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*Ja som dobrý pastier,  
hovorí Pán; pozám  
svoje ovce a moje  
poznajú mňa*

*I am the good  
shepherd, says the  
Lord; I know my  
sheep, and mine know  
me.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

4. Veľkonočná Nedeľa.

4th Sunday of Easter.

*Pán je môj pastier, nič mi nechýba.*

*The Lord is shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Zatiaľ čo** prvé čítanie zo Skutkov apoštolských hovorí o istote viery a z nej prameniaceho svedectva, v evanjeliu Pán Ježiš prehlasuje: „Ja som brána. Kto vojde cezo mňa, bude spasený“. Tento výrok hovorí čosi o našej Spáse, dokonca môžeme povedať o istote našej Spáasy. Základom kresťanského života je viera, ktorá si je istá tým, čomu veri. Takáto viera je Božím darom, ktorý si môžeme v modlitbe vyprosiť od Boha. Ak sa o takúto vieru oprieme, staneme sa slobodnými od pocitov a tak sa nám podarí uniknúť rôznym krízam, ktoré pochádzajú práve z nášho citového života. Svoj duchovný život začneme budovať na istote Božieho Slova. Z Božej strany je Spása istá, ako možnosť a ako prísľub, ale z ľudskej strany je možné zlyhanie. Nemyslí teraz na morálne zlyhanie ako prejav slabosti človeka voči hriechu, ktorý v ňom prebýva, ale myslím na zlyhanie ako odpad od viery, ako odchod z odovzdanosti. Toto je problém „vytrvalosti do konca“. Pán Ježiš predsa na inom mieste hovorí: „Kto vytrvá do konca, ten bude spasený!“ Spása v Božom svete je skutočnosťou, my ju však musíme dovoliť v sebe uskutočniť a musíme v tom vytrvať až do konca pozemského života. Vidíme, že aj Písmo Sv. pozná také prípady, keď ktosi uveril v Krista, ale odpadol od neho: apoštol Judáš, Demas, kováč Alexander. Avšak aj opačný extrém je blud. Často sa stáva, že ľudia, ktorí denne chodia do kostola, počúvajú a veria Božiemu Slovu a snažia sa ho aj žiť, často žijú tak, ako by v nič nemohli dúfať. Napr. starénka, ktorá sa ozaj celý život usilovala žiť kresťanský, mi povedala, že nevie, či bude spasená alebo zatratená. A to nieje správna odpoveď. Sv. Pavol učí, že „v

nádeji sme spasení“ (Rim 8,24). Blud je žiť bez očakávania blaženej nádeje, ako to nakoniec v každej sv. omši vyznávame: „Očakávam splnenie blaženej nádeje!“ V liste Filipanom píše sv. Pavol: „s bážňou a chvením pracujte na svojej spáse.“ Sú určité znaky, ktoré ukazujú či ideme po ceste spáasy. Sú to znaky nového života, o ktorých nachádzame zmienku na viacerých miestach Písma. Reálnym znakom je ovocie Ducha Sv.: „Láska, radosť, pokoj“. Nachádzame sa v podobnej situácii, ako človek, ktorý v predpredaji kúpil lístky na predstavenie a teda musí len dodržať čas predstavenia a prísť. Je to iná situácia, ako ísť do kina a nemať ešte lístky. Keď mám viac lístkov vo vrecku, môžem veselo a odvážne pozývať druhých na predstavenie. Ak ich ešte nemám, bola by to trúfalosť a mohlo by to skončiť fiaskom. Asi takto by sme mohli vyjadriť našu istotu spáasy. Ak sme uverili v Krista, ak sme sa dali pokrstiť, ak sme ho vierou prijali, ak sme sa mu úplne odovzdali a snažíme sa žiť v moci Ducha Svätého Božie Slovo, vtedy máme očakávať, splnenie blaženej nádeje. Podobne ako človek, ktorý má lístky, môžeme a máme pozývať druhých ku Spáase.

**We Christians** need to experience Jesus anew in our lives, reviving our relationship with him. To put him decisively in the center of our life. To move from a Jesus who is routinely confessed to a Jesus who is vitally welcomed. The Gospel of John gives us some important suggestions when it speaks of the relationship of the sheep with their Shepherd. The first thing is “to listen to his voice” in its full freshness and originality. Not to mistake it for respect for traditions. Not to let

ourselves be distracted or dazed by other strange voices that, though possibly heard within the Church, do not communicate its Good News.

It is important to feel that Jesus calls us “by our name.” To be personally drawn to him. To discover little by little, and more joyfully each time, that no one answers as he does to our most decisive questions, our most profound yearnings, our ultimate needs.

