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Milovaný, trp spolu so mnou za evanjelium, posiľňovaný mocou Boha. On nás spasil a povolal svätým povolaním, nie pre naše skutky, ale zo svojho rozhodnutia a milosti, ktorú sme dostali v Kristovi Ježišovi pred večnými vekmi.

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

Druhá pôstna nedeľa

Second 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

Doznejme si, že keď sa s niekým stretne, málo rozprávame o svojich radoostiach ale častejšie sú témou našich rozhovorov bolesti, problémy, utrpenia, ktoré práve prežívame. Postávať sa, že len čo sme sa dostali z chrípky, začali nás bolieť zuby, neobídeme ani šéfa z práce alebo nehody v manželstve a problémy s deťmi. A sťažovanie sa obvykle skončí vzdychom: Vôbec neviem, dokedy to vydržím...

V dnešnom evanjeliu sa nám Ježiš predstavuje vo svojej sláve a dáva nám nádej, že naše pozemské utrpenia sa raz skončia a bude nás čakať slávne vzkriesenie.

Možno sa v duchu spýtame: Prečo to Ježiš urobil? Musíme vychádzať z toho, že učeníkom predpovedal svoje utrpenie a smrť. Predpovedal síce aj zmŕtvychvstanie, ale tomu už vôbec nerozumeli. Preto ich chcel pripraviť na skúšku viery, aby vždy mali pred očami, že on je Boží Syn, a to aj vtedy, keď ho uvidia zbičovaného, potupeného a bezmocného. Preto sa na chvíľu pred nimi premenil, aby uvideli žiaru jeho vzkriesenia, ku ktorej ho privedie potupenie, mučenie a smrť. Ježiš svoje premenenie považoval za veľmi dôležité, lebo reč kríža nikdy nebola ľahká. Pre Židov bol pohoršením, pre Rimanov potupou. A doznejme si, že ani pre nás nie je kríž vôbec príjemný.

Ježiš však hovorí, že aj my máme kríž, a keď sa mu chceme podobať, musíme ho niesť. Veď len počujme, čo na túto tému hovorí: Kto chce ísť za mnou, nech zaprie sám seba, vezme svoj kríž a nasleduje ma. Chce, aby sme pri jeho nesení postupovali čestne, zodpovedne a brali ho ako možnosť pripodobnenia sa nášmu Pánovi.

Možno sa niekedy v duchu pýtame: Koľko vlastne máme tých krížov? A

odpovedáme si: Choroby, nedostatky, pochybnosti, odlúčenosť od milovanej osoby, napätia, úzkosti, obavy... To všetko sú trápenia a kríže, ktoré vyryjú vrásky do našich duší aj tváří a nie sú milé ani príjemné aj pre kresťana, pre ktorého by mal byť kríž samozrejmosťou. Lenže od príchodu Krista majú kríže zmysel, lebo on má ich pomáha niesť a dáva nám silu, aby nás bolesti očisťovali, obnovovali a zjednocovali s ním. Ak týmto spôsobom vnímame kríže, stávame sa účastníkmi na jeho vykypiteľskom diele. Jeho utrpenie osvecuje tajomstvo našich bolestí. Sme mu vďační, že vzal na seba všetky naše kríže a ukázal nám, ako ich máme spolu s ním niesť. Ak to pochopíme, potom ani v najťažších chvíľach sa nám život nestane neznesiteľným, ale naopak, začneme si ho vážiť ako Boží dar a budeme ho milovať.

There's a story about a Sufi Master who was approached by a young man who wanted to be his disciple. To impress the Master the prospect went on and on and on about his academic achievements, his experience and about all of his accomplishments in serving and helping people. The Master listened in silence. Then while the young man was running on and on and on about all the he had done the Master began to fill a teacup with tea. When the cup was filled he kept filling it with more tea until it spilled all over. "Stop, Master!" cried the young man, "the cup can't hold any more tea.". To which the Master replied: "Neither can I teach you anything. You are too full of yourself now. Come back when you've made some room within you to hold a new thought."

Abraham made new room for God. So did Moses. And Jesus totally emptied himself in order to be completely filled with God's Holy Spirit.

We speak of Lent as a journey, a moving from one place to a new and better place. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus from Bethlehem where He was born, to Nazareth where He was raised, out into the desert, then to Jerusalem where He was crucified and died, and into the tomb in which He was buried, and then into the Garden of the Resurrection, the new Garden of Eden. One day we will follow in His path by joining Him in His Ascension into heaven along with the Assumption of His mother Mary who was also taken up from this alien world into the home God has prepared for us.

