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*Nielen z chleba žije
človek, ale z každého
slova, ktoré vychádza z
Božích úst.*

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*Man does not live on
bread alone, but by
every word that comes
from the mouth of God.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

1. Pôstna Nedeľa.

1st Sunday of Lent.

***Cesty Pánove sú milosrdenstvo a vernosť.
Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness.***

Ľudia odjakživa túžili byť telesne zdatní. Vynikajúci športovci sú zveľbovaní po celom svete a stali sa idolmi mnohých ľudí.

Telesná zdatnosť sa vysoko cení, ale pre život je ešte dôležitejšia duševná zdatnosť, o ktorej hovorí dnešné evanjelium. Poukazuje na Ježiša, ktorý odišiel na púšť, kde sa štyridsať dní a nocí postil. Pripravoval sa na verejné vystúpenie pred ľuďmi, aby čo najsvedomitejšie splnil výzvu: Kajajte sa a verte evanjeliu. Bez duševnej zdatnosti sa človek nezaobíde, lebo práve v tom spočíva kľatba dedičného hriechu, že to, čo je správne a božské, nie je vždy totožné s tým, čo je príjemné. Preto každý musí bojovať nielen s ťažkosťami života, ale aj sám so sebou. Tento boj trvá nie hodinu alebo mesiac, ale celý život. Všetci sme totiž priťahovaní k tomu, čo je príjemné a hriechne, preto musíme byť dostatočne zdatní, aby sme pokušeniu odolali. Od výsledku zápasu, ktorý sa odohráva v našom vnútri, závisí naša budúcnosť a šťastie. Niet na svete miesta, kde by bol človek uchránený pred pokušením. Aj o veľkých svätcoch je známe, že počas života mali množstvo pokušení.

Dnes alkohol, drogy, neviazaný spôsob života, obchodovanie s ľudským telom a iné lákadlá zvädzajú človeka zo správnej cesty. Bez boja, zdatnosti a Božej pomoci sa človek nezaobíde. Už deti bez rozmyšľania a sebaobrany prijímajú, čo im ponúka ulica. Chlap, ktorý bez problémov dvíha na plecía metrákové vrecia alebo riadi stovky ľudí, je zbabelý odolať alkoholu, hracím automatom, manželskej nevere... Žena, ktorá je odborníčkou vo svojej práci, nedokáže odolať intrigám, túžbe po peniazoch, krádežiam... Ako sa brániť proti svetským lákadlám a získať duševnú zdatnosť? Jediná rada je modliťba, pôst a dobré skutky. Vzorom je nám

Ježiš, ktorý sa pred začiatkom svojej „kariéry“ modlil a postil. Aj my sa máme cez svätópôstnu dobu snažiť napodobňovať Ježiša. Pôst nám ponúka veľké možnosti získavať duševnú zdatnosť: odoprieť si niečo, čo máme radi, horlivejšie sa modliť, navštevovať chorých, zriecť sa alkoholu, cigariet alebo sledovania televízie..., lebo nemusíme mať a robiť všetko, čo nám chutí. Na jednej starej budove bol múdry nápis: Zdatnejší je ten, čo zvíťazí nad sebou, ako keby zvíťazil nad najsilnejšími opevneniami.

Duševná zdatnosť má podmaňujúcu silu a taký človek dokáže oduševniť aj iných. O švédskom kráľovi Karolovi XII. sa rozpráva, že na pochode ruskou stepou, keď vojaci od únavy a smädu odpadávali, ktosi mu doniesol trocha vody. On ju ale vylial na zem so slovami: Vojaci, keď trpíte vy, musí s vami aj váš kráľ znášať smäd a horúčavu. Duševne zdatný človek vie strhnúť a zapáliť aj iných, a to je aj naša úloha. Podarí sa nám to vtedy, keď sami budeme duševne zdatní. Využime pôstny čas a prijmime Ježišovu ponuku, ktorá jasne hovorí: modlitba, pôst, dobré skutky.