It is decisive to “follow” Jesus. The Christian faith does not consist in believing things about Jesus, but in believing in Jesus, in trusting in his person as we live. To be inspired by his way of life so that our own existence may have a clear and responsible orientation.

It is vital to walk with Jesus “ahead of us.” Not to go about in life all by ourselves. To experience at some point that it is possible to live life from its root, from this God who is offered to us in Jesus, more human, friendlier, closer and more saving than all our theories.

This living relationship with Jesus does not arise in us automatically. It is being awakened within us in fragile and humble way. At the beginning, it may be just a desire. It usually grows surrounded by doubts, questions and resistance. But there comes a moment when contact with Jesus begins to make a decisive difference in our lives.

The future of the faith among us is being decided in our consciences when at such moments we sense we are Christians. Unbelief starts to penetrate us from the very moment our relationship with Jesus loses its force, or is deadened by routine, indifference and carelessness. That is why Pope Francis has recognized that “we need to create spaces” that can help and heal, “places where faith ... in Jesus is renewed.”

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*May 7<sup>th</sup> - 4th Sunday of Easter** "God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the good Shepherd calls His sheep by name". - St. John Paul II

**\*Reclaim your dream and get married in the Church** Would you like to get your marriage blessed so you can receive the sacraments? We can help you. On September 16, 2017, Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate the blessing of marriages at St. Clare's Parish, Coquitlam for a large number of civilly married couples. Be a part of it. To learn more, check out our upcoming information session on May 17 at 6:30 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby, or May 31 at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. For more info, please contact Deacon Greg at 604-771-2975 or Jimmy at 778-378-5389.

**\*World Day of Prayer for Vocations** Good Shepherd Sunday, May 7, has traditionally been designated by the Church as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The whole Church, therefore, is united today in praying that more men will answer God's call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world. On this day, all are invited to pray the Rosary, or some part of it, especially as a family, with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Visit [rcav.org/pray-for-vocations](http://rcav.org/pray-for-vocations) for special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with a vocations theme.

**\*Who am I? Workshop** Are you longing to improve your relationships or increase your happiness and productivity? Discover the richness within yourself. Join us for a 4 day workshop on May 27-28 and June 3-4 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. To register or for more info., contact Leah Bittante at 604-613-0023 or lbittante2@gmail.com. Visit [www.prh-canada.com](http://www.prh-canada.com) for more info.

**\* VÝJAZDOVÉ KONZULÁRNE DNI VO VANCOUVERI.** Miesto konania: Hala pri Kostole sv. Cyrila a Metoda. Čas konania: **12. mája 2017** od 10:00 - 19:00, **13. mája 2017** od 10:00 - 19:00

Dojednanie termínu: V snahe minimalizovať čakacie lehoty si, prosím, dohodnite presný termín vopred – kontaktuje nás na [andrea.dankaninova@mzv.sk](mailto:andrea.dankaninova@mzv.sk) alebo tel. č.: 613 749 4442 kl. 101.

### Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,153

**Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.**

### THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays 7:15pm-8:15pm.

**PRAYER MINISTRY** in our church will be the following date:

**May 7, 2017** from 12:30pm to 1:30pm  
**June 4, 2017** from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Sun 7 9:00am	<b>4th Sunday of Easter;</b> Acts 2:14a,36b-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 7 11:00am	<b>4. Veľkonočná Nedel'a;</b> Sk 2:14,36-41; 1Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10	Za rodičov a rodinu	Stefan Boschnak
Mon 8 8:00am	Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine; Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18	Za zdravie a Božie pož. pre Luboša	Fr. Juraj
Tue 9 8:00am	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	+ Anita C. Consunji	Javier Family
Wed 10 8:00am	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50	Za zdravie a Božie pož. pre Martu Astrabovú	Marta a Dušan
Thu 11 8:00am	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20	+ Veronika a duše v očisci	Syn Pavol
Fri 12 8:00am	St. Nereus and St. Achilleus; St. Pancras; acts 13:26-33; Jn14:1-6	+ Rudolf a Rudla	Rodina Šajgalíková
Sat 13 9:00am	Our Lady of Fatima; Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 14 9:00am	<b>5th Sunday of Easter;</b> Acts 6:1-7; 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	+ John Pardek	Margaret Pardek
Sun 14 11:00am	<b>5. Veľkonočná Nedel'a;</b> Sk 6:1-7; 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	+ Edward Oravec ne-dožitých 80 rokov	Manželka s rodinou