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*Duch Pána je nado
mnou; poslal ma
hlásať radostnú zvest'
chudobným.*

*The spirit of the Lord is
upon me, because he
has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to
the poor.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

3. Adventná Nedeľa.

3rd Sunday of Advent.

Príd', Pane, príď a zachráň nás.

Lord, come and save us.

Dnešná nedeľa po latinsky volá „Gaudete!“, čo znamená: „Radujte sa!“. Chce byť výzvou k radosti. Jej názov bol zrejme odvodený z liturgických čítaní, ktoré sa v túto nedeľu čítajú. Dnes k nám zaznieva Božie Slovo tlmočené prorokom Izaiášom: „Upevňujte ruky sklesnuté, posilňujte podlomené kolená!“

Povedzte malomyselným: „Vzchopte sa, nebojte sa, hľa, váš Boh!“ Človeka často prepadá malomyselnosť, ktorá je opakom viery. Z čoho malomyselnosť pochádza a kedy sa v nás objavuje? Objavuje sa v nás, keď sa stretáme s akýmkoľvek zlom. Klesáme na duchu. Zážitok zla v nás spôsobuje ochablosť a strach, vedie k uzavretosti a izolovanosti. Myšlienka na Boha je Veľká myšlienka. Človek prepadá malomyselnosti, keď zabudne na Boha svojho Stvoriteľa. Keď zabudne na to, že ho Boh v každej chvíli drží v existencii, pretože ho miluje. Božie Slovo nás chce posilniť a upevniť. K malomyselnosti môže viesť aj pohľad na nedosiahnuteľné dobro, na neprimerané asketické alebo morálne požiadavky. Malomyselnosť vzniká tam, kde človek začne vnímať akékoľvek zlo, ale nevníma súčasne vierou láskavý a trpezlivý Boží pohľad, ktorý chce spasť hriešnika.

Neverí v Moc a Lásku Boha, ktorá sa predovšetkým zjavila v Ukrižovanom. Boh sa zjavuje ako Tichý a Pokorný. On sa ľuďom nepomstil, ale priniesol im odpustenie hriechov, ako prvé ovocie svojej smrti. Až do poslednej chvíle miloval tých, ktorí ho nemilovali. Aký liek sa nám ponúka proti malomyselnosti? Počúvať Božie Slovo, to Slovo, ktoré poskytuje nefašovaný pohľad na Boha. Poznanie Boha z Písma Svätého. Božie Slovo buduje v nás vieru, vzbudzuje nádej a oživuje lásku. Nehľadáme a netúžme po

ničom, čo ide nad Slovo Božie. Viac nedostaneme a keď niekto túži po niečom väčšom, vydá Boh jeho dušu démonom zmätku, ktorý ho ešte viac pomotajú, pretože nekráča za Božím Slovom. Proti malomyselnosti stojí viera, ktorá je z hlásania Božieho Slova.

Sv. Terézia z Lisieux píše istému kňazovi: „Viem, treba byť veľmi čistý, aby ste sa mohli ukázať pred Najsvätejším, ale viem aj to, že Pán je nekonečne spravodlivý, a tá spravodlivosť, čo desí toľké duše, je predmetom mojej radosti a dôvery. Byť spravodlivý neznamená len prejavovať prísnosť a trestať vinníkov, znamená aj spoznávať správne úmysly a odmeňovať čnosť. Dúfam rovnako v Božiu spravodlivosť, ako aj v milosrdenstvo. Pretože „Boh je spravodlivý, milostivý a milosrdný Pán a dobrotvivý nesmierne. Nevychíta nám ustavične naše chyby, ani sa nehnevá naveky. Ved' on dobre vie, z čoho sme stvorení, pamätá, že sme iba prach. Ako sa otec zmilúva nad deťmi, tak sa Pán zmilúva nad tými, čo sa ho boja' (Z 103, 8,14).

What Jesus was doing left the Baptist confused. John was waiting for a Messiah who would wipe out sin from the world by imposing God's rigorous justice, not a Messiah dedicated to healing wounds and alleviating suffering. From the prison of Machaerus he sends a message to Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?" Our Lord answers him with the witness of his life as a healing prophet: "Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, those suffering from virulent skin-diseases are cleansed, and the

deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the good news is proclaimed to the poor." This is the true Messiah: the one who comes to alleviate suffering, heal life and open a horizon of hope to the poor.

