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Slovak Catholic Parish



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*Ježiš hlásal evanjelium o
kráľovstve a
uzdravoval každú
chorobu medzi ľuďom.*

*Jesus proclaimed the
Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every
disease among the
people.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

3. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pán je moje svetlo a moja spása.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

V dnešnom evanjeliu počujeme ako Ježiš začal hlásať: „Robte pokánie, lebo sa priblížilo nebeské kráľovstvo.“ Máme konať pokánie, ale čo to vlastne pokánie je? Veľmi často si zamieňame pokánie so sviatosťou pokánia, i keď nejde presne o to isté.

Aj keď svätú spoveď nazývame „sviatosťou pokánia“, nevystihuje celú šírku toho, čo pokánie vlastne je a ako sa má konať. Pokánie je významovo širší pojem ako sviatosť zmierenia. Potreba pokánia vyplýva zo situácie človeka po dedičnom hriechu a patrí k základným požiadavkám prorokov i Ježiša. Ježiš vyzdvihuje pokánie ako centrálny pojem svojho poslania a to tak jasne, že to sotva potrebuje nejaké dôkazy. Na mnohých miestach evanjelia vyzýva: „Čiňte pokánie!“ Teda „robte pokánie“. Pokánie sa robí a niekedy tak tvrdo ako sa pracuje na denný chlieb. Ak som hrešil, ak som ubližoval, mám sa snažiť to napraviť, ak som kradol, mám to vrátiť. Pán Ježiš nikde nehovorí: „Ak budete chodiť pravidelne na spoveď, je to v pohode!“ Spoveď je len malou čiastočkou z toho, čo pokánie všetko zahŕňa. Keby naša spoveď bola správne prežívaná, bola by pokáním, ale ak je len vyznaním hriechov, bez snahy o vnútornú zmenu života, bez skutočnej ľútosti a predsavzatia, nie je pokáním. Pokánie má byť štýlom celého kresťanského života.

V Hebrejských textoch SZ býva pokánie označované slovom „SUB“. Toto slovo vyjadruje radosť z návratu väzňa zo žalára alebo vyhnanca z exilu alebo zajatca zo zajatia. Pokánie to je radostný návrat domov, návrat k Otcovi. V gréckom jazyku sa pre pokánie užíva termín METANOIA. Toto slovo je výzvou: „Zmeňte zmýšľanie!“ a vyjadruje duchovnú podmienku návratu k Bohu a spoločenstva s

Ním. Akoby nám Boh hovoril: „Ak sa chcete tešiť z môjho spoločenstva, musíte zmeniť zmýšľanie“.

Ozajstné a plodné pokánie začína tam, kde sa stávame učeníkmi Ježiša, keď človek začne brať Božie Slovo úplne vážne. Tento proces by sme mohli prirovnat' k ladeniu rádia. V éteri môže byť krásna hudba, ale dokiaľ svoj prijímač nenaladíme na potrebnú frekvenciu, tak sa z jej počúvania nemôžeme tešiť. Boh, ktorý je Absolútna Blaženosť, sa stane aj našou blaženosťou, keď začneme myslieť, chcieť a konať súhlasne so zjaveným Božím Slovom. Sv. Anton Paduánsky hovorí o pokání ako o svadbe plnej radosti. Medzi znaky pravého pokánia patrí radosť a jasanie srdca a oslavná chvála Boha. Pokánie je výzvou pre všetkých kresťanov, na všetkých stupňoch duchovného života. Musí sa stále obnovovať a prehľbovať. Jeho završením je smrť prijatá z lásky k Bohu.

The first writer who gathered up Jesus' actions and message summed it all up by saying that Jesus proclaimed the «Good New of God». Later on, all the Gospel writers use the same Greek term (*euaggelion*) and express the same conviction: in the God announced by Jesus, all peoples encounter something «new» and «good». Is there still in that Gospel something that can be read, in our mainly indifferent and unbelieving society, as new and good for the people of today? Something we can meet in the God announced by Jesus and which isn't offered easily by science, technology or progress? How is it possible to live a faith in God in our time?

