

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

18. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pane, daj nám chlieb z neba!

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.



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*Nielen z chleba žije
človek, ale z každého
slova, ktoré vychádza z
Božích úst.*

*One does not live on
bread alone, but by
every word that comes
forth from the mouth of
God.*



Keď sa chceme stretnúť naraz s viacerými priateľmi, pozveme si ich k sebe na návštevu. Takéto stretnutie sa spája s pohostením. Snažíme sa ponúknuť priateľom to najlepšie, aby sa u nás dobre cítili. Priatelia nielenže prijímajú pozvanie, a tak hosťovi preukážu aj svoju lásku, ale záleží im, aby si s ním v pokoji pobudli. Na takejto hostine je hosťiteľ prítomný pre každého. Ten, kto odmietne pozvanie, prípadne í keď príde, a odmietne pohostenie, škodí si sám sebe. Nepočúva, nič si nezoberie, teda nemôže ani odísť obdarený.

Pán Ježiš nás oslovuje slovami: „Ja som chlieb života. Kto prichádza ku mne, nikdy nebude hladovať, a kto verí vo mňa, nikdy nebude žízniť“ (Jn 6,35). Prislubuje zázračný pokrm svojho Tela a Krvi. Je to sviatočný chlieb a nápoj. Jedná sa o hostinu, ktorá sa stala viditeľným znakom priateľstva. Ježiš nám ponúka priateľské posedenie, kde sa máme všetci dobre cítiť, jeden druhého navzájom potešiť a kde hosťiteľ sa chce venovať všetkým a každému. Táto hostina dokáže zbližovať a upevniť priateľstvo. Kto z nás by dokázal vymyslieť niečo lepšie a kvalitnejšie, ako sa stretnúť so svojím Bohom? Ved' práve preto sa Pán Ježiš stal Človekom, aby sme pocítili, že nám je blízky. Teda nie iba ľuďom, ktorí ho videli na vlastné oči. On chcel zostať blízko človeka do konca čias. Keď pri Poslednej večeri ustanovil túto Sviatosť lásky, priznáva sa apoštolom, že sa už nemohol tej chvíle dočkať. Ježiš sa tešil, že bude môcť byť s nami vždy, keď však budeme chcieť my, keď budeme túžiť po jeho láske, keď mu budeme chcieť lásku prejavovať. Toto je možné, ved' sám povedal: „A hľa, ja som s vami po všetky dni až do skončenia sveta“.

Ježiš myslel vtedy na stretnutie pri modlitbe, pri čítaní Svätého písma a pri slávení svätej omše. Nemusíme

sa báť, že Ježiš nebude mať čas. Ježiš dokáže byť v jednej chvíli s každým osobitne. Eucharistia je chvíľa stretnutia, hostiny, daru lásky.

Veľkú chybu robí ten, kto neprijíma Telo a Krv Krista ako jeho najväčší dar. Odmietnutie tohto daru je najväčšia urážka, a to aj vtedy, keď to nevieme pochopiť. Dar je predsa prejav lásky. Kto odmieta a nepristupuje k Eucharistii, ten sa oberá o mnohé milosti. Kto však prijíma Krista, ten čoskoro spozná jeho účinok.

Kristovi je ľúto tých, ktorí odchádzajú urazení, sklamaní...mrzí ho aj pretvárika, hnev, závišť, zlosť, pomsta, zlomyselnosť tých, čo prichádzajú na hostinu. To je urážka, ktorá neprinesie uspokojenie. Ježiš nemôže prehladnúť ich postoj, a tak nemôže splniť ani ich priania. Sami sme si často príčinou, že odchádzame zo svätej omše nespokojní, pretože v našej duši sme nedali najčestnejšie miesto Kristovi. Nech nám všetkým záleží na tom, aby sme nielen my, ale aj sused vedľa mňa v lavici, odišiel zo svätej omše bohatší o milosti.

At many points in our lives we all must face and deal with change, change that requires us to abandon the old familiar patterns and move into new and unfamiliar ways of living. We seem at times to want change and when it occurs we don't like it, don't want it. In times of change our emotions cope with fear of the unknown. The loss of our sense of security forces us to muster up the courage and strength to enter into what changes bring to us in the way we think, feel, and act. Fear plays upon us, causing us to resist change. We experience an internal war between two states of being, passivity and change.

