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Boh tak miloval svet, že dal svojho jednorodného Syna; každý, kto v neho verí, má večný život.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that who believes in him may have eternal life.



Evanjelium nám dnes ukazuje iný prístup k Jerichu, k mestu hriešnikov. Dnes vchádza a prechádza cez Jericho Pán Ježiš. Písmo sv. nám zobrazuje Zacheja, hlavného mýtnika, ktorý bol bohatý ale nie šťastný. Funkcia hlavného mýtnika bola významná a dobre honorovaná zo strany vlády. Bola to nepríjemná robota, ktorá spočívala v tom, že dotyčný vyberal dane a clo pre štát. Ľudia nemali radi mýtnikov, lebo ich finančne zdieľali. Zachej bol veľmi bohatý, a predsa nebol vôbec šťastný. Stále hľadal. Keď počul o Ježišovi, chcel ho vidieť, túžil sa s ním stretnúť.

Dve skutočnosti zabraňovali Zachejovi, aby sa mohol stretnúť s Kristom. Prvou skutočnosťou bol zástup, ktorý bol okolo Ježiša. Zástup ľudí, ktorí sa už s Kristom stretli a nasledovali ho, bránil Zachejovi stretnúť sa s Kristom, lebo Zachej bol v ich očiach veľký hriešnik. A druhou príčinou bola jeho malá postava. Preto sa rozhodol vyliezť na strom. Tento figovník sa stáva určitým prostriedkom, ktorý chce Zachej použiť, aby si ho Ježiš všimol. Má pomôcť Zachejovi vystúpiť vyššie. Je to snaha hriešneho človeka vystúpiť k Bohu vlastnými silami. Aj my sa v tomto často podobáme Zachejovi. Chceme sa stretnúť s Ježišom, ale si myslíme, že sa musíme najprv vzdialiť od svojho domu i od svojej osoby. Ale keď prichádza Ježiš pozýva Zacheja i nás dolu, na miesto pravdy. Starí pustovníci hovorili, že ak sa chce človek stretnúť s Bohom, musí sa najprv stretnúť sám so sebou.

Ježiš prichádza k tomu, kto po ňom túži. Zachej túžil vidieť Ježiša. Ježiš sa chce stretnúť s každým človekom a keď človek prejaví túžbu po ňom, Ježiš prichádza. Boh sa s nami chce stretnúť na mieste pravdy. Pred ním si nemáme dávať žiadne

masky a okras, ale máme k nemu prísť tak ako k doktorovi, ktorému ukážeme svoje škaredé rany pred inými starostlivo zakryté. Boh sa chce s nami stretnúť v našom dome, uprostred ľudí, ktorí nás veľmi dobre poznajú.

Zachej chytrý zišiel a prijal ho s radosťou. Pretože túžil po Kristovi, mal z tohto stretnutia veľkú radosť. Dostalo sa mu veľkej cti. Hriešnik začína robiť pokánie až vtedy, keď pochopí, že Boh napriek jeho hriechom, hľadá na neho s láskou a úctou. Boh hľadá na hriešnika s úctou, ktorú hriešnik sám voči sebe už dávno stratil. Ježiš bol šťastný, že našiel Zacheja, Zachej bol šťastný, že sa stretol s Kristom. Vidíme, že Ježiš neprichádza ako sudca ale ako Spasiteľ, ako lekár. Tak ho máme prijímať aj my. Prijímame ho práve preto, lebo sme hriešni a sami si so svojimi hriechmi neporadíme. Na počiatku tohto stretnutia bola túžba Zacheja vidieť Ježiša. Sv. Ignác z Loyoly hovorí, že podstatou duchovného života je svätá túžba po Bohu. Ak si uvedomujeme, že ju nemáme, máme o ňu prosieť.

Luke narrates the episode of Zacchaeus so his readers would better discover what they can expect of Jesus: the Lord they invoke and follow *«has come to seek out and save what was lost»*. They must never forget it. At the same time, this story of what Zacchaeus does, helps to answer the question that many carry within: Can I still change? Isn't it by now too late to redo a life that has gone to waste? What steps can I take?

Zacchaeus enters the scene, described in two ways that define his life precisely. He is *«one of the senior tax collectors»* and is *«wealthy»*. In Jericho everyone knows that he is a sinner. Someone who doesn't serve God but serves money. His life isn't

very humane. But this man was *trying to see Jesus*. It's not just curiosity. He really wants to know who Jesus is, what it is about this Prophet that so attracts people. This was not an easy thing for a man snug within his own world. But this desire for Jesus will change his life.

