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Slovak Catholic Parish



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Kto ma miluje, bude zachovávať moje slovo, hovorí Pán; a môj Otec ho bude milovať a prideme k nemu.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

6. Veľkonočná Nedeľa.

6th Sunday of Easter.

Jasaj Bohu, celá zem.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Prvé čítanie zo Skutkov apoštolských nám ukazuje zjavný súvis medzi prijatím Slova a vyliatím Ducha. Filip prišiel do Samárie a ohlasoval im Krista. Výsledok jeho apoštolátu je charakterizovaný termínom „Samária prijala Božie Slovo!“

Bližšia sa Turičné sviatky a my všetci túžime po vyliatí Ducha, po vnútornej zmene nášho hriešneho srdca. Celé tajomstvo prijatia Ducha je vo vôli človeka. Chcieť Ho. Osobne si myslím, že tu je kdesi koreň našej kresťanskej sily i slabosti. Prečo sa po udelení našej sviatosti birmovania neprejavujú také mohutné zmeny, aké zažila Cirkev v dobe svojich počiatkov na Turíce?

Problém je v tom, že Duch Svätý ma ten istý charakter ako Boží Syn a ako Boh Otec. Nie je možné prijatie Ducha bez prijatia Krista. Ježiš sa nám zjavuje akoby Božia reklama. Boh sa zjavuje. Akoby hovoril: „Pozrite sa, takýto som. Chcete ma?“ Je to reklama pre našu vôľu a rozum. Rozumu sa predkladá, a keď rozum súhlasí, vôľa sa zmocňuje.

Skutky apoštolské ukazujú na správny postup: „Keď sa apoštoli v Jeruzaleme dozvedeli, že Samária prijala Božie Slovo, vyslali k nim Petra a Jána. Oni sa zašli a modlili sa za nich, aby prijali Ducha Svätého.“ Prvá fáza je ohlasovanie Slova.

Druhá fáza je modlitba. Tretiu fázu vylatie Ducha. Niekedy sa dokonca stalo aj to, že Duch Svätý zostúpil na ľudí už pri hlásaní Slova, a to vtedy, keď už toto hlásanie viedlo k prebudeniu túžby po Živom Bohu. Ale nikde sa nespomína, že by Duch Svätý zostúpil skôr ako bolo hlásané a prijaté Slovo. Koľko krát sa práve s týmito stretáme u mládeži, ktorá pristupuje ku sviatosti birmovania. Mnohí z nich vôbec Krista osobne neprijímajú. Idú na birmovku, lebo tak chcú rodičia,

alebo stará mama, alebo to od nich očakáva prostredie mesta či dediny, v ktorej žijú. Toto však nie sú dostatočné pohnútky pre Ducha Svätého, aby pôsobil, aby zostúpil.

Boha sa môže zmocniť jedine ľudská túžba. Ak je On predmetom mojej túžby, zostupuje. Ale túžiť po Bohu, to znamená túžiť po tej Dobrote, ktorú zjavuje Kristus. Súhlasí s Dobrotou Božieho Slova. To, čo Kristus zjavuje nášmu rozumu a vôli, to Duch Svätý vkladá do nášho srdca. Srdce rozhoduje o smerovaní človeka. Človek sa riadi svojím srdcom. Srdce dokonca rozhoduje o našom posmrtnom osude. Smerujeme k tomu, čo milujeme.

Pre prijatie Ducha je dôležité „prijat' Ježišove prikázania a zachovávať ich“. Snaha zachovať jeho prikázania vedie k vyliatiu Ducha Zástancu. Musíš chcieť Dobro, aby si mohol prijat' Ducha Svätého. A čo je skutočné Dobro, to ť zjavuje Božie Slovo, Pán Ježiš sa prihovára za tých, ktorí chcú žiť jeho život. Vyprošujeme si dnes túto Dobrú vôľu. Čítajme Slovo, aby sme vedeli, v čom je jej podstata a čo je skutočné Dobro.

Jesus is saying goodbye to his disciples. He sees them sad and upset, because soon they won't have him with them – and who can fill that void? Until now he has been the one who took care of them, defended them from the Scribes and Pharisees, sustained their weak and faltering faith, described for them the truth of God, and initiated them into God's great family project for humanity.

Jesus speaks to them passionately about the Spirit. He doesn't want to leave them orphans. He himself will ask the Father not to abandon them, to give them «another Advocate» that will «always be with them».

Jesus calls this advocate «the Spirit of truth». What is hidden behind these words of Jesus?

This «Spirit of truth» mustn't be confused with a doctrine. This truth won't be sought in theologians' books or in the hierarchy's documents. It's something much more profound. Jesus says that this Spirit «lives in us and is within us». This Spirit is encouragement, power, light, love... that reaches us from God's ultimate mystery. We must welcome this Spirit with a simple and trusting heart.

