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*Toto hovorí Pán: „Lám hladnému svoj chlieb, bedárov bez prístrešia zaveď do svojho domu. Ak uvidíš nahého, zaodej ho a pred svojim bližným sa neskryvaj.“*

*Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Piata nedeľa v Cezročnom období

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Spravodlivým žiari svetlo v temnotách.*

*The just man is a light in darkness to the upright*

V roku 1981 zomrel anglický spisovateľ Cronin. Dožil sa 81 rokov. Bol to veriaci človek, ktorý svoju vieru vyznal v mnohých literárnych dielach. Ako mladý lekár však nebol veriacim. A práve z tohto obdobia často spomínal jednu udalosť. Pracoval vtedy v istom kraji, kde nebola nemocnica. Pomáhala mu asi 50 ročná veľmi svedomitá sestra. Bola to duša, čo vyžarovala svetlo a úsmev. Veľkodušná až do krajnosti. Vo dne v noci bdela pri chorých a pritom mala slabý plat. Raz jej Cronin povedal: „To je na smiech, pracovať za tak málo.“ Ale ona so žiarivým úsmevom mu odpovedala, že na živobytie jej to stačí. Lekár však oponoval, že mala by dostať aspoň trochu pridané, lebo iba Boh vie, koľko si za svoju prácu zaslúži. A ona na to odvetila: „Pán doktor, ak Boh vie, koľko si zaslúžim, iné mi netreba. To je najdôležitejšie!“ Cronin ostal ako omráčený. Neskôr sa priznal: „Vtedy ma prenikol lúč svetla, v ktorom som videl úžasný život ošetrovatelky a úbohú prázdnotu môjho života.“

Takýto lúč svetla by mal vychádzať zo života každého z nás. Máme byť pre dnešný svet soľou a svetlom. Ale ako je tomu v skutočnosti? Prv, ako budeme hľadať odpoveď, poobzerajme sa pozorne okolo seba. V akom svete žijeme? Aká je situácia v našich rodinách, školách, na pracoviskách? My sami vydávame svedectvo. Lebo my tvoríme našu rodinu, túto spoločnosť, my sme súčasťou pracovného kolektívu. Aj my sami tvrdíme, že rodiny nie sú oázou pokoja, v školách sa niekedy ešte prekrúca pravda, v závodoch je korupcia a rozkrádanie. Prečo je tomu tak? Kto je príčinou týchto neporiadkov? Azda tí, ktorí o sebe tvrdia, že sú neveriaci? Ale tých je málo! Tak teda, kto je na vine?

Vedzte, že celá zem by bola rajom, keby všetci pokrstení sa stali svetlom a soľou. Keby sme my, kresťania, dali dnešnému svetu Krista, ináč by svet vyzeral. Mnohí z nás však už dávno v sebe vyhasili svetlo, ktoré sa zažalo pri ich krste. Začlenili sa síce do Cirkvi, no tým, že zhasli Kristovo svetlo v sebe, stali sa pohanmi a svojím životom zatieniajú Krista a Cirkev. Pritom máme pocit, že im nič nechýba, sú šťastní a bohatí a hoci niekedy spomenú Boha, je to iba preto, aby imponovali ľuďom, získali si ich na svoju stranu a v konečnom dôsledku z toho vyťažili. Akí sme my? Načo sme sem prišli? Z mnohých dôvodov je správny iba jeden: chceme sa zapáliť od svetla, ktorým je Kristus a potom svietiť v rodine, škole, na pracovisku vzorným kresťanským životom a ako soľ dochucovať prostredie, v ktorom sa pohybujeme, aby bolo naplnené dobrotou, láskou, pohodou, dobrým slovom, čestnosťou a spravodlivosťou. Možno si vzdychnete, že takýchto ľudí je dnes málo. Usilujme sa, aby sme my medzi nich patrili. Netrápme sa počtom, ale vedzte, že aj malá skupina ľudí dokáže urobiť s Božou pomocou veľké veci.

Tak ešte raz: Som svetlom? Som soľou?

Ježišu, odteraz sa chcem usilovať, aby moje svetlo svietilo pred ľuďmi, aby videli moje dobré skutky a oslavovali nebeského Otca.

