

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

19. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Skúste a presvedčte sa, aký dobrý je Pán.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



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*Ja som živý chlieb,
ktorý zostúpil z neba,
hovorí Pán; kto bude
jesť z tohoto chleba,
bude žiť naveky.*

*I am the living bread
that came down from
heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this
bread will live forever.*



Dnes nám Ježiš hovorí: „Nik nemôže prísť ku mne, ak ho nepriťahne Otec, ktorý ma poslal.“ Ježiš učí, že viera v neho je Božou milosťou. Ale táto Božia milosť má určité ľudské predpoklady: dat sa poučiť. Kde môžeme počuť Otcov hlas? Hlasom Boha Otca je naše vlastné svedomie. Boh už pri stvorení človeka vložil do jeho srdca Božie Slovo. Božie Slovo je prítomne v našom najtajnejšom vnútri a my, ak sme čestní voči sebe samým, musíme priznať, že Ježiš hovorí súzvučne s tým, čo hovorí naše vlastné svedomie, hovorí z hĺbky nášho srdca.

Kto nerešpektuje a nevšíma si hlas svedomia, nemôže dôjsť ku Kristovi. Ale, kto žije podľa svojho svedomia, je schopný otvoriť sa Kristovi a jeho spasiteľnému zásahu. Je schopný rozpoznať Krista, ako Božie Slovo skrze, ktoré a pre ktoré bol stvorený. My všetci ho v sebe nosíme, ako svoje najhlbšie a najtajnejšie vnútro, ako svoju najskrytejšiu túžbu po blaženosti, po kráse, po pravde, po plnom živote. Keď žijeme z Krista a jeho tajomstiev, Boh sám nám garantuje večný život. Večný život je ustavičný rozvoj, ustavičný rast do podoby Nekonečného a Neohraničeného Boha. To sa deje vtedy, keď prijímame Krista ako svoj život. Smrť sa nám po dedičnom hriechu javí ako milostivé obmedzenie nášho pomýleného rastu. Boh nechce, aby sa skazený a zvrhlý človek stal normou všetkých vecí. Nechce, aby tyrania ľudskej zvrhlosti, večne vládla. Ale keď sa začneme rozvíjať v zhode s jeho vôľou, súhlasne s jeho Slovom, vtedy si želá a chce, aby sme existovali večne. Ježiš sám je tým Slovom, Semenom, Zrnom, ktoré z vlastnej sily bude rásť v priestore našej ochoty. Len ho treba vierou prijať do seba. Keď veríme, tak už ten život v sebe máme, ako semenko, ktoré sa raz rozvinie do

plnej sily.

Ježiš je chlebom života, živý chlieb. On je chlebom svojou podstatou, pretože dáva život. Nestáva sa chlebom až v okamihu premenenia. On je večným chlebom. Ježiš vybral za základ tejto úžasnej sviatosti pozemský chlieb preto, lebo najlepšie zodpovedá Jeho povahe. On je dobrý ako chlieb. Ježiš sa doslova predstavuje: „Ja som živý chlieb, ktorý zostúpil z neba. Kto bude jesť z tohoto chleba, bude žiť naveky. A chlieb, ktorý ja dám, je moje telo za život sveta.“ Svet žije a existuje vďaka obeti. Keby medzi nami zhasla schopnosť obetovať sa, zhasol by život. Slnko by prestalo vydávať teplo a svetlo, odmietlo by sa stravovať, človek by sa prestal rozmnožovať, pretože každý nový človek prichádza na tento svet za cenu obeti. Eucharistia je pokrmom, z ktorého môžeme čerpať silu k obeti. Eucharistia je obetou. Eucharistia je ovocím Stromu života, ktorý je uprostred raja.

Jesus presents himself to us as the Bread of Life, the sustenance of His life to be made a part of ours. In receiving Him in the Eucharist we are, at the same time, being received into His life. His life and ours are commingled in a holy communion.

