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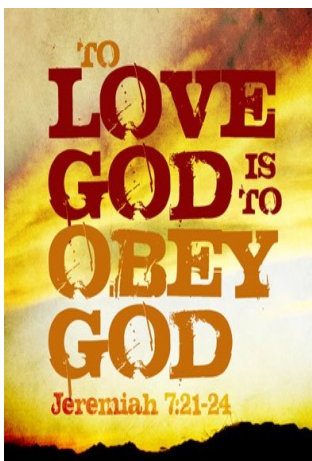
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*Zvelebujem Ťa, Otče,
Pán neba i zeme, že si
zjavil maličkým
tajomstvá Božieho
kráľovstva,*

*Blessed are you,
Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have
revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the
kingdom.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

6. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Blažení sú tí, čo kráčajú podľa zákona Pánovho.

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Niekedy si kresťania predstavujú Nebo ako niečo na spôsob Mohamedánskeho raja, akúsi blaženú neviazanosť, slobodu bez zákona, možnosť robiť, čo sa nám chce. V zásade to nie je zlá túžba: môcť robiť, čo sa nám chce. Problém je ale v tom, že po prvotnom hriechu sa vôľa človeka naklonila ku zlu a teda často chceme to, čo nám v konečnom dôsledku škodí a k tomu, čo nám osoží sa musíme donútiť. Aj náš rozum je zatemnený a naše videnie nie je správne. Sv. Augustín to vyjadril veľmi trefne: „Božie Slovo (a teda aj Boží Zákon) sa ti bude najprv javiť ako nepriateľ tvojej duše, kým nepochopíš, že je príčinou tvojej Spásy.“

Boží zákon je cestou Spásy. Bol daný prvým ľuďom ako „návod na použitie“. Keď kniha Genézy menovite dva stromy: Strom poznania Dobrá a Zla a Strom Života. Strom Života je Zjavené Božie Slovo, Boží zákon. Teda jest' zo stromu poznania Dobrá a Zla môže znamenať pohrdnutie Božím Zákonom, snahu zobrať si život do svojich vlastných rúk a žiť len podľa svojej vlastnej predstavy, čisté z vlastných síl a pre seba. Niečo podobné, ako keby ste pri kúpe automatickej práčky povedali obchodníkovi, že nechcete návod na použitie. Určite by vám v takom prípade odmietol dať aj list na záručnú lehotu. Človek je zložitý systém, ktorý sa skladá z duše i tela a samotné telo sa skladá z biliónov buniek. A tento celok môže správne fungovať len pri dodržiavaní určitých zákonov. Inak sa pokazí a zahynie, prestane ako človek správne fungovať. Človek ostáva človekom, kým zachováva Boží zákon.

Tento istý zákon bol daný Izraelu ako návod na cestu k plnej slobode z Egyptského otroctva. Exodus (Ex 20,1-17) nám kladie pred oči Desatoro, Dekalog, ako

najdôležitejší extrakt s Božieho Zákona. Slovo „Dekalog“ môžeme preložiť ako „desať slov“. Týchto „desať slov“ Boh zjavil svojmu národu na svätom vrchu. Napísal ich „svojím vlastným prstom“ na rozdiel od iných príkazov, ktoré napísal Mojžiš. Desatoro nebolo mienené ako strašiak na udržanie morálky. Pre Izrael znamenalo záväzný text zmluvy medzi Bohom a jeho vyvoleným ľuďom, ktorý vyviedol z otroctva v Egypte. K lepšiemu pochopeniu Desatora je potrebné vidieť celú textovú súvislosť. Božie príkazy nie sú len tak ľubovoľne dané. Nie sú dané preto, aby sa ukázalo, či bude Izrael poslušný alebo nie. Nie sú to príkazy, ktorými nás chce Boh vyskúšať, a ktoré ráz v blaženej večnosti nebudeme dodržiavať. Desatoro je zákon spolužitia s Bohom. Len človek, ktorý ho zachováva, sa môže tešiť z Božej blízkosti. Človek ostáva človekom, keď zachováva Desatoro. Jeho príkazy sa týkajú aj medziľudských vzťahov. Majú zaistiť, aby tu vôbec zostal „ľudský priestor“, v ktorom by sa mohlo Božie prisľúbenie realizovať.