**Prayer and spirituality** are not all about what we want God to do, they are about what God wants us to do. To be holy is to live united with the One who is holy, not simply to think nice thoughts about Him. Goodness and holiness are the result of love. Goodness and holiness consist in actively loving others as God loves us. One is holy because one lives with and acts with the One who is

holy, Jesus Christ. It consists in actively living as He lived, in being salt and light for others. Love does not consist merely of nice sentiments. Love is realized in what we do. It's good to ask ourselves "What would Jesus do?" Jesus tells us: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world." These are God's words, defining the way we should live, calling us to act with deeds of concern for others. Salt is active and light is active -- not passive. Being salt and light for others is essential to being a follower of Christ.

Every Christian is called to strive for personal sanctification, but what we need to remember is that in order to be holy we must be about the task of bringing others to be a part of the One who is holy. Jesus teaches us this. In fact He commands it. St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower once wrote, "I see now that true charity consists in bearing with the faults of those about us, never being surprised at their weaknesses, but edified at the least sign of virtue. I see above all that charity must not remain hidden in the bottom of our hearts: nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house." Your love, she wrote, must be seen - not so that people may give you honor and glory but so that they may see your good works and give praise your Father in heaven. Living for others and caring for others like Christ is the clearest expression of love.

All of us have countless opportunities to be salt and light for others.

## Bulletin Announcements

**Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish** invites you to Two Weekends of Seminars jointly delivered by Fr. Elias Vella (a Franciscan priest from Malta) and Diana Mascarenhas (co-leader at Institute for World Evangelisation ICPE Mission). **Feb 22 & 23**, Sat & Sun (9am – 5pm) **Relationships and Marriage** (for singles & couples) at All Saints Parish Center, 821 Fairfax, Coquitlam. Cost \$50/person. **March 1 & 2**, Sat & Sun (9am – 5pm) **Discernment – Seeking God's Plan For Our Lives** at St Mary Parish Hall, 5239 Joyce St, Vancouver. Cost \$50/person. More information and registration: [www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014](http://www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2014). Email: [retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org](mailto:retreat2014@cyrilmetod.org) . Phone: 604-526-7351

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** - For most post-abortive women, the forgiveness of God is a concept which they can mouth, yet difficult for them to digest. How can they feel forgiven when every instinct in their nature says they cannot be forgiven, even should not be forgiven? God can forgive any sin, even abortion. Come experience God's merciful forgiveness on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is May 2-4. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

If you just can't get enough of Christopher West, February offers a double opportunity to hear the Catholic author and speaker best known for popularizing Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The event will be taking place on Friday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at the East Trade and Convention Centre, Vancouver. More details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/471480166295030/>

**\*One Conference 2014** - Time is running out! If you only attend one conference this year...make sure it's the Archdiocesan ONE Conference, the annual event to cultivate, unite, and inspire leadership for our Archdiocesan mission. Featuring world-class speakers Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Christopher West, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and a closing Mass with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, this is the "can't miss" opportunity for everyone involved and interested in the life and mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The conference will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre East Building, 999 Canada Place, Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 from 9 a.m to 5:30 p.m. Doors open 8 a.m. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at <http://rcav.org/one/> or at any Catholic parish office.

Join us for coffee and traditional sandwiches and treats in February 16, 2014 at 12.30pm (Slovak Hall) to help our friend Maria Pauchly, who fights with cancer. Refreshments are served by donation. Let's fight together!

### Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,156
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	<b>-\$344</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	<b>\$274</b>

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

*Tuto nedelu nie je modlitba prihovoru v kostole .*

*This Sunday is no prayer ministry at church.*

<b>Sun 9</b> 9:00am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 9</b> 11:00am	<b>5. nedeľa v Cezročnom období;</b> Iz 58:7-10; 1 Kor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	Za Božie požehnanie a sprevádzanie pre Michala	Fr. Juraj
Mon 10 9:00am	St Scholastica; 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56	+ Michal Janek	Eva a Andrej
Tue 11 8:00am	Our Lady of Lourdes; 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13	Za Božiu pomoc pre Máriu Pauchly	Rodina Eškutová
Wed 12 8:00am	1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23	+ Irena a Jozef	Dcéra a vnučky
Thu 13 8:00am	1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30	Podakovanie	Eva a Andrej
Fri 14 8:00am	St Cyril and Methodius; St Valentine's Day; 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37	Za Božiu pomoc pre Juraja	Mária
Sat 15 9:00am	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10	+ Edward Oravec	Rodina Bebjaková
<b>Sun 16</b> 9:00am	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 16</b> 11:00am	<b>6. nedeľa v Cezročnom období;</b> Sir 15:15-20; 1 Kor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre Cecíliu	Rodina Trochanová