That's more than just a nice thought because it means that our concerns become His concerns just as much as His concerns become ours. The challenges we face become challenges He faces with us, a wonderful truth that should not only give us comfort but that should empower us and energize us.

Our Blessed Lord faced a world that didn't care about the poor, didn't help the suffering, and didn't give much of thought to what God wants of us. In our world today we have people who suffer at the hands of powerful men and women, men and

women who are motivated solely by their own self-interest, their own greed. Their attitudes and actions have hurt many, many people, including people who perhaps we know. We need the nourishment and the strength given us by the Bread of Life to cope with joblessness, the drug culture, the suffering of those who have been abused, terrorism, and the draining away of our nation's resources. We need the Bread of Life to help others who have been diminished by these forces. And let's face it, we too have felt powerless and weak. We need the Bread of Life to strengthen us in our own struggles.

Jesus cared, deeply cared, for the poor, the downtrodden, the sick, the elderly, and those cast off by this world's well-to-do. The Bread of Life we receive in the Eucharist will inspire and motivate us to have the same attitude as Christ's. And as for our human experience of pain and suffering, for what more could we ask than Christ living in us and we living in Christ?

The life our Blessed Lord offers us is for our salvation, to be sure, but it is also for the benefit of those around us. Jesus was sent into our world by His Father in heaven, and Jesus, in turn, sends us also into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it. We are here today to receive, and then be sent.

St. Teresa of Avila once pointed out a truth that has deeply affected me, a truth that remains central to my life. It is reported that she said: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion out on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless men now."

Bulletin Announcements

***August 9 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" (1 Kings 19:7) Jesus knew that the stewardship journey would be difficult, so He gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to give and joy in our giving.

***Finding God in All Things Retreat: Praying with Scripture and with Your Imagination** Explore Ignatian spirituality as a way of deepening your prayer life and growing in intimacy with God. Catherine M. Kelly, MDiv, will offer an all-day retreat on St. Ignatius of Loyola's methods of Praying with Scripture and Imagination (Gospel Contemplation). Day includes quiet time for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. Ms. Kelly is the Retreat Director at St. Mark's Parish and an experienced spiritual director with the Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver. Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9am to 5pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Cost: \$40 (includes lunch and snacks).

***Live Concert at Holy Rosary Hall: Interior Castle with Sarah Farthing** Emma Fradd and Joanna Grennan of Interior Castle will perform a beautiful selection of their music, joined by Canadian folk artist, Sarah Farthing. Lyrics are about their personal relationship with Jesus. Both are devout Catholics who wanted to write something individual and unique. Saturday, Aug. 22, from 7-10pm at Holy Rosary Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Admission by donation. Followed by reception and social. Register at www.rosemaryheights.com/events or contact 604-576-8802.

***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/

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

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,200
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$300

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 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.Nedel'á v Cezročnom období; 1Kr 19:4-8; Ef 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51	Za zdravie pre otca	Syn s rodinou
Mon 10 8:00am	St. Lawrence; 2Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26	Stefani Dupont	Family Javier
Tue 11 8:00am	St. Clare; Bl. John Henry Newman; Deu 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14	+ otec Ján Šutka SDB	Father Juraj
Wed 12 8:00am	St. Jane Frances de Chantel; Deu 34:1-12 Mt 18:1-20	<i>free</i>	
Thu 13 8:00am	St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus; Josh 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1	<i>free</i>	
Fri 14 8:00am	St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe; Josh 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12	Za B. požehnanie a za vzťah Mareka a Márie	
Sat 15 9:00am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Rev 11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56	+ pater Angelus	Rodina Starostová
Sun 16 9:00am	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58	For parishioners living and diseased	Father Juraj
Sun 16 11:00am	20.Nedel'á v Cezročnom období; Prís 9:1-6; Ef 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58	Božie požehnanie a podákovanie pre Máriu	Rodina Starostová