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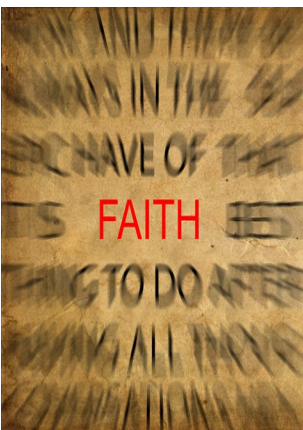
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*Pánovo slovo trvá
naveky. A to je slovo,
ktoré sa nám
zvestovalo.*

*The word of the Lord
endures for ever; that
word is the good news
announced to you.*



V dnešnom evanjeliu počujeme apoštolov ako prosia Pána Ježiša: „Daj nám väčšiu vieru!“ Ale čo to vlastne viera je? Vieru by sme mohli prirovnať k dverám do našej duše. Vidíme tu aj akúsi jazykovú podobnosť: dvere – dôvera. Ak niekto zaklope a ja mu dôverujem, otváram dvere. Ak mu neverím, alebo sa ho bojím, neotvorím. Podobnú funkciu akú zohrávajú dvere v našich medziľudských vzťahoch, zohráva viera na duchovnej úrovni. Vierou sa otvárame Božiemu Slovu a skrze Slovo prijímame Ducha Sv..

Pred podobným problémom stáli prví ľudia v Raji. Boh im nezatajil, že ovocie stromu poznania dobrého a zlého je ovocím smrti. Adamovi Boh nezatajil, že to ovocie plodí smrť, ale on Bohu neuveril, a preto zhršil.

Na inom mieste Písma sv. nachádzame výrok: „Abrahám uveril Bohu a bolo mu to počítané za spravodlivosť.“ Vieru môžeme definovať ako kladný vzťah k Božiemu Slovu. Boh k nám hovorí vo svojom Slove, nenecháva nás vo tme, jeho Slovo osvetľuje našu temnotu, ale len vtedy môžeme mať z neho osoh, keď ho vierou prijímame, keď podľa neho zariadime svoj život.

Podobnú situáciu môžeme zažiť vo vzťahu k Ježišovým blahoslavenstvám. Situácie, ktoré spomínajú blahoslavenstvá, plač, hlad, smäd, prenasledovanie, samé o sebe nevyvolávajú v človeku radosť. Sú to skôr situácie, ktoré nás vháňajú do depresii a smútku. Ježiš nám však tieto situácie ukazuje akoby z druhej strany, z pohľadu nebeského Otca, ukazuje nám ich z hľadiska večnosti. Boh má iné poradie hodnôt ako my. Pán Ježiš nás vyzýva k radosti a jasotu, práve vtedy, keď nám svet chce naho-

vorit', že sme prehrali. Vidíme, že viera je schopnosť dívať sa na tento svet Božím pohľadom.

Viera v Božieho Syna, ktorý sa stal pre nás človekom, je predovšetkým vierou v Boží záujem o tento svet i o nás v ňom, je vierou v Božiu lásku. Kresťanská viera je viera v Božiu Lásku. Nie je dobré stavať svoju vieru na citoch, ale je dobré svoju vieru oprieť o Božie Slovo. Z toho sa potom môžu v našej duši objaviť nové city nezávislé od nálad a životných okolností.

Viera by sa dala tiež prirovnať k otvorenej náruči. Je prvým predpokladom lásky. Bez viery nemôže byť o láske ani reč. Viera je schopnosť otvoriť sa na prijatie Ducha Sv.. Vtedy a natol'ko prijímam Ducha Svätého, keď svoju ľudskú vôľu podriadím vôli Božej zjavenej v Písme. Múdrost' i spravodlivosť prijímam od Boha skrze Slovo a Ducha.

Out of nowhere, the disciples put an important request to Jesus: «*Increase our faith*». As Jesus uncovers God's project for them, the disciples feel that it's not enough to hold onto the faith that they have borne from childhood, if they want to respond to his call. It's now twenty centuries later. Throughout history, Jesus' followers have maintained faithfulness to the Gospel over the years, as well as through dark hours of unfaithfulness. Don't we need to once again ask the Lord to increase our faith?

Lord, increase our faith:
-Teach us that faith isn't about believing something, but about believing in you, incarnate Son of God, in order to open us to your Spirit, to let us grasp your Word, to learn to live with your style of life and to follow closely your

footsteps. You alone can «begin and fulfill our faith».

