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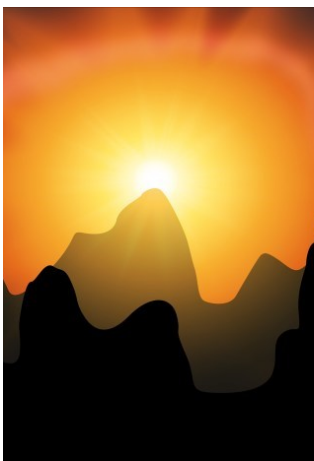
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*Ja som svetlo sveta,
hovorí Pán; kto mňa
nasleduje, bude mať
svetlo života.*

*I am the light of the
world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me
will have the light of
life.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

5. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Spravodlivým žiari svetlo v temnotách.

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Pán Ježiš hovorí, že sme svetlom sveta. Bez svetla nie sme schopní rozlišovať. Svetlo a poznanie idú v ponímaní ľudí spolu. Hovoríme o svetle poznania. Z našich životov musí byť zrejmé, že poznáme Boha. Sv. Ján tvrdí, že len ten kto miluje, poznal Boha. Nesmie nám chýbať poznanie Boha, skúsenosť lásky a to úplne nezištnej, ktorá sa rodí z obety. Takáto láska vedie k poznaniu Boha.

Všetci sme pozvaní, aby sme sa stali viditeľným Božím Slovom. Aby ľudia zo svedectva nášho života mohli usudzovaním prísť k poznaniu a oslave Boha. Kresťanské dobré skutky má charakterizovať, skrytosť a štedrosť. Nejde natoľko o vonkajšiu skrytosť, lebo skutočné dobro sa dá len ťažko skryť. Ježiš kladie dôraz na to, aby sme nekonali dobre skutky kvôli ľudskému obdivu. Každý dobrý skutok je akciou navonok a nedá sa zabrániť, aby si ho niekto nevšimol. Keby sme toto chceli docieľiť, asi by sme sa zo samej pokory zriekli konania akéhokoľvek dobrého skutku, ale takto to Ježiš určite nemyslí. Ide o skrytosť nášho dobrého skutku pred nami samými. Aby sme nekonali dobré skutky kvôli ľudskému obdivu a na posilnenie svojho sebavedomia. Aby každý dobrý skutok poslúžil ku zjaveniu Božej dobroty. Aby sme si stále uvedomovali, že Boh je pôvodca všetkého dobra. Dokonca i toho dobra, ktoré sa deje prostredníctvom našej slobody a našimi rukami. Sv. Pavol nás poučuje o tom, že Boh nám vo svojej добрote vytvoril príležitosť konať dobré skutky: „Lebo spasení ste milosťou skrze vieru; a to nie je z vás, je to Boží dar: nie zo skutkov, aby sa nik nevystatoval. Ved' sme jeho dielo, stvorení v Kristovi Ježišovi pre dobré skutky, ktoré pripravil Boh, aby sme ich konali“. Boh je

tak dobrý, že On dáva chcieť aj konať.

Pri dobrých skutkoch je dôležitý motív, prečo ich robím. Ci mi ide o uskutočnenie Božej lásky alebo o hľadanie seba. Skutok je len vtedy skutočne dobrý, keď je konaný v Duchu Svätom a keď sa mi ho podarí skryť pred sebou samým vtedy je to dokonalejší skutok. To je zmysel slov: „Nech tvoja ľavá ruka nevie, čo robí pravá, aby tvoja almužna ostala skrytá, a odmeni ťa tvoj Otec, lebo On vidí aj v skrytosti.“

Naše sebecko je tak veľké, že sa chce prizhiviť i na tak svätých veciach, ako je almužna, modlitba a pôst. Aj modlitba sa môže stať zbožným divadlom konaným kvôli ľudskej sláve. Najlepšie si to overíme, keď sa nám uznanie nedostane. Pán Ježiš nehovorí „nedávajte almužny, nemoďte sa a nepostíte sa!“. Žiada len to, aby sme to nerobili kvôli ľuďom. Stále je potrebné zostávať vnútorne chudobný. Nepribližovať sa k Bohu s vedomím vlastnej záslužnosti.

Using two bold and surprising images, Jesus lets us know what he thinks of and expects from his followers. They don't need to be always thinking about their own interests, their own prestige, their own power. Even though they are a small group in the midst of the huge Roman Empire, they need to be the «salt» and the «light» that the world needs.

«You are the salt of the world». The simple people of Galilee spontaneously catch on to Jesus' language. Everyone knows what salt is good for: above all giving food flavor and conserving it from spoiling. In the same way, Jesus' disciples need to contribute to helping people savor life without ending up spoiled.

