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Slovak Catholic Parish



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*Semeno je Božie slovo,
rozsievač je Kristus.
Každý, kto ho nájde,
bude žiť naveky.*

*The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the
sower. All who come to
him will have life
forever.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

15. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pane, navštív našu zem a požehnaj jej rastliny.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Dnes v prvom čítaní a v evanjeliu sme počuli niečo, čo môže každý z nás pozorovať a porovnávať vo vlastnej záhrade alebo v okolitej prírode. Celá príroda doslova túžobne očakáva zjavenie sa Božích Synov a to sa má udiť skrze nás, ktorí prijímame a žijeme Božie Slovo. Možno si kladieme otázku: „Ak je toto všetko Pravda, prečo nachádzame tak málo účinkov v sebe i okolo seba?“

V dnešnom podobenstve o rozsievačovi nám Pán Ježiš dáva odpoveď na túto otázku. Vzhľadom na vzťah ľudí ku slovu Božiemu nás rozdeľuje Ježiš do štyroch kategórií.

1. Ľudia nechápajúci. Toto je človek, u ktorého bolo zrno zasiate na kraj cesty. Je logické, že to, čo človek nepochopil, obvyčajne ani nedokáže prijať a zapamätať si. Pri počúvaní Božieho Slova potrebujeme zvláštnu Božiu pomoc, Svetlo Ducha Svätého. Bez osobného prijatia Ježiša, bez priateľstva s Bohom, teda bez Božej milosti, nie sme schopní preniknúť do hĺbky Božieho Slova. Ak chceme mať ozajstný úžitok zo štúdia Písma Svätého, mali by sme ho podobne ako Božie Telo, prijímať v stave Posväcujúcej milosti. Diabol striehne na Božie Slovo, ako tie vtáky na zrno padnuté na kraj cesty.

2. Ľudia nestáli. Sú to ľudia, ktorí „vypočujú Slovo a hneď ho s radosťou prijímajú; avšak nemajú v sebe koreň, sú nestáli“. Mohli by sme povedať, že im chýba hĺbka. Keď príde súženie a prenasledovanie pre Slovo, ihneď odpadnú. Sú to ľudia bez hĺbky duchovného života, ľudia povrchní, často nadšení ale len kdesi na povrchu. Koreňom duchovného života je spojenie s Bohom, teda modlitba. Teda ľudia nestáli práve kvôli tomu, že sa nemodlia, lebo sa neživia z Boha. Ak sami v sebe objavujeme túto „nezakorenenosť“, dostávame

účinný liek modlitbu. Stále sa snažme o spojenie s Bohom vo svojich myšlienkach, slovách i skutkoch a potom prinesieme úrodu.

3. Ľudia obťažaní starosťami o tento svet. U nich je Slovo zasiate do trnía. Síce „vypočujú Slovo, ale starosti tohto sveta a vábivé bohatstvo udusia v nich Slovo, ktoré neprinesie úrodu“. Svet, v ktorom žijeme, je miestom boja. Všetko, čo nás zdržuje na ceste k Bohu, sa stáva zlom. V tomto zmysle aj „dobré veci“ sa môžu stať problémom, pretože sme vyzvaní opúšťať dobré veci kvôli Lepšiemu. Ježiš nazýva trním to, čo je často najväčšou starosťou nás ľudí: „materiálny blahobyť“. Mnoho ľudí si okolo seba až namáhavo buduje tento záhon trnía. Odmena za našu starosť, udusené Slovo. Aj proti tejto chorobe existuje liek a to dobrovoľná chudoba v zmysle evanjelia. Teda dobrovoľne prijaté sebaobmedzenie v záujme sebazachovania. Dobrovoľne prijatý kríž je ako opora pri fazuli. Tam, kde ju človek zabodne vyrastie ponad trnie.

4. Ľudia, ktorí počúvajú, chápu a aj uskutočňujú to Slovo. Uplne prvé prikázanie zo všetkých je hebrejské slovo „Sema!“, ktoré tvorí začiatok hlavného prikázania lásky k Bohu: „Počúvaj Izrael“. Počúvať, rozmyšľať, chápať a uskutočniť. „A zrno zasiate do dobrej zeme je ten, čo vypočuje Slovo a pochopí ho: toto prinesie úrodu“.

When Jesus concludes the parable of the sower, he makes this invitation: «Anyone who has ears should listen». He asks us to pay attention to the parable. The first statement in the story is: «A sower went out to sow». He does so with a surprising confidence and sows abundantly. The seed falls all over the place, including where it seems impossible for it to germinate.

That's how the farmers of Galilee did it: they sowed even on the sides of the paths and in rocky places. It's not hard to identify who the sower is. That's how Jesus sowed his message. They saw him go out every morning to announce the Good News of God. He sowed his Word among the simple people who welcomed it, and also among the Scribes and Pharisees who rejected it. He never got tired. His sowing won't be fruitless.