- Give us a faith that is centered on what's essential, purified of false attachments and additions that lead us far from the nucleus of your Gospel. Teach us to live our faith in our times today, not based on external supports, but based on your living presence in our hearts and in our believing communities.

- Make us live a more vital relationship with you, knowing that you, our Teacher and Lord, are what's first, what's best, what's the most valuable and attractive part of our Church. Give us a contagious faith that directs us toward a new phase of Christianity, one that is more faithful to your Spirit and to your path.

- Make us live identified with your project of God's Reign, collaborating realistically and convincingly in making life more human, as the Father wants. Help us to live our faith humbly and with passion for God and compassion for human beings.

- Teach us to live converted to a more evangelical life, without resigning ourselves to a watered-down Christianity where the salt has gone insipid and where the Church is strangely losing her quality of leaven. Awaken among us the faith of witnesses and prophets.

- Don't let us fall into a Christianity without the cross. Teach us to discover that faith doesn't consist in believing in the God that we want, but in the One that strengthens our responsibility and develops our capacity to love. Teach us to follow you, taking up our cross each day.

- May we experience you arisen in our midst, renewing our lives and breathing life into our communities.

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

27. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pane daj, aby sme počúvali tvoj hlas a nezatrvdzovali si srdcia.

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

Bulletin Announcements

***October 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "May this merciful love (revealed in Christ) also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments – in particular that of Reconciliation – and in the works of charity both communitarian and individual." -Pope Benedict XVI

***Rediscovering Fatima: 1917-2017** It has been a century since Our Lady first spoke to the three shepherds of Fatima. Does her message still matter to us? Can the world still benefit from it today? As we approach the centennial celebrations of the apparitions, let us rediscover the story of Fatima and the appeal of the Mother of God to us! Join us on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby. For more info, please contact Frank Sharma at franksharma@hotmail.com

***The Journey to Fatima** As we look into the story of Fatima we will present the life and times of Francisco Marto. Why was he chosen by God to see the Angel of Peace but not to hear him? How did the three visits from the Angel impact him? What was the impact on Francisco's life after Our Lady appeared to the three shepherds? After the presentation we will recite the four mysteries of the Rosary followed by half an hour of meditation and quiet reflection. Join us for the full evening or just come and pray the Rosary with us. Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam. For more info, please contact Rita Marchioro at atrosarycelebration@gmail.com or visit ourladyoffatima.ca

***Archdiocesan "Jubilee for Catechists"** Pope Francis has invited those involved in Catechesis to take part in the Year of Mercy Jubilee for Catechists in Rome on Sept. 25 but in our archdiocese, the celebration will be on the Thanksgiving weekend as in the past few years. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9:30am–12:30pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Archbishop Miller will honour and thank our catechists in union with the universal Church through a special Mass celebration starting at 9:30am. Social gathering with simple reception and short reflection by Archbishop Miller will follow at Rosary Hall after Mass. This is for catechists of adults and children in RCIA, Parish Religious Education Program, Liturgy of the Word with Children and Youth Ministry. Families and friends are invited at Mass. To register, visit rcav.org/day-for-catechists

***This Week is NO Adoration on Thursday, but on First Friday during whole day.**

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week		Sun 2 11:00am	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500	Sun 2 11:00am	27. Nedel'a v Cezročnom období; Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10	+ Mária	Dcéra Marta
Sunday's Collection	\$946	Mon 3 7:30am	Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37	Za B. požehnanie a zdravie pri operácii pre Máriu	
Needs of Canadian Church	\$296	Tue 4 7:30am	St. Francis of Assisi; Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42	+ Josefa Javier	Javier Family
		Wed 5 7:30am	St. Faustina Kowalska; Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Lk 11:1-4	Na úmysel	
		Thu 6 7:30am	Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher; St. Bruno; Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-23	+ Anton Janček	Vnučka Zuzana
		Fri 7 7:30am	Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday; Gal 3:6-14; Lk 11:15-26	+ Aurea Velasco de Javier	Javier Family
		Fri 7 7:30pm	Ružencovej Panny Márie; Prvý Piatok; Sk 1:12-14; Lk 1:26-38	Za zdravie pre kamarátku	Marta
		Sat 8 9:00am	Gal 3:22-28; Lk 11:27-28	+ Ján Košláb	Zuzana
		Sun 9 9:00am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2Kg 5:14-17; 2Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
		Sun 9 11:00am	28. Nedel'a v Cezročnom období; 2Kr 5:14-17; 2Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19	+ Ján Košláb	Mrs. Vilma Oravec

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Prayer ministry in our church will be the following dates:

October 9, 2016 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

October 23, 2016 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm