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*Pane Ježíšu, otvor nám
Písma; daj, nech naše
srdce horí, keď k nám
hovoriš.*

*Lord Jesus, open he
Scriptures to us; make
our hearts burn while
you speak to us.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

3. Veľkonočná Nedeľa.

3rd Sunday of Easter.

Ukáž mi, Pane, cestu života.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Dnešné evanjelium nám ukazuje zvláštny vzťah Vzkrieseného Pána Ježiša k Písanému Božiemu Slovu. Zjavuje sa tam, kde sa premýšľa nad ním, kde sa rozoberá Božie Slovo. Ježiš vyčíta apoštolom nechápanosť a ľarbavosť srdca. Táto ľarbavosť srdca spočíva v neschopnosti uveriť tomu, čo hovorili Proroci. Ježiš apoštolom postupne otvára zmysel Božieho Slova a vtedy pri správnom pochopení Písma ich srdcia začínajú horieť. Neschopnosť uveriť Božiemu Slovu spôsobuje ľarbavosť srdca. Oživujúca viera zapaluje aj srdce. Srdce začína horieť tam, kde je Božie Slovo prijímané s istotou.

Pravá úcta voči Kristovi nespočíva len v tom, že adorujeme Najsv. Telo Pána, ale pravá úcta spočíva v tom, že sa mu snažíme porozumieť a poslúchať jeho príkazy. „Kto má moje prikázania a zachováva ich, ten ma miluje. A kto miluje mňa, toho bude milovať môj Otec; aj ja ho budem milovať a zjavím mu seba samého.“ (Jn 14,21) Prítomnosť Pána Ježiša v jeho Slove je tak isto reálna ako v Eucharistii. Sv. Augustín nazýva Slovo Božie - Sacramentum audibile - sviatosť počutia. Kristus je tak isto reálne prítomný vo svojom Slove ako v Eucharistii. Je to sviatosťná prítomnosť Krista medzi nami. Túto sviatosť však môžeme mať vo svojom dome, túto sviatosť si môžeme denne vysluhovať aj sami, keď sme chorí a nevládzeme prísť do kostola. Čítanie Božieho Slova sa môže pre nás stať duchovným svätým prijímaním. Túto sviatosť si môžeme dokonca brať so sebou do práce. Cirkev nám ju dáva do rúk. Skrze toto Slovo vstupuje do nás Boží Duch. Je to sviatosť svätého ovplyvňovania. V každej svätej omši pred svätým prijímaním počujeme výzvu: „Pane,.. povedz len Slovo a uzdravená bude moja duša!“ Ľudská duša je uzdravovaná

Božím Slovom. Ak sme poslušní Bohu, dostávame do daru večný život, ak neposlúchame žneme ovocie smrti, rôzne depresie. Ak sa snažíme poslúchať Boha, On začína svojím Duchom oživovať našu bytosť.

Ak nie je v nás Božie Slovo, tak sa nevieme správne Bohu prihovoriť a my nerozumieme Jemu a On nerozumie nám a ani nás ani nevyslyší. V našom duchovnom živote ide o stále väčšie stotožnenie so Slovom Božím. Jeho Slovo nám stále viac a viac odhaľuje v našom živote oblasti, ktoré ešte nie sú odovzdané a zosúladené s vôľou Božou. Sv. Augustín hovorí: „Božie Slovo sa nám bude najprv javiť ako nepriateľ našej duše, kým nepochopíme a nezbadáme, že je príčinou našej Spásy.“

Cirkev neustále nachádza v Písme sv. svoju potravu a svoju silu: ved' v ňom neprijíma len púhe ľudské slovo, ale Božie Slovo, ktorým skutočne je. „V posvätných knihách totiž Otec, ktorý je na nebesiach, s láskou vychádza v ústrety svojim deťom a rozpráva s nimi.“

Two of Jesus' disciples are leaving Jerusalem. They walk along sadly and brokenhearted. The hope that they had placed in Jesus has been extinguished in their hearts when they saw him die on the cross. But they keep thinking about him anyway. They can't forget him. Was it all a dream? While they go along talking and discussing all they've been through, Jesus comes by and starts walking with them. But the disciples don't recognize him. The Jesus in whom they had trusted so much and whom they have loved passionately perhaps, now seems to be a stranger.

When Jesus joins in on their conversation the two walkers listen to him at first with surprise, but little by little some-

thing awakens in their hearts. They don't know exactly what's happening. Later on they will say: «Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures?».

