

July 26, 2015
Slovak Catholic Parish

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

17. Nedel'a v Cezročnom období.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Otvor svoju ruku, Pane, a nasýť nás.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs .



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*Veľký prorok povstal
medzi nami a Boh
navštívil svoj ľud.*

*A great prophet has
arisen in our midst.
God has visited his
people.*



Evanjelista Ján nazýva zázraky, ktoré Ježiš konal, znameniami. Znamenie definujeme ako niečo viditeľné, čo odkazuje na skutočnosť, ktoré nie je našim zmyslom momentálne prístupná. Zázraky Pána Ježiša sú znameniami, ktoré ukazujú na jeho Božstvo. Ak by Ježiš ako človek nebol spojený s Bohom, nemohol by také veci konať. Ale zázraky v Ježišovom ohlasovaní majú ešte iný zmysel. Sú zjavením Božieho kráľovstva. Boh vždy pôsobí v skutočný prospech a dobro človeka. Ježiš každého, kto o to prosí, privádza k zoceleniu bytosti, k uzdraveniu, k plnému životu. Hriech človeka mrzačí. Všade tam, kde sa ohlasuje Ježišovo evanjelium a prijíma sa so skutočnou vierou, sa aj dnes dejú zázraky a uzdravenia.

„Ježiš vystúpil na vrch a tam si sadol so svojimi učeníkmi.“ Ježiš sa často vzdávať od tých, ktorí ho nasledujú. Nemôžeme ho ľahko kúpiť. Ježiša mohli nasledovať len tí, ktorí boli ochotní čosi obetovať. Pán Ježiš nejde medzi ľudí, aby Božie Slovo bolo ľahšie dostupné. To Slovo má takú hodnotu, že len ten, kto je ochotný čosi obetovať, si ho zaslúži počuť. Koľkokrát sa aj nám v našom duchovnom živote akoby Ježiš stratil. A napriek tomu, keď Ježiš zdvihol oči videl, že k nemu prichádza veľké množstvo ľudí. To sú tí, ktorým Ježiš za to stojí, aby ho nasledovali aj na púste miesta. Sú to ľudia, ktorí sú ochotní hľadať Boha i za cenu prechodu púšťou.

Keď videl Pán Ježiš množstvo ľudí, ktorí ho vytrvalo nasledovali, opýtal sa apoštola Filipa: „Kde nakúpime chleba, aby sa títo najedli?“ Boh sa stará nielen o dušu človeka, ale v strede jeho záujmu stojí celý človek s telom i dušou. Ježiš túto otázku vyslovil preto, „lebo ho skúšal, lebo sám vedel, čo urobí“. Byť Ježišovým učeníkom znamená učiť sa veriť a žiť Božie Slovo. Pán Ježiš neskúšal Filipa z teológie, ale skúšal ho z

viery. Ako postupuje Ježiš? „Pán Ježiš vzal chlieb, vzdával vďaka a rozdával sediacim, podobne aj z rýb, koľko chceli.“ Zobral malé chlebičky do rúk, nezačal nariekať, nezačal dokonca ani úpenlivo prosiť, ale začal Boha chváliť a ďakovať mu za skutočnosť takú aká je. Vďaka je najsprávnejší bytostný postoj človeka voči Bohu. V tomto prípade sa vďačnosťou prejavuje väčšia dôvera voči Bohu a výsledkom je zázrak. Ježiš tvorí novú hmotu. Pán Ježiš potrebuje našu vieru, to je tá naša troška, ktorá je potrebná na to, aby mohol zázračne pôsobiť.

„Keď ľudia videli, aké znamenie urobil, hovorili: „Toto je naozaj ten prorok, ktorý má prísť na svet.“ Ale keď Ježiš spoznal, že chcú prísť, zmocniť sa ho a urobiť ho kráľom“. Božie Kráľovstvo sa objavuje tam, kde sa mení človek, kde človek prijíma a uznáva Ježiša za svojho Pána a Kráľa a podrobuje sa jeho vláde. Toto je lekcia, ktorú nám chce dať dnešné Evanjelium. Ježiš je Kráľ od stvorenia sveta, ktorý nečaká na to, aby som ho kráľom urobil, ale len na to, aby som ho za kráľa uznal.