It is clear that Jesus feels sent by a compassionate Father who wants a more dignified and happy world for everyone. That's why he gives himself to healing wounds, curing illness and liberating life. And that's why he asks everyone: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." He doesn't see himself as one sent by a rigorous Judge to judge sinners and condemn the world. That's why he doesn't frighten anyone with avenging gestures, but offers sinners and prostitutes his friendship and forgiveness. And that's why he asks us all: "Don't judge and you will not be judged."

Jesus never heals in an arbitrary way or just to amaze. He heals moved by compassion, looking to restore life for sick people, for the dejected and broken. These are the first ones who should experience that God is a friend of a whole and healthy life. He never insists on the wondrous aspect of his healings, nor does he think about them as an easy recipe to abolish suffering in the world. He presented his healing activity as a sign to show his followers in what direction we should act in order to open up paths to that humanizing project of the Father that he called "Reign of God."

When he entrusts his mission to his disciples, Jesus doesn't see them as university doctors, hierarchs, liturgists or theologians, but as healers. Their task will always be two-fold: heal the sick and announce that God's Reign is near.

Bulletin Announcements

***December 11th – 3rd Sunday of Advent** "I see clearly that what the Church needs today is a capacity to heal wounds....taking care of people, accompanying them as the Good Samaritan who washes, cleanses, and consuls....walking with people in the night, knowing how to dialogue, and even descending to their night and obscurity without getting lost." – Pope Francis

***Second Annual Ordinandi Dinner** Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men in our Archdiocese who are soon "to be ordained" ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Meet your future priests: Deacon Francesco Voltaggio, Deacon Giovanni Schiesari, and Deacon Juan Lucca. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins promptly at 6 p.m. Cost: \$50. You can also sponsor a priest or seminarian. To register or for more info on how to sponsor a priest or seminarian, visit vocationsvancouver.ca/events/ordinandi-dinner

***Men's Discernment Night: God has a plan for your life.** Are you discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. The informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion. Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley. For more info., visit vocationsvancouver.ca/events/vip

***Workshop on Dialogue** Are you afraid to dialogue with others about your faith? Then this workshop is for you! Many of us do not feel comfortable initiating or entering into dialogue due to a lack of confidence in our own faith. This workshop will generate confidence and courage to do so. Explore ways to engage in ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue through culture of encounter and the art of listening. Join us for a free workshop on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta, from 10am-12pm. To register or for more info, contact Marjeta Bobnar at ecumenism@rcav.org or 604-683-0281.

***New Year's Eve Party** December 31, 2016 at 6:30pm. \$40. Contact for tickets: Ján Čarnogorský 604 836-5913

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,459
Youth Ministry	\$403

THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays 7:15pm-8:15pm.

PRAYER MINISTRY

in our church will be the following date:
December 18, 2016
from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 11 9:00am	3rd Sunday of Advent; Is 35:1-6a,10; Jm 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 11 11:00am	3. Adventná Nedel'a; Iz 35:1-6b, 10; Jak 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	+ sr. Vilma, o. Ján Šutka a Alžbeta a Peter	Rod. Volentier
Mon 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe; Zech 2:10-13; Rev 11:19a,12:1,3-6a,10ab; Lk 1:39-47	NO MASS	
Tue 13 8:00am	St. Lucy; Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32	Za Božie požehnanie	
Wed 14 8:00am	St. John of the Cross; Is 45:6b-8,21b-25; Lk 7:17-23	Sr. Agneška a Sr. Zuzana	
Thu 15 8:00am	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30	+ Peter	Mária Eškut
Fri 16 8:00am	Is 56:1-3a,6-8; Jn 5:16-17,33-36	Na úmysel	Fr. Juraj
Sat 17 9:00am	Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Za zdar. a B.požehnanie pre Máriu Magdalenu	Zuzana
Sun 18 9:00am	4th Sunday of Advent; Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24	Za Božie požehnanie pre Juraja	Ava a Andrej Cassty
Sun 18 11:00am	4. Adventná Nedel'a; Iz 7:10-14; Rim 1:1-7; Mt 1;18-24	Pod'akovanie	Fr. Juraj