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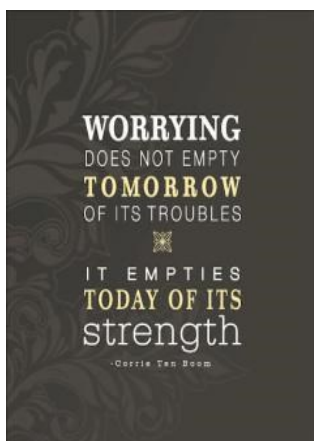
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Živé je Božie slovo, a účinné, rozsudzuje myšlienky a úmysly srdca.

The word of God is living and effective; discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

8. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Iba v Bohu spočíň, duša moja.

Rest in God alone, my soul.

„Nemôžete slúžiť Bohu i mamone.“ Boh síce stvoril materiálny svet, ale nie preto, aby sa stal našim bohom, aby sme sa na ňom natrvalo usadili. Svet je len prechodným miestom na ceste k Bohu. Beda človeku, ktorý to nepochopí a svet sa pre neho stane konečnou zástavkou. Naozaj, človek môže zapadnúť až po uši do blata tejto zeme. Svet hlása kult mamony, viditeľného a materiálneho bohatstva. Mnoho ľudí mu inštinktívne slúži a to nielen neveriaci, a súčasne používajú praktiky a metódy tohto sveta.

Kedy vlastne človek slúži mamone a nie Bohu? Vtedy, keď nás starosť o materiálne dobré natolko pohlcuje, že vytláča myšlienku na Boha. Môže ísť len o kúsok pola, pre ktoré sa súdime s vlastným bratom a budeme sa stále v myšlienkach točiť okolo tohto fliacku zeme, neschopní sústrediť sa na Boha. „Pán Ježiš na inom mieste hovorí: „Kde je tvoj poklad, tam bude aj tvoje srdce!“ To platí tu na zemi, ale táto prítlačivosť trvá aj po smrti. Len dobrovoľne chudobní vojdú do Božieho kráľovstva. Chudoba, ktorú Ježiš požaduje nielen od rehoľníkov, ale od každého kresťana, spočíva v slobode od vecí. Aby sme z lásky k Bohu opustili všetko i samých seba.

Môže sa nám zdať, že Pán Ježiš propaguje bezstarostný život ľudí žijúcich v džungli, ktorí sa ešte živia zberom plodín a šatia kožušinou ulovených zvierat. Takto to určite Pán Ježiš nemyslel. Nehovorí: „O nič sa nestarajte“ On hovorí: „Nebudte ustarostení“ a v tom je podstatný rozdiel. Nestarať sa o nič, je proti príkazu, ktorý človek dostal už pri svojom stvorení, keď mu bolo povedané, že má obrábať a strážiť raj, že si má podmaniť zem. Sú veci na tejto zemi, ktoré môžeme a máme

urobiť my. Pán Ježiš nás nezabavuje starosti a zodpovednosti o náš svet, ale zbavuje nás ustarostenosti.

Ustarostenosť je starostlivosť, ktorá vôbec nepočíta s Bohom a s jeho mocou a ochotou pomôcť. Naša neveriaca ustarostenosť sa prejavuje aj v tom, že sa rodiny boja prijať dieťa a hľadajú možné i nemožné kompromisy. Keď som bol malý, často som obdivoval mojich rodičov, ktorí hoci nás bolo jedenásť, stále mali túto dôveru v Boha, ktorý sa postará. A Pán Boh nás nikdy nesklamal. Neveriaca ustarostenosť robí zo života čosi ťažké a mučivé, lebo sú určité veci, ktoré človek pri najväčšej svojej snahe a práci nemôže ovplyvniť.

Modlitba je miestom, kde môžeme svoje starosti odovzdať Bohu, odovzdať mu svoju roztržitosť, pretože práve ona v sebe nesie všetko to, čo nás morí a na čo nevládzeme. Na Boha máme uvaliť všetky svoje starosti, lebo On sa stará. Katechizmus učí: „Svedectvo písma je jednoznačné: starostlivosť Božej pozretelnosti je konkrétna a bezprostredná: stará sa o všetko od najmenších vecí po najväčšie svetové a dejinné udalosti. Posvätné knihy zdôrazňujú úplnú Božiu zvrchovanosť nad behom udalostí: „Boh náš je na nebesiach, učinil všetko, čo chcel.“ (Z 115,3)

While money seems for many to be the absolute measure of value, idolizing it is for Jesus the greatest enemy of the worthwhile, just and united world God wants. It is twenty centuries since the Prophet of Galilee denounced, in no uncertain terms, the worship of money as the major obstacle holding humanity back from a more humane coexistence. The reasoning of Jesus is clear: “You cannot serve God and money.” God cannot reign as the Father

of all, if justice is denied to those who are excluded from a life of dignity. Hence people dominated by the passion to accumulate wealth cannot build the humane world God wants, so long as they promote an economy that condemns the weakest to hunger and misery.