In Jesus' Gospel we who believe meet up with a God with whom we can feel and live a life that is gift, that has its origin in the

ultimate mystery of the reality that is Love. For me it's good to not feel alone and lost in existence, nor find myself in the hands of destiny or chance. I have Someone to whom I can be thankful for my life. In Jesus we meet a God who, in spite of our stupidity, gives us energy to defend our liberty without ending up slaves of some idol: to not live always half-way or just hanging on; to go about learning new and more humane ways of working and of enjoyment, of suffering and of loving. For me it's good to be able to count on the energy of my mustard seed faith in that God.

In Jesus' message we meet up with a God who awakens our responsibility to not ignore everyone else. We won't be able to do great things, but we know that we need to be a part of a life that has more dignity and more happiness for all, thinking above all in the most needy and defenseless. For me it's good to believe in a God who frequently asks me what I am doing for my brothers and sisters. This God makes me live with more clarity and dignity. This is a God who helps us to suspect that evil, injustice and death don't have the last word. One day everything that hasn't happened here, that has been left half-done, our biggest dreams and our most intimate desires – all this will reach their fullness in God. For me that helps to live my life and to await my death with much confidence.

Certainly, each one of us needs to decide how she or he wants to live and how we want to die. Each one needs to listen to his/her own truth. For me it isn't the same to believe in God as to not believe. For me it seems good to be able to go about in this world feeling myself welcomed, strengthened, forgiven and saved by the God revealed in Jesus.

Bulletin Announcements

***January 22nd – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time** "Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these, they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve." - Francis of Assisi

***Homeless Count** Help count the homeless in your local community for the B.C. Non-Profit Housing Association on Tuesday, March 7 (evening), and Wednesday, March 8 (daytime). This count allows Catholic ministries such as the Door Is Open, Men's Hostel, Good Shepherds, Agape and many more to plan appropriate programs and allocate resources. This is a rare opportunity that happens only once every 3 years. It's also a chance to learn more about the causes of poverty and some of the solutions that government, public and private agencies, and charities are working on together. If you or someone you know is interested, please sign-up online at <http://www.bcnpha.ca/research/metro-vancouver-homeless-count-2017>. This is also a great opportunity to volunteer with Catholic Charities Shelter Services. For more info, contact Scott Small at ssmall@rcav.org

***Seminary Vocation Live-In** On the weekend of Feb. 17-19, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life at Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. Cost: \$25. For more information, please contact 604-826-8715.

***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 info@CHABC.bc.

***Project Advance 2016 final update** shows that the total amount contributed to our parish this past year by parishioners and friends of the parish as \$18,780. This exceeds the parish goal of \$16,000 and also our diocesan goal of \$7,000. Overall our campaign was very successful and our parish is extremely grateful for each contribution received during the year 2016. We sincerely thank all parishioners who donated and we also thank those non-parishioners and friends of the parish who so kindly supported Project Advance 2016 with their generous donations. Thank you. Those who need prayers followed by reception at the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome & for more info please call 604-594-7296

* **Mužské stretnutie** - v sobotu o 6:30pm. Téma: Pohľad na archetypy viery praotcov v Starom zákone.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,280

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:
January 22, 2017
 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
February 5, 2017
 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 22 9:00am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 9:1-4; 1Cor 1:10-13,17-18; Mt 4:12-23	+ Jason Cabahug	Tita and Tina
Sun 22 11:00am	3. Nedel'ä v Cezročnom Období; Iz 8:23b-9:3; 1Kor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23	+ Ján Šufák	Rodina Volentier
Mon 23	Heb 9:15,24-28; Mk 3:22-30	NO MASS	
Tue 24 7:30pm	St. Francis de Sales; Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35	+ Mária Pauchly	Manžel s dcérami
Wed 25 8:00am	The Conversion of St. Paul; Act 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
Thu 26 8:00am	St. Timothy and St. Titus; 2Tim 1:1-8; Lk 10:1-9	+ Enrique Javier	Javier Family
Fri 27 8:00am	St. Angela Merici; Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34;	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Luboša	Brat Jozef
Sat 28 9:00am	St. Thomas Aquinas; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Mk 4:35-41	+ Viola	Zuzana
Sun 29 9:00am	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Zep 2;3,3:12-13; 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12	Pod'akovanie	Mrs. Vilma Oravec
Sun 29 11:00am	4. Nedel'ä v Cezročnom Období; Sof 2:3,3:12-13; 1Kor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a	Za zdravie Božiu pomoc pre Marianu	Rodina