Overcome by a strong religious crisis, we can think that Jesus' Gospel has lost its original force and that his message no longer has power to attract the attention of men and women today. Certainly this is not a time to harvest resounding successes, but it is the moment to learn to sow without getting discouraged, with more humility and truth. It's not the Gospel that has lost its humanizing power, but ourselves who are announcing it with a weak and wavering faith. It's not Jesus that has lost his power to attract. We are the ones who have distorted him with our senselessness and contradictions.

Pope Francis has said that when a Christian doesn't live close to Jesus, «he quickly loses enthusiasm and stops being sure of what he is transmitting, he lacks power and passion. And a person who isn't convinced, enthusiastic, sure, in love, doesn't convince anyone». Evangelizing isn't propagating a doctrine, but making the humanizing and saving power of Jesus present in the midst of society and in people's hearts. What's most decisive isn't the number of preachers or teachers of religion, but the evangelical quality that Christians radiate. What are we spreading? Indifference or convinced faith? Mediocrity or a passion for a fuller, more human life?

Bulletin Announcements

***July 16th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "A saint is a sinner who keeps trying." - St. Josemaria Escriva

***Save the Date: Men's Retreat** The Men's Retreat is for every man searching for a deeper relationship with God and a fuller understanding of what it means to live as a son of the Father. Get away from the busyness and demands of our schedules to personally encounter God the Father and experience His generous love. Join us from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, at Rockridge Canyon, Princeton, 2000 Willies Ranch Rd. Registration opens Aug. <http://rcav.org/mensretreat/>

***Who Am I? PRH Workshop** Are you longing to discover the richness within yourself? Improve your relationships? Increase your happiness and productivity? Then this workshop is for you! Join us Aug. 11 to 14, 9 to 5 p.m., at Spirit of Formation, 24283 16 Ave, Langley, B.C. To register, please contact Jane Waldock at 778-997-4672 or email jane.k.waldock@gmail.com

***Church Annulment Workshop** Join us on Friday, July 21, from 7-9 p.m. for a workshop on Church annulment. Monsignor Bernard Rossi will discuss the purpose of church annulments, the filing process, documents and fees required and other related issues. Hosted by St. Mary's Migrant Ministry, this workshop will be held at St. Mary's school seminar room, 5239 Joyce St, Vancouver. To register, please email Lenn Castro at stmarysmigrant@gmail.com or call Chit Arma at 604-684-7498 ext. 166 or email resochita.arma@issbc.org.

***Healing Prayers and Service** - Tuesday July 18th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's parish, Maple Ridge in the new hall there will be a talk on healing, singing and praying.

***Annual Marian Pilgrimage to Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** Come to Fraser River Heritage Park, 7494 Mary Street, Mission, to pray and celebrate in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10am to 4pm. Confessions begin at 10am, celebration of the Eucharist at 1pm by Bishop Emeritus of Kamloops David Monroe. After Mass, there will be a procession to the Grotto where Rosary is prayed followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For transportation information, please contact Teresita Nixon at 604-940-7006. Please bring picnic baskets and chairs. www.rcav.org/missionpilgrimage/

***Sunday Collection** - If you attend mass in another parish and wish to support our parish, you can still use Sts. Cyril and Methodius Sunday Offering Envelopes for Sunday collection and this envelope with your donation will be sent to our parish.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,070

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be no prayer ministry during summer in our church until further notice.

THURSDAY ADORATION

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

Sun 16 9:00am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 55:10-11/ Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23	For Parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 16 11:00am	15. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Iz 55:10-11/ Rim 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23	Za požehnanie pre Jozefa	Rodina Eškutová
Mon 17 8:00am	Ex 1:8-14,22/ Mt 10:34-11:1	Special intentions	Angie Solidum
Tue 18 8:00am	Ex 2:1-15a/ Mt 11:20-24	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Andreja	Father Juraj
Wed 19 8:00am	Ex 3:1-6,9-12/ Mt 11:25-27	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Magdalenú - 65.rokov	Sestra Gitka
Thu 20 8:00am	St. Apollinaris; Ex 3:13-20/ Mt 11:28-30	Teresita L. Javier	Javier Family
Fri 21 8:00am	St. Lawrence of Brindisi; Ex 11:10-12:14/ Mt 12:1-8	+ Veronika a duše v očisť	Syn Pavol
Sat 22	St. Mary Magdalene; Song 3:1-4a/ Jn 20:1,11-18	NO MASS	
Sun 23 9:00am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wis 12:13,16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43	For Parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 23 11:00am	16. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období; Mud 12:13,16-19/ Rim 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43	+ Zuzana Sušienková	Rodina Bebjaková