The core message of Pope Francis is about righting that deep-rooted wrong. What he says is: “No to an economy of exclusion and iniquity, for that kind of economy kills.” While Francis does not offer any detailed economic analysis to explain his thought, he knows how to summarize his indignation in clear and expressive words that could make headlines in any country.

Here are just a few of the examples he cites: “How is it possible that the death from cold of an old man on the streets does not make news while the fall of two points of the stock market does? This is a shameful exclusion.” “It’s intolerable that food is thrown out while there are people who go hungry. That is criminal and wrong!” – though of course it is not illegal, in our coldly capitalist world. We seem to live “in the dictatorship of a faceless economy without a genuinely human purpose.” As a result, “while the profits of a few grow exponentially, the majority remain increasingly far from the wellbeing of that happy few.”

The cult of personal prosperity and wellbeing can anaesthize us to the needs of others, and we grow impatient if the market offers something we haven’t yet bought, while all too many lives are stunted and cut short for want of resources. As the Pope has said: “this message isn’t Marxism but pure Gospel.” It’s a message that must have a lasting welcome and echo in our Christian communities. What am I doing to help those less fortunate than myself?

Bulletin Announcements

***February 26^h - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "How is it possible that the death from cold of an old man on the streets does not make news while the fall of two points of the stock market does? This is a shameful exclusion." – Pope Francis

***Healing from the Heart of Jesus** – Three evenings with Dr. Margaret Schlientz (MA Theology/Spirituality, MA Clinical Psychology, PhD Psychiatric Nursing) at St. Luke Parish, 20285 Dewdney Tr. Rd. Maple Ridge:

Sunday, March 5, 7PM (Mass 5:30PM) – *Jesus Invites Us To Open Our Hearts and Receive His Love*

Monday, March 6, 7PM – *Healing from Fear, Anger, Resentment – Beginning to Forgive*

Tuesday, March 7, 7PM – *Healing through Forgiveness of Betrayal, Loss of Love, Grief, and Father/Mother Wounds*

For more info: 604-465-5383, 604-460-0114 or visit stlukesparish.wordpress.com or drmargaretschlientz.com

***Development and Peace Share Lent 2017: Women at the Heart of Change** Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the Lord's commandment to refrain from acts of anger and violence. South Sudan, the youngest nation on earth, has been overwhelmed by violence and civil conflict since its independence in 2011. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada continues to support Caritas South Sudan in its efforts to foster peace, democracy and reconciliation in the region. Thanks in part to your continued generosity, our partners are able to provide food, water, healthcare and access to education for those affected by the conflict. For more information on support for South Sudan please visit www.devp.org/en/emergencies/south-sudan

***Call to Holiness - To be Jesus Christ in the World Today.** Msgr John Esseff, an Exorcist for the Diocese of Scanton, guided by Padre Pio in the beginning of his ministry and he later became the spiritual director of Mother Teresa. Dates: March 13-15 (Monday - Wednesday). Times: Choice of 8:00 am or 7:00 pm. The retreat begins with Mass followed by the talk. Please note that the same talk is given at both sessions. **Spiritual Warfare** - Saturday, March 18 at 2:00 pm. Place: St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver; Limited Seating. Let us know by email if you are planning to attend: fireblade@telus.net or lennieptl@telus.net

***Križová cesta** - v pôstnom období bude v piatok večer 7:30pm križová cesta a sv.omša.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

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| Our Weekly Goal | \$1,500 |
| Sunday's Collection | \$1,435 |

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

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| Sun 26 9:00am | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 49:14-15; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34 | Na úmysel | Janka |
| Sun 26 11:00am | 8. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Iz 49:14-15; 1Kor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34 | Za dobrodinco | Rodina Demčáková |
| Mon 27 | Sir 17:24-27,29; Mk 10:17-27 | NO MASS | |
| Tue 28 8:00am | Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31 | +Enrique Javier | Family Javier |
| Wed 1 8:00am | Ash Wednesday; Joel 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18 | Blessing for Vesna | |
| Wed 1 7:30pm | Popolcová Streda; Joel 3:12-18; 2Kor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18 | +Ján Krivda | Lucia s rodinou |
| Thu 2 8:00am | Deu 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25 | Za zdravie pre Ľubomíra | Rodina Balúchová |
| Fri 3 8:00am | First Friday; Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15 | Health and God's help for Diane | Mother Joyce |
| Fri 3 7:30pm | Prvý Piatok; Iz 58:1-9b; Mt 9:14-15; Križová cesta + sv.omša | Za Božiu pomoc a úspechy v práci | Adrián |
| Sat 4 9:00am | Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32 | +Josefa Javier | Family Javier |
| Sun 5 9:00am | 1st Sunday of Lent; Gn 2:7-9,16-18,25,3:1-7; Rm 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11 | +Enrique Adrias | Tita Michel |
| Sun 5 11:00am | 1. Pôstna Nedel'a; Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7a; Rim 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11 | +Mária Jacáková | Dcéra Vierka s rodinou |