We notice a potentially fruitful tension between the Gospel and the first reading from Sirach. While Jesus makes the commandments even more demanding, Sirach claims that we can keep the commandments if only we really want to. Both readings are very direct and there's no missing the message. One approach to today's Scriptures would be to take them as pointers and ideals for Christian morality. Jesus forbids not merely murder, as the most extreme form of disregard for another person, but also lesser forms of injuring others. What unites the three faults he lists (losing one's temper, using insulting names and of refusing to

forgive) is that in each case another person's feelings are trampled underfoot. The importance of forgiveness is shown by the fact that it comes before strictly religious duties, and presumably the same priority is assigned to the other two matters. So the point Jesus makes is that one must respect not simply people's right to life but also their right to dignity and self-respect.

Then he speaks about sexual purity, but broadening it out to purity of intention in general. A mere legal observance is utterly insufficient for Jesus. The words about self mutilation have never been understood literally by the Church and are best understood as a parable to express vividly the disastrous effects of sin. The correction he makes of the Old Law disallows an abuse which Moses tolerated, namely remarriage after divorce. The exceptive clause ("except on the ground of unchastity") has long been debated, but its main interpretation in the Catholic Church is that it refers to a previous marriage that was prohibited by Jewish laws. The only divorce permitted is one where there was no real marriage, and Jesus was simply reaffirming the sanctity of the marriage bond, as in Genesis "the two shall become one flesh" — a loving, interdependent unity.

The prohibition of oaths has not been taken as literally by the Catholic Church as it has by some other Christians. Jesus held that oaths should not be necessary at all, if there is a general atmosphere of trust and truth-telling. In such a society reinforcement by oaths would not be needed. This it is an atmosphere of openness and mutual confidence which Jesus promoted. What he teaches by his corrections of the Law is a morality of values held from the heart.

Bulletin Announcements

***February 12th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Behold, my brother, we have shared the same destiny, ploughing the same furrow; I now fall in the field at the end of my day. I know that you greatly love your Mountain; but do not for the sake of the Mountain give up your work of teaching." (St. Cyril, Monk – on his deathbed – to St. Methodius, Bishop)

***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

***Men's Discernment Night** Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. This informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion. Join us Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley. For more info visit vocationsvancouver.ca/events/vip/

***Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius for Men (Silent Retreat)** Returning for a second year (4th retreat), the priests of Miles Christi will be here to offer their signature Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Two priests will work directly with retreatants in this silent retreat for men. Join us March 24-26 at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Cost is \$210. More info. visit www.stannsabbotsford.ca/2016/12/silent-ignatian-retreats/4509

***Skupinka dobrovoľníkov pri farnosti sv. Cyrila a Metoda v New Westminsteri vás srdečne pozýva na Fašiangovú zábavu pod Oravským zámkom, ktorá bude 25.februára 2017 vo farskej hale o 6:30pm. Cena \$25. Lístky predáva Anka Štvtická: 604 941-0280 (Živá hudba, histor.video, segedínsky guláš, šišky, tombola...)**

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,066
BC Catholic	\$189

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 19, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
March 5, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 12 9:00am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sir 15:16-20; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 12 11:00am	6. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Sir 15:15-20; 1Kor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	Za zdravie pre mamu a posilu pre opatrovateľov	Rodina Machulová
Mon 13 9:00am	Family Day; Gn 4:1-15. 25; Mk 8;11-13	Pod'akovanie za dobrodin-cov	Rodina Demčáková
Tue 14 8:00am	St. Cyril and St. Methodius; Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5,10; Mk 8;14-21	Zdravie a uspešnu rekon-valescenciu pre Františka	Fr. Juraj
Tue 14 7:30pm	Sv. Cyril a Sv. Metod; Iz 52:7-10; Mk 16:15-20	Pod'akovanie a pož. za rodinu Janekovú	Mirka
Wed 15 8:00am	Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Mk 8;22-26	+ Ethan Denum	Javier family
Thu 16 8:00am	Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8;27-33	Za Božiu pomoc pre Pavla	Mrs. Sentivani
Fri 17 8:00am	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8;34-38-9:1	Blessing for family Palko	Bertha
Sat 18 9:00am	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13	+ Veronika Poláková nedožitých 90 rokov	Rodina Bírošová a Baluchová
Sun 19 9:00am	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Lv 19:1-2,17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Sun 19 11:00am	7. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Lv 19:1-2,17-18; 1Kor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48	+ Vincent Rechner	Manželka s rodinou