«You are the light of the world».

Without the sun's light, the world stays dark and we can't find our way or enjoy life in the midst of darkness. Jesus' disciples can carry the light that we need to find our way, to probe the deepest meaning of life, to walk with hope.

These metaphors have in common something quite vital. If it stays isolated in a shaker, salt doesn't do anything. Only when it enters into contact with food and dissolves in the food can it give flavor to what we eat. The same thing happens with light. If it stays closed up and hidden away, it can't enlighten anyone. Only when it is in the middle of the dark can it illuminate and guide. A Church isolated from the world can be neither salt nor light.

Pope Francis has seen that the Church today lives closed in on herself, paralyzed by fear, and too distant from problems and sufferings, thus keeping it from giving flavor to modern life and from offering the true light of the Gospel. The Pope's response has been immediate: «We need to go out to the fringes».

Francis insists over and over: «I prefer a Church that is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures».

The Pope's call is directed to all Christians: «We can't calmly stay inside our churches with passive hope». «The Gospels always invite us to run the risk of meeting face to face with the other». He wants to introduce into the Church the «culture of encounter», convinced that what our Church needs today is the capacity to heal wounds and to warm hearts.

Bulletin Announcements

***February 5th - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness... and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive!" – Pope Francis

***International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking** The third International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking in Persons will be celebrated on Feb. 8, with the theme: "They are children! Not slaves!" This event is celebrated on the Feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan. We will observe this Feast day as a Day of Prayer and fasting for Victims of Trafficking and for those who work to combat it. Starting Jan. 11 and ending on Feb. 8 we invite you to join us in a Daily Prayer to End Human Trafficking. To learn more, visit rcav.org/world-day-of-prayer-for-human-trafficking

***Unfailing** In a world of change and uncertainty we need a safe place, an anchor for our soul that never fails. It is easy to become discouraged and lose heart, which is why we need time and space to let God's word take deep root within us. Join us for a weekend of encounter with our amazing God who is Unfailing. This women's retreat is an opportunity to get away from the busyness of life and personally encounter God. There will be opportunities for prayer and worship, fellowship, workshops, sacraments, music, laughter, rest, to enjoy the beauty of nature and hear inspiring teaching. Our speakers for this year will be Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT, Michelle Benzinger, Debra Herbeck and Heather Khym. Cost: \$265 dorm shared room; \$365 private room (limited in number). March 31-April 1 at RockRidge Canyon, a Conference and Retreat Centre located near Princeton, BC. For more info. or to register, visit rcav.org/unfailing

***Mass of Anointing in Honour of the World Day of the Sick** Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate a special Mass in honour of the World Day of the Sick. Sacrament of Anointing will be administered after the homily. All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Join us on Feb. 10, from 10:30-1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver. Refreshments to following in the parish hall after Mass. For more info, please contact CHABC at louise.murphy@chabc.bc.ca.

***Skupinka dobrovoľníkov pri farnosti sv. Cyrila a Metoda v New Westminster pripravuje Fašiangovú zábavu pod Oravským zámkom, ktorá bude 25.februára 2017 vo farskej hale. Pozývame vás aj na Fašiangovú zábavu aj do prípravnej skupinky dobrovoľníkov. Cena \$25. Prihláste sa na fare: [604-526-7351](tel:604-526-7351).**

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,318

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays at our church from 7:15pm - 8:15pm.

PRAYER MINISTRY

in our church will be the following dates:

February 5, 2017

from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

February 19, 2017

from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 5 9:00am	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 58:6-10; 1Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 5 11:00am	5. Nedel'á v Cezročnom Období; Iz 58:7-10; 1Kor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	+ Helena Rusinková	Rodina Astrabová
Mon 6 8:00am	St. Paul Miki & Comp.; Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56	Za zdravie a Božiu pož. pre Peťka a Mirku	Fr. Juraj
Tue 7 8:00am	Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13	+ Michal a Ján	Mrs. Sentivani
Wed 8 8:00am	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; Gn 2:4b-9,15-17; Mk 7:14-23	+ Veronika a duše v očisci	Syn Pavol
Thu 9 8:00am	Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30	Edith T. Unson 90. birthday	Family Javier
Fri 10 8:00am	St. Scholastica; Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37	+ Anna Lunter	Rodina Demčaková
Sat 11 9:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes; Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10	Za zdravie a Božiu požehnanie pre Lubomíra	Rodina Bírošová
Sun 12 9:00am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sir 15:16-21' 1KOR 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 12 11:00am	6. Nedel'á v Cezročnom Období; Sir 15:15-20; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	Za zdravie pre mamu a posilu pre opatrovateľov	Rodina Machulová