Today's Gospel account is all about change. It presents us with the

central reason why you and I are Catholics, namely the Eucharist.

Jesus was asking His listeners to change their hearts and minds in order to see God in a new light. Instead of asking for bread for their stomachs as their ancestors did when Moses led them out of Egypt they should ask for the Bread of Life, the Bread Jesus was going to give them, His Body and Blood.

When we ask God to give us our daily bread we need to pay attention to that for which we are praying, not bread for our bodies but for the food that nourishes our hearts and souls, the Bread that strengthens our spirits, the Bread with which we nourish each other's hearts and souls with the presence of God living within us.

What is the core conversion, the biggest change of all that our Blessed Lord is seeking within us? Nothing less than to accept the God who wants to live within us. Christ, is the Son of God who comes from His Father in heaven to live within us. That's the astounding point — a huge change! God wants to live and love within you and me, asking us to receive Him in His Body and Blood. He came seeking not only our obedience but desiring to be up close and personal with us, seeking to live within us. The infinite God who lives far above us comes to us now inside our finite humanity, in our time, on our earth. Astounding!

This was revolutionary, requiring a complete change in our hearts, requiring that we recognize our real hunger, our hunger for the Source of all love, a relationship deeper than simply giving God our ob-servance of His laws.

Change is another word for conversion, and conversion means adopting a new version in living, a new way in which we see others and treat others, a new way in which we relate to each other and relate to God.

Bulletin Announcements

***August 2 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (Exodus 16:4) When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, God calls us to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.

***Summer Institute** Summer Institute offers one-day courses that provide continuing education opportunities, ministry development and spiritual enrichment. Courses include: Basics of the Faith, Overview of the Liturgy, and Leadership Skills for Ministry. Ministry training is also offered for music ministry, lectors, ushers, PREP, LWC and RCIA. Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10-4pm, at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. Cost \$35 includes lunch. Everyone is welcome! For more info and registration visit: www.rcav.org/oc/summer or call 604-683-0281.

***Pastoral Encounter: Responding to Our Call to be Christ-like** Our Christian vocation invites us to express who we truly desire to be as a church and as individual Christians. Using scriptural and literary stories, visual works of art, and film scenes, Fr. Trevor Scott, S.J. will help us contemplate challenging, prayer-provoking, and affirming pastoral encounters. This retreat will hopefully reaffirm our vocation as Christians called to be pastorally attentive, and authentically Christ-like to those around us. Fr. Scott offers retreats and spiritual direction at the Halifax Jesuit Spirituality Centre and is the National Ecclesial Assistant for the Christian Life Community (CLC) of Canada. Saturday, Aug. 15, at 9am at St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver. Suggested donation: \$25 to support formation of Vancouver CLC groups.

*Thursday evening is NO ADORATION but Slovak Mass on the solemnity - **The Transfiguration of the Lord** at 7:30pm.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,474
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$26

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 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.Nedeľa 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
Mon 3	Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21	NO MASS	
Tue 4 8:00am	St. Jonh Mary Vianney; Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36	Za o. Dušana a spolu-bratov kňazov	
Wed 5 8:00am	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26,29a,34-35; Mt 15:21-28	+ Mary Horvat	Rodina Trochanová
Thu 6 8:00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord; Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10	+ Josepha	Family Javier
Thu 6 7:30pm	Premenenie Pána; Dan 7:9-10,13-14; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10	Sr. Agneška a Karmela	
Fri 7 8:00am	St. Sixtus II & Comp.; St. Cajetan; First Friday; Deu 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Jána Košlaba	Marta
Fri 7 7:30pm	Prvý Piatok; Deu 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Andreja	Matka s rodinou
Sat 8 9:00am	St. Dominic; Deu 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Martu a Ladislava	Rodina Trochanová
Sun 9 9:00am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51	For parishioners living and diseased	Father Juraj
Sun 9 11:00am	19.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; 1Kr 19:4-8; Ef 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51	Za zdravie pre otca	Syn s rodinou