To see the Lord, this person will have to overcome different obstacles. For one, he's *«short in size»*, and up to now his life wasn't motivated by very noble ideals. The people are another impediment: he will have to overcome social prejudices that make it difficult for him to have a personal and responsible meeting with Jesus. But Zacchaeus keeps at his quest simply and sincerely. He runs to get ahead of the crowd, and climbs a tree like a child. He doesn't think about his dignity as an important person. He only wants to find a moment and a place adequate to make contact with Jesus. He wants to see him.

That's when he discovers that Jesus also is seeking him, since when Jesus reaches that place, he looks around for him and says: *«The meeting will be this very day in your sinner's house»*. Zacchaeus comes down and receives him in his house full of joy. There are decisive moments when Jesus passes through our life because he wants to save our wasted life. He won't let us escape from it. Zacchaeus changes his way of looking at life: he no longer thinks just about his money, but about others' suffering. He changes his way of life: he will do justice for those he has exploited and will share his goods with the poor.

We all run the risk of *«setting ourselves up»* in life, renouncing any aspiration of living more humanely. More authentic meeting with Jesus can make our life more human and more in solidarity.

Bulletin Announcements

***October 30 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time** "The Church enables us to encounter the mercy of God which transforms us, for in her Jesus Christ is present who has given her the true confession of faith, the fullness of the sacramental life, and the authenticity of the ordained ministry."- Pope Francis

***Second Collection for Haiti** More than 1,000 people have been killed by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that more than 350,000 need immediate humanitarian assistance. In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew, a special collection for Haiti will be taken up on the weekend of Oct. 30. Proceeds will go to the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, which is launching an emergency appeal to respond. You can also donate directly right now by visiting <http://www.devp.org> or by calling 1-844-480-DEVP (3387).

***Pozvanie na bábkové divadlo** pod Oravským zámkom "O troch prasiatkach" pod vedením Mirky a Vlada Plavaka – v nedeľu 30. októbra 2016 v hale po slovenskej sv.omši. Dĺžka predstavenia je 55 minút. Vstupné je dobrovoľné.

***„Spoločenské posedenie Pod Oravským Zámkom“** 26.novembra 2016 o 6:30 večer bude vo farskej hale kostola sv. Cyrila a Metoda v New Westminsteri „Spoločenské posedenie Pod Oravským Zámkom“, na ktoré vás srdečne pozývame. Pri spoločnej večeri si zaspomíname na ľudí a udalosti z farskej histórie. Pri pohárikú vína si budeme môcť zaspievať spolu s Ferkom Stofánikom a Ľubom Demčákom. Večer spríjemní aj krátke vystúpenie Slávika. Vstupenky je potrebné zakúpiť si vopred, do 23.novembra na fare alebo u p.Starostu.

***Annual Christmas FOOD HAMPER Project** Going on from November 1st-November 28th 2016. Please donate as your heart allows you: **CASH, PC (Superstore) or Wal-Mart GIFT CARDS.** ONLY these DRY FOOD items: **FLOUR, RICE, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, DRY WHITE BEANS, YELLOW and GREEN DRY SPLIT PEAS, DRY LENTILS-all types, COFFEE and variety of TEA BAGS.** Your donations can be given to Mrs Rozalia Starosta (604-944-1554); Fr. Juraj (604-526-7351) after 11am mass and to either Eleanore Mattias or Joanne Espenhain after English mass. You can also call Mrs Starosta or Fr. Juraj about any family in need. PLEASE READ THE ATTACHMENT to the bulletin for all the details! Thank you very much!

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$964
World Mission	\$347

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

ADORATION

There will be no adoration this Thursday. We will have adoration on First Friday 8:30am-8:00pm. Sign-up sheet for available hours is at the back of the church.

PRAYER MINISTRY

in our church will be the following dates:
November 6, 2016
 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
November 20, 2016
 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 30 11:00am	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wis 11:22-12:2; 2Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10	+ Antonio Arruda	Wife with Family
Sun 30 11:00am	31. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Mud 11:22-2:2; 2Sol 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10	+ Ante Miletic	Mrs. Helena Jurasic s rodinou
Mon 31	Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14	NO MASS	
Tue 1 7:30pm	Všetkých svätých; Rev 7;2-4,9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a	Na úmysel	
Wed 2 7:30pm	Všetkých verných zosnulých Job 19:1,20-23; 1Cor 15:21-23; Jn 12:23-26	Za duše v očisci	
Thu 3	St. Martin de Pores; Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10	NO MASS	
Fri 4 8:00am	First Friday; St. Charles Borromeo; Phil 3:17-21,4:1; Lk 16:1-8	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Fri 4 8:00pm	Zakončenie adorácie	NO MASS	
Sat 5	Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15	NO MASS	
Sun 6 9:00am	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2Mac 7:1-2,7,9-14; 2Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 6 11:00am	32. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; 2Mach 7:1-2,9-14; 2Sol 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38	+ Marta Krištofiková	Rodina Kinčeková