Mark's account of the Temptation in the Desert takes just two verses and is about as succinct as you can get. It is just the bare facts. He mentions that Jesus was in the desert for forty days and was tempted by the Devil, that he was with the wild animals and also was ministered to by angels and that is it – nothing more. He also strongly says, "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness."

His use of action vocabulary means that there is a feeling of constant movement in this Gospel. The point here though is that God is in charge and it is he who is the catalyst behind the actions of Jesus. It is the Spirit of God that forces Jesus into the wilderness and so inaugurates

his public ministry. Mark is not so concerned with the struggle between Jesus and the Devil as with the fact that he resisted temptation and then begins his ministry. In the last couple of verses Jesus goes into Galilee and announces that, "The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." There are two words in Greek for time Chronos and Kairos. Chronos means time that passes; we use it in this sense when we say someone has a chronic illness, meaning that it is an illness going on for a long time. The word Kairos which Mark is using here means a favourable time or a decisive moment. So when Jesus says that the time has come he means that the propitious moment has arrived for the proclamation of the Gospel to begin. Everything is now ready and this is the time chosen by God for him to begin his ministry.

It is at this appointed time that the Kingdom of God begins to break in to our world. God's Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted and so launched his public ministry. And it is God too who decisively intervenes in our lives through Baptism making us members of his body and washing us free from original sin. It is God who is in charge of the world and he makes his interventions in our world at moments of his own choosing when, according to him, the time is right; when the Kairos or the propitious moment has arrived. Think about God's many interventions in our own lives as actually crucial parts of God's plan for us: our birth into our family, our Baptism, the choice of school, job, partner in life, children. God's Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness but he is also constantly driving us. God is the unseen force behind all that happens to us as we go through our lives.

Bulletin Announcements

***February 22 - 1st Sunday of Lent** "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." – Mark 1:14 Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

*Respond to Holy Father's call to Provide Input to Synod on Marriage and Family

Pope Francis has announced an Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for October 2015 on topics related to the family and evangelization. The Oct. 4-25 synod will have the theme: "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world." Archbishop Miller is inviting response to the Holy Father's call for consultation. The document and questions are at rcav.org/synod-bishops-family-2015/ We anticipate a large number of responses and ask responders to focus on one or two questions that are particularly relevant to you and to keep responses to 2 typed pages (700 words) or less, using our online response form. Deadline Feb. 27, 2015.

*See the Canucks on TV at [Jimmy Mac's Pub](#) in Langley, and be inspired by our speakers during intermissions.

On Tuesday, March 3, watch the Canucks host the Sharks and hear Archbishop Miller speak on "Keeping on top of your game." On Tuesday, March 24, watch the Canucks host the Jets and hear Dominic and Lisa Price speak on "Teaming up for a joy-filled marriage." On Easter Monday, April 6, watch the Canucks host the Kings and hear Greg and Lesley Dumas speak on "Keeping the spark alive." rcav.org/marriage-enrichment-pub-nights/

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

V sobotu 28. 2. 2015 pozývame všetkých mužov z farnosti na tradičné stretnutie, ktoré začína o 6:00pm modlitbou večerných chvál v kostolíku a následne v basemente pokračujeme zdieľaním.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	1,337
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$ 163

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 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 zdravie a Božiu pomoc pre Andreja	Rodina Astrabová
Mon 23 8:00 am	St. Polycarp; Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46	+ Mary Horvat	Vilma Oravec
Tue 24 8:00am	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Za zdravie a B.požehnanie pre Martu s rodinou	Rodina Trochanova
Wed 25 8:00am	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	+ Mary Horvat	Family Radzo
Thu 26 8:00am	Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Mt 7:7-12	+ Enrique Javier	Family Javier
Fri 27 8:00am	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	Conversion of family	Angie
Fri 27 7:30pm	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 Križova cesta + sv. omša	Na úmysel	Fr. Juraj
Sat 28 9:00am	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	Helena Demčaková	Jozef Demčák
Sun 01 9:00am	2nd Sunday of Lent; Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Rim 8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10	+ Neal Jason Cabahug	Mama and Ate
Sun 01 11:00am	2. Pôstna Nedel'a; Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Rim 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj