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*V žiarivom oblaku bolo počuť Otcov hlas: Toto je môj milovaný Syn, počúvajte ho!*

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

2. Pôstna Nedeľa.

2nd Sunday of Lent.

*Tvoje milosrdenstvo, Pane, nech je nad nami, ako dúfame v teba.*

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**Premenení** a oslávený Ježiš nám ukazuje do akej miery môže byť zušľachtená ľudská prirodzenosť. Ježiš sa premenil v tele, ktoré prijal z ľudskej matky. Má také isté telo ako my a predsa vidíme, že žiari svetlom nadprirodzenej krásy. To isté svetlo sa tajomne objavuje v živote mnohých svätých. Akým spôsobom by sme sa mohli my dnes zmocniť tejto slávy? Boh Otec v evanjeliu nám ukazuje cestu: „Toto je môj milovaný Syn, jeho poslúchajte“. Poslušnosťou Bohu sa môžeme prebojovať až k takejto nadzemskej kráse. Sv. Peter apoštol hovorí, že Boh dáva svojho Ducha tým, ktorí ho poslúchajú. To čo vidíme vyžarovať z Ježišovho tela je dar Ducha. Viera je otvorenosť našej bytosti, ktorá spôsobuje, že sme schopní a ochotní prijať Ježiša ako Pána a Boha, bezvýhradnou poslušnosťou. Človek je oslávený tou mierou, akou mierou sa stáva príbytkom Ducha Svätého. Teológia nás poučuje na základe zjavenia, že Duch Svätý vychádza z Otca i Syna. Pozíciu Ducha Svätého v Tajomstve Najsvätejšej Trojici by sme mohli porovnať k tomu, čím je v ľudskom manželstve objatie, alebo samotný fakt manželstva. Ľudské manželstvo je zvláštna forma existencie, ktorá má svoj základ v dvoch osobách. Je úžasnou skutočnosťou, ktorá môže dať vznik tretej osobe. Manželstvo je čosi viac ako jedgotlivé osoby, ktoré ho tvoria. Žiadna osoba sama od seba nemôže dať existenciu novej bytosti, ale osoby spojené láskou môžu dať vznik novej osobe. Analogický je Duch Svätý Božou Vzájomnosťou, Nežnosťou, Objatím, Božkom, Božou Rozkošou, Láskou Božou. Duch Svätý je svojou podstatou darom Otca Synovi, pretože Božie Slovo je vydychované Duchom Svätým. Duch Svätý je Božím Dychom. Syn miluje Otca

v Duchu Svätom. V Duchu Svätom sa Boží Syn celý dáva Bohu Otcovi ako dar.

Človek je tak stvorený, že je v ňom priestor pre Boha. Človek prichádza na tento svet ako čistá tabuľa. Zmysel našej existencie je naplniť sa Duchom Svätým. Skrze Slovo Božie preniká do nás vznešenosť nášho Stvoriteľa. Informácia usmerňuje našu vôľu. Preto aby sme mohli prijať Ducha Svätého je dôležité chcieť to, čo chce Boh.

Pochopenie toho, čo znamená byť naplnený Duchom Svätým, radikálne mení život ľudí. Toto pochopenie sa stáva prameňom sily pri vydávaní svedectva. Totiž len človek naplnený Božím Duchom je schopný svedčiť o tom, aké veľké veci mu urobil Pán. Dokiaľ nemáte v sebe toto svedectvo, neprivediete k Pánu Bohu ani len svojich najbližších. Lebo kresťanstvo nie je to isté, ako: „Musím ísť do kostola.“ Naplnenie a naplňovanie sa Duchom Svätým je základnou vecou, ak chceme hlásať Evanjelium. Ohlasovanie Evanjelia je záležitosťou skutočne živých a Duchom Svätým oživených kresťanov, ľudí tak krásnych a vyžarujúcich ako Pán Ježiš na hore premenenia.

**At the center** of that complex story called «The Transfiguration of Jesus», we find a voice that comes from a strange «bright cloud», a symbol that is used in the Bible to talk about the always mysterious presence of God that is shown to us and at the same time is hidden from us. The voice says these words: «*This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favor*». The disciples don't need to confuse Jesus with anyone else, not even with Moses and Elijah. Only Jesus is the beloved Son of God, only he has his face «*shining like the sun*». But the voice adds something

more: «*Listen to him*». In other times God had revealed God's will by means of the «ten commandments» of the Law. Now God's will is summed up and made concrete in only one command: listen to Jesus. Listening establishes the true relationship between Jesus and his followers. On hearing this, the disciples fall to the ground «*overcome with fear*». They are overwhelmed by that experience of being so close to God, but they are also afraid by what they have heard: can they live, only listening to Jesus, recognizing only in him God's mysterious presence?

Then Jesus comes up and touches them, saying: "*stand up, do not be afraid*". He knows that they need to experience his human closeness: the contact of his hand, not just the divine splendor of his face. Whenever we listen to Jesus in the silence of our being, his first words to us are always: «*Stand up, don't be afraid*». Many people only know Jesus from hearsay. His name sounds familiar maybe, but what they know of him doesn't go any further than some memories and impressions from childhood. Even more, though they call themselves Christians, they live without hearing Jesus in their heart. And without that experience, it's not possible to know his unmistakable peace or his power to encourage and sustain our lives. When a believer stops to listen to Jesus in silence, in her conscience within, she always hears something like this: «*Don't be afraid. Abandon yourself in complete simplicity to the mystery of God. The little faith you have is enough. Don't be upset. If you listen to me, you will discover that God's love consists in always forgiving you. And if you believe this, your life will change. You will know peace of heart*».

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*March 12<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** "At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty, to which he will shape and color those who are his: He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of his glory." – St. Thomas Aquinas

**\*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. **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](mailto:fireblade@telus.net) or [lennieptl@telus.net](mailto:lennieptl@telus.net)

**\*Men's Discernment Night/Vocations In Progress** Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress (V.I.P.) 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 on March 22, from 7-10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. For more info. on upcoming V.I.P. sessions, visit [www.vocationsvancouver.ca/events/vip](http://www.vocationsvancouver.ca/events/vip)

**\*Stress, Marriage and Rock n' Roll** Good communication, stress management and practising one's faith have a great deal in common. Psychologist Denis Boyd will share practical tips on how to enhance your marriage and at the same time reduce the stress that arises from daily challenges. He will offer insight on how putting one's faith into practice. Join us for a Faith and Family Workshop on Thursday, April 20, from 7-9 p.m., at All Saints Parish, Coquitlam. Cost: \$15/person or \$25/couple. To register, contact 604-931-7211 or [info@denisboyd.com](mailto:info@denisboyd.com)

**\*Life Compass Society Launch Event** Join us for the official launch event of Life Compass Society. Life Compass is a group of people from Maple Ridge to Port Moody who share a common respect for human life from conception to natural death, and a desire to promote a culture of life. John Hof, President of United for Life BC will be our MC for the evening with special guests Colleen Roy, B.C. Catholic columnist on life and family issues and Natalie Sonnen, Executive Director of Life Canada. Free babysitting and light refreshments provided, chance to meet like-minded people and enjoy great fellowship. Monday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Coquitlam Alliance Church, Coquitlam.

**\*LANGOŠ Lunch** – Let's all welcome Spring together and have a taste of Slovakia "LANGOŠ". Everyone is invited for lunch in our parish hall on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after both Masses.

### Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$958
St. Joseph Society	\$337

**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:

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

**April 2, 2017** from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

<b>Sun 12</b> 9:00am	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent;</b> Gn 12:1-4; 2Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 12</b> 11:00am	<b>2. Pôstna Nedel'a;</b> Gn 12:1-4a; 2Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9	Za zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Dušana a Martu	
Mon 13	Dan 9:3,4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	NO MASS	
Tue 14 8:00am	Is 1:10,16-20,27-28,31; Mt 23:1-12	+ Margaret Petrie	Bill & Betty
Wed 15 8:00am	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	+ Gabriel Jordanov	Rodina Plavaková
Thu 16 8:00am	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	Na úmysel	Mária
Fri 17 8:00am	St. Patrick; Gn 37:4,12-13a,17b-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46	+ Mária Opačitá	Fr. Juraj a rodina
Fri 17 <b>7:30pm</b>	Križová cesta + Sv. Omša	Za Božie požehnanie a zdravie pre Toma a Kathy	Matka
Sat 18 9:00am	St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Mic 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32	+ Emil Spal	Dcéra Zuzana
<b>Sun 19</b> 9:00am	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent;</b> Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42	For parishioners and benefactors	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 19</b> 11:00am	<b>3. Pôstna Nedel'a;</b> Ex 17:3-7; Rim 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42	+ za rodičov	Jarka s rodinou