The walkers feel drawn by Jesus' words. The moment arrives when they need his company. They don't want to let him leave: «Stay with us». During the meal, they will have their eyes opened and will recognize him. This is the great message of the story: when we welcome Jesus as a companion on the journey, his words can awaken in us the hope we lost.

In recent years, many people have lost faith in Jesus. Little by little he has become someone strange and unknown to them. All that they know about him is what they can reconstruct in partial and fragmentary ways based on what they have heard from preachers and catechists. Yes, the Sunday homily fulfills a vital role, but it clearly is not enough. In its current usage, in face of people sitting quietly, not voicing their concerns and problems, it cannot regenerate the floundering faith of so many who seek to meet Jesus, sometime without even knowing that's what they want.

Isn't it time for us to develop, outside of the context of the Sunday Liturgy, a new space to listen together to Jesus' Gospel? Why not get together – laity and priests, women and men, convinced Christians and people interested in the faith – to listen, share, dialogue and welcome Jesus' Gospel? We need to give the Gospel the chance to enter into direct, immediate contact with the problems, crises, fears and hopes of people today, with all its transforming power. It may soon be too late to recover in our midst the original freshness of the Gospel. But today it's still possible.

Bulletin Announcements

***April 30th - 3rd Sunday of Easter** "When we pray we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us". - St. Jerome

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care Join the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2017 and be a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. On this day, we encourage everyone to pray either at home or with your CWL parish council for palliative care and sign the petition to the House of Commons asking that hospice and palliative care be included as a defined medical service under the Canada Health Act. Petition is available online or at select parishes. Visit <http://rcav.org/palliative-care/> for more info.

***Project Advance 2017** Project Advance is our annual appeal that enables the pastoral work and spiritual mission of our local Church to flourish. Your gift to Project Advance helps us meet the material and spiritual need of our Church and parishes. This year's appeal focuses on the message One Faith. One Church. One Family. Our faith community is expansive and despite our geographical locations and our cultural diversity, which is to be celebrated, we are all united by our faith; we all belong to one Church. View this year's video or find out more about the works supported by Project Advance at www.projectadvance.ca

***Why are Power of Attorney and Representation Agreements important?** "What is a Power of Attorney and a Representation Agreement? How are they different?" Learn about these two powerful agreements and how they can impact your wellbeing and financial wellness. We invite all parishioners of the Archdiocese to join us at this free presentation given by: Michael A. Poznanski, BTM Lawyers LLP and Tim Lack, Lunny Atmore, LLP. Thursday, June 8, from 7-8 p.m. at St. Helen's Parish, Burnaby. Register online at rcav.org/epg or call Esther Jang, 604-683-0281 extension 50315

***Help needed for landscaping and gardening around the church.** If you can help, please contact Bertha at 604-465-6144 or berthapalko@gmail.com

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$2,270

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

ADORATION

There will be no adoration on Thursday in our church. We will have an adoration on First Friday 9:00am – 7:30pm.

PRAYER MINISTRY in our church will be the following date:

May 7, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
May 21, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Sun 30 9:00am	3rd Sunday of Easter; Acts 2:14,22b-28; 1Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35	+ Mary Kohar	Daughter Monica
Sun 30 11:00am	3. Veľkonočná Nedel'a; Sk 2:14,22b-33; 1Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj
Mon 1 7:00am	St. Joseph the Worker; St. Pius V; Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29	Za poďakovanie a Božie požehnanie pre Jozefa	
Tue 2 8:00am	St. Athanasius; Acts 7:1-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35	+ Anita C. Consunji	Javier Family
Wed 3	Sts. Philip and James; 1Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14	NO MASS	
Thu 4 8:00am	Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis; Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Fri 5 8:00am	First Friday; Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59	+ Jozef a Zuzana Otrošina	Palko Family
Fri 5 7:30pm	Prvý Piatok; Sk 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre mamu	Dcéra s rodinou
Sat 6 9:00am	St. Francois de Laval; 2Tim 4:1-5; Jn 10:11-16	Pod'akovanie a Božie požehnanie pre Miroslava	Bohuznámy
Sun 7 9:00am	4th Sunday of Easter; Acts 2:14a,36b-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 7 11:00am	4. Veľkonočná Nedel'a; Sk 2:14,36-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10	Za rodičov a rodinu	Stefan Boschnak