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*Veľký prorok povstal
medzi nami a Boh
navštívil svoj ľud.*

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*A great prophet has
appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

6. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

***Ty, Pane, si moje útočisko; zahrňáš ma radosťou zo spásy.
You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

Evangelista Marek nám dnes kladie pred zrak Ježiša a malomocného človeka. Stretnutie bolo veľmi dojímavé. Malomocný vedel, že nemá čo stratiť. Pochodil množstvo lekárov no nik mu nepomohol. Poslednou nádejou sa pre neho stal Ježiš. Preto mu povedal: Ak chceš, môžeš ma očistiť. Ježišovi ho prišlo ľúto, dotkol sa ho a povedal: Chcem, buď čistý! Malomocenstvo z neho

hneď zmizlo. Čo znamenalo v Ježišových časoch malomocenstvo? Bolo to vylúčenie z ľudskej spoločnosti a pomalé zomieranie v biede a samote. Keď sa k nim niekto priblížil, kričali: Nečistý! Ľudia postihnutí touto chorobou sa podobali „živým mŕtvolám“. Preto sa nečudujeme, že malomocný aj napriek zákazu rozchyroval zvesť o Ježišovej čine. Dostal však ešte jednu podmienku, aby sa ukázal kňazovi a on ho predstavil spoločnosti ako oficiálne čistého.

Ako by sme my reagovali, keby sme sa stretli s malomocným? Hľadali by sme najkratšiu cestu, ako od neho zmiznúť. Ježiš však tak nekoná. Zastavuje sa pri chorom a pomáha mu. Povieťe si: Chvála Bohu, že u nás dnes už malomocenstvo nenájdeme. Takže takýto prípad sa nemôže stať. Je pravdou, že malomocenstvo tela už u nás nenájdeme, ale existuje iné malomocenstvo, ktoré je veľmi rozšírené – malomocenstvo duše. Čo ho môže spôsobiť? Alkohol, drogy, manželská nevera, hriechy nemravnosti, zlodejstvo, nevera v Boha... Mnohí ľudia ním trpia a Ježiš nám ukazuje, ako im pomôcť. Nesmieme od nich utekať, posudzovať ich, odsudzovať ich, lámať nad nimi palicu, ale modliť sa za nich, a tak ich vlastne privádzať ku Kristovi, aby zatúžili po jeho pomoci a uzdravení. Ježiš na nich čaká vo sviatosti zmierenia a chce ich očistiť. Týmto ľudom musíme pomáhať svojím príkladom a modlitbami, aby našli silu, padli pred

Ježišom na kolená a zvolali: Pane, ak chceš, môžeš ma očistiť!

Nájdime si čas na spytovanie svedomia a pouvažujme, či tieto slová sa netýkajú priamo mňa. Netrpím aj ja malomocenstvom duše? Nepatrím k ľuďom, ktorí radi vidia chyby na iných, a tie svoje prehládajú? Počas spoločnej spovede sa stretli viacerí kňazi. Medzi nimi bol aj starý 80-ročný dôchodca, ktorý im porozprával o najkrajšom dni svojho života: Spovedal som dlho do noci. Chystal som sa na faru keď spoza stĺpa pristúpil ku mne muž. Dobře som ho poznal. Roky nebol v kostole a mal všeličo „za ušami“. Spýtal sa, či ho vyspovedám. Nečakal ani na moju odpoveď a už kľáčil v spovednici. Bol tam vyše hodiny. Keď som nad ním vyriekol slová: A ja ťa rozrešujem..., to bol najkrajší deň v mojom živote.

Tento muž splnil podmienky očistenia. Zavolať na Ježiša: Pane, ak chceš, môžeš ma očistiť!, potom sa ukázal pred kňazom, aby Ježiš cez jeho ústa povedal: Chcem, buď čistý! a malomocenstvo duše z neho hneď zmizlo. Ten istý liek pomôže aj nášmu malomocenstvu a nikdy neodsudzujeme ľudí, ktorí trpia touto chorobou, ale modlime sa za nich a pomáhajme im.

Today's gospel account has to do with Jesus' identity. St. Mark is presenting us with the question: "Who is this Jesus?" His answer? "The One who has come to bring outcasts back in." He has come for the outcasts, the outsiders, the lepers, the sinners, and those we disdain. The great irony is that Jesus, the One who came for outcasts, Himself had to get out of town. In several of recent gospel accounts we've heard, St. Mark reports: "Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived."