The tomb of Jesus is empty because the things of this world are all destined to turn into dust. Inside of them, all of the things of this world are as empty as the tomb of Jesus. Why? Because reality is something spiritual, not material. We are dust, and unto dust we shall return, along with all of the glitter of this world. Our citizenship and our home are elsewhere and our hearts will not rest until they rest in the home God has prepared for us.

Our hearts can experience some of that peace, some of that rest, right here in this church, in God's house, in His Presence here in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Why not stop in here to be at home for a little while with Jesus, here in His house? Why not give your heart the love it seeks, namely to be here at peace and in union, in love, with the One for whom your heart was made by God in the first place?

Bulletin Announcements

Second Sunday of Lent - Stewardship as a way of life has its beginning in a personal encounter with God. It does not take a mountain-top experience like that of the disciples in today's Gospel for our hearts and minds to be transformed. We need only to see the glory of God in all that we are able to accomplish, and in all that we are blessed to possess. Seeing all of life as God's glorious and generous gift is what inspires us to be good stewards of all our gifts.

***Lenten Talks** - Talks by priests from different parishes every Friday evening, 7-9:30pm, Our Lady of Mercy Basement, Burnaby. Topics include: March 14 - "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43; March 21 - "Dear woman, here is your son." John 19:26; March 28 - "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Mark 15:34; April 4 - "I am thirsty." John 19:28; April 11 - "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands" Luke 23:46. No registration required.

***Lenten Retreat** - All are invited to a three-day Lenten Retreat. Theme: Forgiveness, Love, Healing. Retreat begins with Holy Eucharistic celebration and Mass celebrated by Fr. Rudolf V. D'Souza, OCD. Monday, March 24, to Wednesday, March 26, 7pm. Guardian Angels Church, Vancouver. Free, no registration required. More information call 604-684-5775604-684-5775.

***Meet Your Relatives, Part Two** – Grassroots Ecumenism - Offices of Ecumenical Relations of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Anglican Diocese of New Westminster host a series of gatherings and dialogue that will help build relationship and friendship, and honour the gifts of service we bring to our communities. The conversations in a relaxed, respectful and joyful environment will help Catholics and Anglicans grow together in faith, love and service as valued members of the Body of Christ. The second gathering will be 2-4 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral in New Westminster, Sunday, March 23. More info and registration: Anne Larochelle at 604-944-2742604-944-2742 or marlan2@telus.net. <http://rcav.org/meet-your-relatives/>

Predposlednú sobotu v mesiaci **22. marca pozývame všetkých mužov z farnosti** na tradičné stretnutie, ktoré začína o **7:00pm** modlitbou večerných chvál v kostolíku a následne v basemente zdieľaním tentokrát nad knihou Johna Eldredga - Divoký v srdci - od strany 97 po stranu 147.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,485
Weekly (Shortfall) Excess	-\$15

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

<p><i>Tuto nedelu jemodlitba prihovoru v kostole 12:30-13:13h</i></p> <p><i>This Sunday is a prayer ministry between 12:30pm—1:30pm</i></p>

Sun 16 9:00am	2nd Sunday of Lent; Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
Sun 16 11:00am	2. pôstna nedeľa; Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9	+ Edward Oravec	Rodina Starostová
Mon 17 8:00am	St Patrick; Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38	Za novomanželov Jozefa a Annu	Rodina Eškutová
Tue 18 8:00am	St Cyril of Jerusalem; Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12	+ Emil Spal	Zuzana
Wed 19 8:00am	St Joseph; 2 Sa 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	+ Darryl and Otto	Joyce
Wed 19 7:30pm	Svätého Jozefa, ženícha Panny Márie 2 Sa 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16-24	Božie požehnanie a sprevádzanie pre sr. Máriu	Fr. Juraj
Thu 20 8:00am	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31	B. požehnanie a uzdravenie k Juajovym 40.nar.	Maria
Fri 21 8:00am	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46	+ o. Marko Makai	Rodina Eškutová
Fri 21 7:30pm	Krizova cesta + sv omsa	Podakovanie Marekovi	Rodina Starostová
Sat 22 9:00am	Blessed Clemens August von Galen; Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Blessing for Vesna	
Sun 23 9:00am	3rd Sunday of Lent; Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	For parishioners living and deceased	Fr. Juraj
Sun 23 11:00am	3. pôstna nedeľa; Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 19b-26, 39a, 40-42	Za Božie požehnanie a sprevádzanie pre Mareka	Rodina Starostová