Today's readings echo the importance of the unity of God's people in the Spirit of the Lord.

In the First Reading a man brought food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God. This generosity was in obedience to the word of God to His people through Moses. United with God's people in the Spirit of the Lord, Elisha commanded that the food be given to the people. Hearing this, the servant questioned how a hundred persons could be fed with so little food. Trusting in the Lord God to provide, Elisha repeated his command, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" Consequently, the servant obeyed. The words of the Lord, 'They shall

eat and have some left.' were prophetic in nature. Centuries before its time, these words foretold the miracles of the Lord Jesus who was to come and feed the hungry, physically and spiritually.

Through the actions of the man who brought the first fruits, Elisha who shared it with those in need, the servant who distributed the food and the one hundred persons who ate it, we perceive the manifestation of the holy nature of God in the unity of the Spirit of the Lord. Through these actions, we perceive that the people knew and obeyed the will of God. We perceive spiritual love, God's people taking care of one another as one people. We perceive the joy of giving and the joy of receiving, all for the benefit of the one people of God. As a sign that the Lord God was pleased with His people, the first fruit were multiplied. All were fed and there was some left over according to the word of the Lord.

Today's Reading from the Gospel of John reminds us of the multiplication of the food, how five barley loaves and two fish fed five thousand persons while leaving twelve baskets of leftovers. While this may seem impossible, in the unity of the Spirit, it was achieved. For, when the Lord God is pleased with His children, nothing is impossible. He provides according to their needs.

A boy gave up his food for Jesus to share it with the others. The disciples obeyed Jesus. They told the people to sit down. And those who obeyed and were seated, they were fed and received the grace of God through the physical multiplication of the food.

The Holy Scripture does not tell us about those who disobeyed and refused to be seated. But it tells us that those who were united in the Spirit, obeying the Lord, were fed and ate as much as they wanted.

Bulletin Announcements

***July 26 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (John 6:9) The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

***Travis Lulay and Christopher West: "See you at Man Alive"** "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 and BC Lions Quarterback Travis Lulay. West will speak about authentic manhood, and Lulay will be interviewed on living his faith in the world today. Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 7-9:30pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Cost: \$15. To register, visit rcav.org/manalive or contact the Adult Evangelization and Discipleship Office at 604-683-0281.

***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. rcav.org/missionpilgrimage/

***Public Lecture: Caring for Aging Parents: Straight Answers that Help You Serve Their Needs Without Ignoring Your Own** How to take the frustration, guilt, helplessness, and anxiety out of caregiving and replace them with Christ's invitation for peace. Dr. Richard Johnson is nationally recognized for his pioneering work in Spiritual Gerontology and maturing adult faith formation. He is a dynamic, engaging, and compassionate teacher who has written many articles and 40 books on God's expansive grace in the maturing years. In addition to his earned doctorate in counseling, Dr. Richard Johnson was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2010 from Holy Cross College for his work in spiritual gerontology. Admission by donation. Lecture on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 7pm at St. Mark's College Chapel. Followed by reception.

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

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$760
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$740

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.

Sun 26 9:00am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15	For parishioners living and diseased	Father Juraj
Sun 26 11:00am	17.Nedel'á v Cezročnom období; 2Kr:4-42-44; Ef 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15	+ Jozef Astrab senior	Rodina Astrabová
Mon 27 8:00am	Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Mt 13:31-35	Na úmysel	Mária
Tue 28 8:00am	Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Mt 13:36-43	+ Enrique Javier	Family Javier
Wed 29 8:00am	St. Martha; Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27	Za Božie požehnanie a zdravie pre Martu a Ladislava	Family Palko
Thu 30 8:00am	Bl. Zdenka Scheling, virgin and martyr ; Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53	Za B.požehnanie Eddieho a za manželov - 10. vyr.	Father Juraj
Fri 31 8:00am	St. Ignatius of Loyola; Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Mt 13:54-58	+ George A. Macaranas	Dida
Sat 1 9:00am	St. Alphonsus Liguori; Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12	+ Jan Kišš	Lenka s rodinou
Sun 2 9:00am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35	For parishioners living and diseased	Father Juraj
Sun 2 11:00am	18.Nedel'á v Cezročnom období; Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Ef 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pri 50. výročí manželstva	Rodina