That's true even today in our sur-

rounding culture. It is not politically correct to talk about Jesus in public. For instance, at Christmas we're supposed to suppress references to Him; we're supposed to dilute the meaning of Christmas down to calling it "Holiday Season", Easter is for bunnies and Halloween is for spooks.

The One whom the Father sent for outcasts becomes Himself THE outcast. But who are the outcasts? We, the ones who have been cast out from the Garden of Eden. We are the ones God the Son has come to heal from the leprosy of sin. What irony it is that we become the ones who cast Him out, crucified Him outside the walls of Jerusalem, and keep Him, like a leper, at a safe distance so He can't touch us.

Today's report from St. Mark speaks directly to us, to our attitudes, and to how we're living with those around us. It speaks to how we are living with others. We all have those who we don't want be near us or touch our lives.

Jesus tells the leper to "go, show yourself to the priest..." As a part of your healing and re-entrance into God's community of believers, present yourself to the priest. It's what your religious tradition tells you to do. Jesus tells us to do this also today when we are tainted with the spiritual leprosy of sin. He tells us to go to the priest and confess.

So the next time you find yourself talking about who's "in" and who's "out", think about who Jesus considers to be "in" and who is "on the outs" with him. For when it comes to God's attitude, the only outcasts are the ones who have made themselves so.

When we cast God out of our lives we ourselves become the

Bulletin Announcements

***February 15 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." – 1 Corinthians 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of "I am grateful for the gifts God gave me" instead of "I want more". For most people gratitude leads to generosity.

***Praying with St. Ignatius of Loyola: A Contemplative in Action** Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div., will introduce the life and spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola, including the Prayer of Awareness (the Examen). This retreat offers participants ways of growing closer to Jesus during the Lenten season. Cost is \$50 and includes lunch, snacks, and prayer materials. Saturday, March 7, from 9am-5pm, St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver. To register, email JSAVancouver@gmail.com. Deadline Feb. 27.

***Stages in the Christian Meditation Journey** Join us for a day of silent prayer and reflection. Learn how to work through difficulties on the spiritual path, discover and recognize the "Fruits of the Spirit" in our daily lives. Colleen has been a Christian meditator for over 20 years, led groups and given talks. Saturday, March 28, from 10am to 4pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Cost: \$40, includes lunch and snacks. To register or for information visit www.rosemaryheights.com/events/ or call 604-576-8802. Please register early; spaces are limited.

***Fundraiser /gulas** on Feb. 1, 2015 held in Slovak hall for Kristinka Carnogursky's " Inter-cultural learning experience" (this yr Honduras) raised \$ 499.25. This activity is being organized through Global Partners in Christian Education.

***Adoration** - spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays at our church from 7:15pm - 8:15pm.

Sign up for Life Changing Lent - www.bestlentever.com with Matthew Kelly.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,170
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$330

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v nedeľu v našom kostole od 12:30pm do 1:30pm.

Prayer Ministry every Sunday in our church from 12:30pm to 1:30pm until notified.

Sun 15 9:00am	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45	+ Mariloj Cajulis	Lumieres
Sun 15 11:00am	6. Nedel'a v cezročnom období; Lv 13:1-2,45-46; 1Kor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45	+ Margita Kopanická st.	Vilma Oravcová
Mon 16 8:00 am	Gn 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13	+ Mary Starek	Fr. Juraj
Tue 17 8:00am	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites; Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21	+ Alice Measor	Bill & Betty Cahill
Wed 18 8:00am	Ash Wednesday; Joel 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18	Thanksgiving	Lilian
Wed 18 7:30pm	Popolcová streda; Joel 2:12-18; 2Kor 5:20-6:2; Mt6:1-6,16-18	Za farnikov	Fr. Juraj
Thu 19 8:00am	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	+ o. Ján Šutka	Vilma Oravcová
Fri 20 8:00am	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15	+ Mary Horvat	Family Palko
Fri 20 7:30 pm	Krížova cesta + sv. omša	<i>free</i>	
Sat 21 9:00am	St.Peter Damian; Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32	Božie požehnanie pre Veroniku	Zuzana
Sun 22 9:00am	1st Sunday of Lent; Gn 9:8-15; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15	+ Jason Cabahug	Freida, Alick, Lorelei
Sun 22 11:00am	1. Pôstna Nedel'a; Gn 9:8-15; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15	Za zdarvie a Božiu pomoc pre Andreja	Rodina Astrabová