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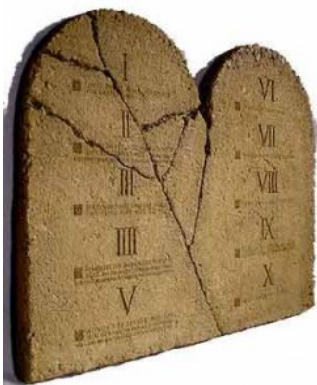
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*Otec nás zo svojej vôle  
zrodil slovom pravdy,  
aby sme boli ako prvot-  
iny jeho stvorenia.*

*The Father wanted to  
give us birth by the  
word of truth that we  
may be a kind of  
firstfruits of his crea-  
tures.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

22. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Pane, kto smie bývať v tvojom svätom stánku?*

*One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**Keď Ježiš** v dnešnom evanjeliu pranieruje farizejov a ich obradné umývanie, nerobí to preto, že by neuznával požiadavky hygieny, ktoré nakoniec vyplývajú z Božieho zákona, ale preto, že si farizeji, z týchto hygienických predpisov, ktoré sú samé o sebe dobré, urobili rituál, ktorý sa musel zachovať bez ohľadu na to, či bol potrebný alebo nie. Oni nepozerali na to, či mal niekto špinavé ruky a či sa teda mal umyť, ale na to, či si umyl, alebo neumyl ruky, či dodržal stanovený rituál.

Pán Ježiš aj v tomto odhaľuje povrchnosť farizejov, ktorá sa uspokojuje s dodržaním predpisu, bez toho, aby sa zamyslela nad zmyslom nariadenia. Či sa mám umývať preto, aby som sa umyl, alebo preto, že som skutočne špinavý. Existuje však iný druh povrchnosti. niečo omnoho horšie, čo Pán Ježiš nemal rád. Farizeji, či už tí dávni, alebo dnešní, sa uspokojujú ľudskou slušnosťou. Pán Ježiš však odhaľuje našu chorobu, ktorá je hlbšie, ako je vonkajší skutok: „Lebo zvnútra, z ľudského srdca, vychádzajú zlé myšlienky, smilstvá, krádeže, vraždy, cudzoložstvá, chamtivosť, zlomyseľnosť, klamstvo, necudnosť, závišť, rúhanie, pýcha, hlúposť.“

Naším základným problémom, nie je zlý skutok, ale zlé bytie. Zlé je ľudské srdce, zlo je v nás. Vieme byť slušní, ale sami od seba nevieme byť dobrí. Každý hriešny skutok je len prejavom toho, čo je v nás. Keby sme boli dobrí, nedokázali by sme robiť a myslieť zle. Keby sme milovali dobro, hriech by nám vôbec nechutil. Tragédia človeka je v tom, že jeho vôľa sa po prvotnom hriechu naklonila ku zlu.

Ako riešiť problém vnútra človeka ukazuje sv. Jakub vo svojom liste: „Bratia moji milovaní, každý dobrý údel, každý dokonalý dar je zhora, zostupuje od Otca svetiel, u ktorého niet premeny ani zatmenia z obrazu.“ Skutočné dobro pochádza od

toho, ktorý jediný je Dobrý. V pravom slova zmysle Dobrý je jedine Boh. On jediný je dokonalé bytie. Zlo definujeme ako nedostatok dobra. Boh nemá nedostatok dobra. Človek sa stáva dobrým vtedy, keď má účasť na Božom živote. Každá ozajstná čnosť je prejavom tohto Božieho života v nás. Preto máme obnoviť a oživiť v sebe to, čo už je hlboko v našom srdci, ale akoby zasypané prachom. Slovo Božie treba prijať v tichosti. Nutný priestor pre slovo je mlčanie, tichosť, pokora.