This «Spirit of truth» doesn't change us into «owners» of the truth. Nor does this «Spirit of truth» make us «keepers» of the truth, but witnesses.

This «Spirit of truth» is within each one of us, defending us from all that can separate us from Jesus. It invites us to open ourselves with simplicity to the mystery of a God who is the Friend of life. Whoever seeks this God with honesty and truth isn't far off from God. Jesus said on one occasion: «Everyone who is of the truth, listens to my voice». That's both a deep truth and a challenging invitation.

This «Spirit of truth» invites us to live in the truth of Jesus in the midst of a society where all too often «Alternative Facts» masquerade as the truth. How often nowadays are lies justified as *strategy*, exploitation is called *business*, irresponsibility is called *tolerance*, injustice is called *status quo*, arbitrariness is called *freedom*, lack of respect is called *sincerity*...

What meaning does Jesus' Church have if we allow ourselves in our communities to lose this «Spirit of truth»?

Who can save it from self-deception, dead ends, generalized mediocrity?

Who will announce the Good News of Jesus in a society that is so in need of encouragement and hope?

Bulletin Announcements

***May 21st - 6th Sunday of Easter** "We believe with all the strength of our spirit that mankind has a supreme, primary and irreplaceable need which can be satisfied only through Jesus Christ, the first-born among men, the head of the new humanity, in whom each individual reaches full self-realization." - Pope Paul VI

***Rediscover HOPE through a deeper understanding of FATIMA** Angie Dee, MA Theology, will unpack the complete message of Fatima (1916 to 1929) and its connection to Islam, Communism, secularism, two World Wars and the popes of the last century. We invite you to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima and the canonization of Saints Jacinta and Francisco by attending this special presentation Friday, May 26, from 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, Vancouver; or Friday, June 2, from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Church, Richmond (shortened talk follows Stations of Light at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7:30 p.m.). For more info. email messageoffatima@gmail.com.

***Why Parents Should Know More About Teens in Distress** Let's Talk! 13 Reasons Why Parents Should Know More About Teens in Distress. With the rising popularity of the series 13 Reasons Why, issues around suicide prevention, self-harm, and bullying have been on people's minds. Clinical Counsellor PJ Lewis will address what you should know and how to talk to your teens. Join us on Wednesday, May 24, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford. For more info. please contact adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca Event is open to all parents, care givers, teachers, and concerned community members.

***Pentecost Retreat: Charisms of the Holy Spirit** Join us for Charisms of the Holy Spirit with Catherine Kelly, MDiv., and Fr. Robert Allore, SJ, Pastor of St. Mark's Parish. Join us on Saturday, May 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at Holy Rosary Hall, 646 Richards St, Vancouver. All are welcome. Admission by donation. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

***40-hours devotion adoration** - Our parish will have a 40-hours devotion adoration. The dates and times are following: Wednesday May 31st: from 9am to 10pm; Thursday June 1st: from 9am to 10pm; and Friday June 2nd: from 9am to 10pm. Sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the church. Please sign up to spend some time with Jesus for the time you will be available. Thank you! God bless!

***Holy Spirit Novena** - We encourage you to pray Novena to the Holy Spirit as a preparation for the feast of Pentecost with starting day Friday, May 26th.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$990

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

ADORATION

There will be no adoration on Thursday in our church.

PRAYER MINISTRY

in our church will be the following date:
June 4, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Sun 21 9:00am	6th Sunday of Easter; Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21	+ Andrew a Karolina Surinak	Margaret Pardek
Sun 21 11:00am	6. Veľkonočná Nedeľa; Sk 8:5-8,14-17; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21	Za prvoprijimajúce deti a ich rodiny	Fr. Juraj
Mon 22 9:00 am	St. Rita of Cascia; Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a	Na úmysel	Fr. Juraj
Tue 23 8:00am	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Za zdravie a B.požehnanie pre rod. Marekovú	Rodina Astrabová
Wed 24 8:00am	Bl. Louis-Zephirin Moreau; Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15	+ Rudolf a Rudla	Rodina Šajgalíková
Thu 25 8:00am	St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi; Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj
Fri 26 8:00am	St. Philip Neri; Acts 18:9-18; Jn 20-23a	+ Enrique Javier	Family Javier
Sat 27 9:00am	St. Augustine of Canterbury; Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28	+ Vincent, rodičia, brat a starý rodičia	Rodina Handžáková
Sun 28 9:00am	The Ascension of the Lord; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20	+ Andrew and Anna Pardek	Margaret Pardek
Sun 28 11:00am	Nanebovstúpenie Pána; Sk 1:1-11; Ef 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20	Podakovanie celej farnosti za modlitby	Rodina Demčáková