý charakter aký sa nám zjavuje v osobe Ježiša Krista, charakter sebadávajúcej lásky. Ak sme si aspoň trochu uvedomili v tejto chvíli, kto je Boh Otec vyslovme vo svojom srdci: „Nech je zvelebený Boh a Otec nášho Pána Ježiša Krista, ktorý nás v Kristovi požehnal a zahrnul nebeskými duchovnými darmi.“

In today's Gospel account we reflect on that event in which Jesus summoned the Twelve and first sent them out into their surrounding world.

Being sent is a commission that occurs because of God's initiative, not ours. We are at the Mass because we are called and chosen to receive God's life and love in this Eucharist...and then we are sent. Mass isn't just about our receiving... it is also about our sending.

Jesus sent his Apostles out in vulnerability. Jesus also came among us in vulnerability. He was born among us humbly and powerless. He died among us naked and powerless, nailed on a cross. The Apostles were to live in that same vulnerability, that poverty of resources, so that it is clear to all that their ac-

complishments are due to God's activity not theirs. We, too, like the Apostles go to those around us in humility and simplicity.

We approach others in mutual, shared living. We give and receive our life experiences in our exchanges with those of others. That is why the Apostles were charged to spend time with those to whom they were sent. They were to live in solidarity with their hosts. Jesus told his Apostles to stay with those they met. They were not to go from place to place. They were not to go to those people who made things comfortable for them. No, they were to remain committed to their mission, committed to those whom they encountered.

Being humble and poor in our resources we need to find our strength in our community of faith. Ours is a commonly shared faith; we do not belong to a "me and Jesus" religion, we belong to a "we and Jesus" family of faith. I am not saved because I have chosen Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I am saved because Jesus my Lord and Savior has chosen me. In baptism He has given me a name; I am a significant, named person in His family. In Confirmation He has given you and me a purpose and a commission. I have been filled with the Holy Spirit. You and I with the Apostles are sent out into our surrounding world... never alone, always with others.

So you see that the mission of the Apostles is also your mission. And just as Christ's power and love went with them so, will Christ's power and love accompany you. Always remember that this is God's project, not yours. Remember also words St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians "We have been chosen by God, chosen to reveal His goodness and love to all those around us." Receive Jesus now in Holy Communion... and then take Him with you into the world

Bulletin Announcements

***July 12 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time** *"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts."* (Mark 6:8) How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

***Annual Marian Pilgrimage to Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** Come to Fraser River Heritage Park, 7494 Mary Street, Mission to pray and celebrate in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10am to 4pm. Confessions begin at 10am, celebration of the Eucharist at 1pm by Archbishop Miller, CSB. After Mass, there will be a procession to the Grotto where Rosary is prayed followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Free bus service from Vancouver provided for the Disabled and Seniors 65 & over. For bus reservation, please contact Teresita Nixon at 604-940-7006 or at 604-868-2354. Please bring picnic baskets and chairs.

***Man Alive 2015: Desire, Design, and Destiny** "We can't do it alone." That's the theme for this year's evening men's conference, so bring a friend to Man Alive with Christopher West who will be speaking about authentic manhood: Desire, Design, and Destiny. God's design for our desires is not that we suffocate them, but that we liberate them at their deepest level so they can lead us to our ultimate destiny: eternal bliss in union with him forever. That is what authentic manhood is all about! Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 7-9:30pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Cost: \$15. Coffee and snacks available. To register, visit rcav.org/manalive or contact the Adult Evangelization and Discipleship Office at 604-683-0281.

***Catholic Charismatic Conference** The Catholic Charismatic Healing Conference will be held the weekend of Sept. 18-19 at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, 10238 – 168th Street, Surrey. The Conference will feature Bob Canton and Fr. Jerry Thompson - speakers with highly successful Healing Ministries. Tickets are \$10 each before Aug. 15. Phone 604-597-8227 or fireblade@telus.net Visit www.vccrs.ca to view details.

***Adoration** - this coming Thursday evening is no adoration.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,150
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$350

Sun 12 9:00am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13	For parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 12 11:00am	15.Nedel' a v Cezročnom období; Am 7:12-15; Ef 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13	+ Mária Astrabová	Rodina Astrabová
Mon 13 8:00am	St.Henry; Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1	+ John Martenelli	Singrid Erlands
Tue 14 8:00am	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha; Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24	+ Josefa Javiier	Family Javier
Wed 15	St. Bonaventure; Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27	NO MASS	
Thu 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30	NO MASS	
Fri 17	Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8	NO MASS	
Sat 18 9:00am	St. Camillus de Lellis; Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21	+ Paul Segeč	Family Segeč
Sun 19 9:00am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34	For parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 19 11:00am	16.Nedel' a v Cezročnom období; Jer 23:1-6; Ef 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34	+ Pavol	Manželka s rodinou

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v našom kostole počas letných prázdnin nebude.

There will be no prayer ministry during the summer holiday in our church.