Na záver jednu myšlienku od sv. Bernarda: „Duša hľadá Slovo, s ktorým by súhlasila pre svoju nápravu, ktorým by sa osvietila pre poznania, na ktoré by sa oprela, aby bola silná, ktorým by sa napravila, aby bola múdra, ktorému by sa podrobila, aby bola krásna, s ktorým by sa zasnúbila, aby bola plodná, ktoré by poživala, aby bola blažená. Slovo sa stalo telom a prebýva už v nás. Prebýva vierou v našich srdciach, prebýva v našej pamäti, prebýva v myšlienke a zostupuje až k obrazotvornosti.“

**We've all become** increasingly concerned with ecological pollution, preserving and protecting the natural environment in which we live and upon which we must survive. There is another problem equally as serious to which we're giving some attention these days... that's the toxic presence of moral pollution that's pervasive in our culture and that's threatening our lives. Living in a clean world involves more than simply what we're doing to the material creation God has given us. Living in a clean world also involves the spiritual nature God has likewise given us, what we call the soul. The soul is something that will last forever – it will never die. Consequently it is of enormous importance in terms of our everlasting happiness or mis-

ery. What is the condition of our souls?

That's what Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel passage. The issue was this: What is the radical source of spiritual rot?

Is evil something that the world has done to us, coming into us from the outside? Or is evil something we have done to the world and those who live around us? Is evil something that's external, or is it something that's internal?

Jesus comes down forcefully on the side of it being internal. He tells us where moral pollution really comes from. We're wasting a lot of spiritual energy and engaging in denial when we look to external sources, claiming that the system makes us do what we do. Doing that we're simply repeating Adam's weak excuse when he blamed it all on Eve.

Jesus cuts through all of the excuses and denials to the source. When it comes to assessing the source of moral pollution we need not waste time examining other people's lives, or the causes of their evil behavior, we need only assess our own lives and the source of our own personal misbehavior, our own moral pollution and evil acts. We'll never overcome our own personal moral failures if we are engaged in examining others', or examine the reasons why others act as they do while ignoring our own. That's the big point missed by the Pharisees... and Jesus wouldn't let them off the hook.

Finally we need to recognize that any political, economic, or social ethos isn't something that dropped down upon us. Every one of our human social systems is the product of our own individual decisions. So if you want to change the world then look into the individual soul and make the needed changes there. If you want your family to be a better family then begin by making yourself a better part of it.

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*August 30<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** *"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22)* What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

**\*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). Register at [www.rosemaryheights.com/events](http://www.rosemaryheights.com/events) or contact 604-576-8802.

**\*The Fall 2015 Session of the Catholic Bible Seminar** will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, North Vancouver, on the week-end of September 11, 12 & 13, 2015. The topic is **"The GOSPEL of JOHN"** presented by well-known Biblical Scholar Father Jim Nisbet from California. Rates are \$55 for one adult and \$100 for a married couple, for all three days. Single day rates are \$10 (Friday) and \$25 (Saturday/Sunday), with a \$10 discount for youth and students on the full days. For more information visit <http://biblestudies4.wix.com/biblecentre> or email [biblestudies@shaw.ca](mailto:biblestudies@shaw.ca) or call Adrian at 604-380-2575 604-380-2575 FREE (after 7 PM) or pick up a flyer at the church entrance.

**\*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	\$965
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	<b>-\$535</b>

### 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 30 9:00am	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	+Michal Janoška a za zdravie a pož. Ondreja Hrubsu	Rod. Astrabová
Sun 30 11:00am	<b>22.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období;</b> Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jak 1:17-18,21b-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj
Mon 31 8:00am	1Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30	+Enrique Javier	Fam. Javier
Tue 1 8:00am	1Thes 5:1-6,9-11p Lk 4:31-37	Na úmysel	Fr. Juraj
Wed 2 8:00am	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44	Za zdravie	Blanka
Thu 3 8:00am	St.Gregory the Great; Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11	+Anna a Matej	Cilka s rodinou
Fri 4 8:00am	<b>First Friday;</b> Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39	Josefa Javier	Fam. Javier
Fri 4 <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Prvý Piatok;</b> Kol 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39	+František a Mária	Rod. Krupová
Sat 5 <b>10:00</b>	Bl.Mother Teresa; col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5	+Regina Tobiašová	<b>(Funeral Mass)</b>
Sun 6 9:00am	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 6 11:00am	<b>23.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období;</b> Iz 35:4-7b; Jak 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37	Za B.požehnanie pre Máriu Nezvalovú	Rod. Eškutová