

January 7, 2018

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Parish

Nedela Zjavenia Pana

Sunday of The Epiphany of the Lord

Lessons from the stars

(Fergal Mac Eoinin)

As far back as history, people have been fascinated by these tiny lights in the sky. They engage us at many different levels. For some they are portents and omens to predict future events. Others focus on calculating the ages and distances to faraway stars. For some of us they are simply beautiful but beyond our reach. We try to catch them in the joy of language. Stars flicker everywhere in our love stories and poems. We even use them as a description for our role-models. Stars are inspiring.

Ordinary shepherds and learned magi alike took inspiration from the skies as they travelled to Bethlehem. We may explain them off as tales of omens and calculation and seldom think of the inspiration that set them on a journey. It was an early example of a peace march. The recurring wish of the star-gazer is a place of peace that lies maybe somewhere beyond the stars.

Across the ages every culture has stared up at the stars and wondered. There must be something else out there in the vastness beyond our understanding. Part of us inexplicably believes that whatever is out there is good or at least better than what we have here. In most cases our desire for inspiration asks the one thing we feel entitled to expect here on Earth. We feel it but rarely seem to get it – peace!



Peace to people of good will – the

Prince of Peace welcomes everyone who seeks peace. Shepherd and king, rich and poor, local and stranger all seek the same thing, a life of peace and fulfilment. “All humans seek peace” is a generalization that is close to being true. Breaking peace is always a decision. Anger, nastiness, belligerence and unkindness are not natural to the human person. In our better instincts, we desire peace and benevolence. The symbols of universalism in the Magi story speak to an audience far wider than just Christians. It is for all those who have gazed beyond the senses and dreamed for something better, something that is both natural and common to us all.

Liturgical schedules/Bohoslužobný poriadok		Cycle B	www.cyrilmetod.ca
07. 01. – SUN/NE Epiphany of the Lord-Zjavenie Pana Sir 3.2-14; Col 3.12-21; Lk. 2.22-40	9 a.m. mass + Eric Adrias		Tina and Tita
	11 a.m. SK omsa za farnikov		Fr. Rastislav
08. 01. – MON/PO Baptism of the Lord Isa 42.1-7; Acts 10.34-38; Mk 1.7-11	8 a.m. mass zdravie a Bozie pozehnanie pre Erika		Rod. Mudry
09. 01. – TUE/UT 1 Sam 1.9-20; Mk 1.21-28	8 a.m. + Andrej Cassty		Eva Cassty
10. 01. – WED/ST 1 Sam 3.1-10,19-20; Mk 1.29-39	8.00 a.m. mass + Richardo Marcos		Javier Family
11. 01. – THU/ŠT 1 Sam 4.1-11; Mk 1.40-45	6.30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 7.30 p.m.mass na umysel		J. Jurkovicova
12. 01. – FRI/PI St. Marguerite Bourgeoys 1 Sam 8.4-7,10-22; Mk 2,1-12	8 a.m. mass Thanksgiving for 70 yrs. of life of Estrellita Fernandez		Elaonore Matias
13. 01. – SAT/SO 1 Sam 9.1-4,17-19,10.1; Mk 2.13-17	9 a.m. mass zdravie a Bozie pozehnanie pre sestru Mariu Ganovu s rodinou 5.30 p.m. SK omša s nedelnou platnostou zdravie a Bozie pozehnanie pre rodicov		Zuzka J. Priskin
14. 01. – SUN/NE Second in Ordinary Time - 2. nedela cez rok 1 Sam 3.3-10,19; 1 Cor 6.13-20; John 1.35-20	9 a.m. mass for parishioners 11 a.m. SK omsa podakovanie a Bozie pozehnanie pre rodicov		Fr. Rastislav J. Jurkovicova
Sacrament of reconciliation 30 minutes before every mass.			
Announcements/Oznamy			
*Last Sunday's, New Year's and Initial collection: \$2527. May God reward your generosity.			
*Katecheza deti bude pokračovat v sobotu 13. januara 2018 o 4.30 navecer.			
*Registration of mass intentions for February continues.			
*Pastoral family visits on Sundays at 5pm will continue. Interested families may sign up.			