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*Pane Ježišu, otvor nám
Písma; daj, nech naše
srdce horí, keď k nám
hovoríš.*

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*Lord Jesus, open the
Scriptures to us; make
our hearts burn while
you speak to us.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

3. veľkonočná nedeľa.

3rd Sunday of Easter.

Pane, ukáž nám svetlo svojej tváre ako znamenie.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

V dnešnom čítaní zo Skutkov apoštolských dáva apoštol Peter Ježišovi zvláštny titul. Doslova hovorí: „Zabili ste Pôvodcu života!“ (Sk 3,15) Dnes chceme uvažovať nad týmto označením: „Ježiš = Pôvodca života“.

Moderná veda skúma život. Existujú rôzne teórie odkiaľ prišiel život na našu zem, ale ani jedna nevie uspokojivo vysvetliť pôvod života. Najmodernejšie vedecké výskumy ukazujú, že sa tu už nejedná len o problém veľmi zložitej biochémie, lebo ani zložité zlúčeniny, ktoré nachádzame vo svojom tele, sa nikdy vo voľnej prírode nevytvoria. Jedným z najneočakávanejších objavov 20. st. je, že v DNA sú skutočne uložené informácie, detailné inštrukcie pre tvorbu bielkovín tela – vo forme štvorznačkového kódu.

Kedysi sa predpokladalo, že základ života je mimoriadne prostý. Toto očakávanie bolo úplne zdrvené. Videnie, pohyb a ďalšie biologické funkcie sa ukázali byť nemenej dômyselné, než televízne kamery a automobily. Koľko práce to stojí programátorov, keď majú naprogramovať robota tak, aby kráčať a my sme toho schopní. Veda urobila enormný pokrok v pochopení funkcií chémie života, ale elegancia a komplexnosť biologických systémov na molekulárnej úrovni odrazili všetky pokusy o vysvetlenie ich pôvodu. Materiál DNA zreteľne ukazuje, že na prepojení všetkých jeho mimoriadne rôznorodých elementov sa musela podieľať inteligencia a to nesmierna Inteligencia.

Je to tak báječné, že z toho ide posvätná hrôza. Hľadáme vysvetlenie? Potrebujeme dôkazy? Ježiš je Život, On je Pôvodca života. My všetci žijeme, a radi žijeme, zvlášť keď všetko v našom tele funguje ako sa patrí. Uživame si život, ale nie sme pôvodcovia života. Ved' ani poriadne nevieme ako funguje naše telo, v ktorom existujeme.

Ježiš je Život a nielen život. On nielen človeka na počiatku stvoril a jeho program funguje už niekoľko tisíc rokov, ale svojím vlastným zmŕtvychvstaním dokázal, že vie život nielen raz dať, ale aj opraviť a rekonštruovať i to čo bolo mŕtve i to, čo zahynulo i to, čo je choré a nevládne, to dokazujú všetky záranky opísané v evanjeliu. Ježiš je Život a tak ho vzývajte ako svoj život. Modlite sa k nemu ako k svojmu Životu. Volajte k nemu, lebo tu ide o život, o výš večný život. O nás všetkých platí, že každým svojím hriechom zabíjam pôvodcu života. Sv. František nás vyzýva: „Tomu, ktorý pre nás toľko zlého vytrpel, a toľko dobra nám preukázal a ešte v budúcnosti preukáže, tomu nech každé stvorenie, ktoré je na nebi i na zemi, v mori i podsvetí, vzdáva chválu, česť, slávu i dobrorečenie, pretože On je naša Sila a Statočnosť, jedine On je dobrý, On sám je Najvyšší, On sám je Všemohúci, Podivuhodný, Preslávný a sám Svätý, hodný chvály a Požehnaný na veky vekov. Amen“.

Today's Gospel account is about disciples dejectedly walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus and Jesus' appearance among them.

The important point revolves around recognition of Jesus. Why did the disciples at first think He was a stranger and later come to realize who He really was?

What seems to be controlling deals with the question of how we see people. We're not talking about simply seeing with our eyes, rather, about seeing with our hearts. We're dealing with seeing at deeper levels of knowing and understanding. For instance, recall how you saw and understood your parents when you were a child, then when you were a teenager. Now think about how you as an adult see and know and understand your parents. It's hugely

different, isn't it.

What changed? I think we all immediately know it is we who changed, not our parents. Their love, care, and concern for us remained constant. It was our acceptance of their love, care, and concern that went through different stages. It was the way we saw them that changed. Isn't that likewise true with others whom you love?

Huge events cause changes in the ways we see events, and they change the ways we see people. The disciples walking to Emmaus were talking about all of the events that had occurred surrounding the crucifixion and death of Jesus. They were upset because they had thought Jesus was the Messiah that God had sent, and look what had happened! They were dazed and bewildered by it all; they were trying to make sense out of it all.

The Gospel account then takes us to the one thing that opened their eyes. It was the breaking of the bread. The critical thing that occurred was when the "stranger" who was among them took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them to eat. Suddenly their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. They saw Him with their newly awakened faith. They saw Him now in that event wherein He promised to be with them always.

Knowledge, you see, isn't based simply on the acquisition of facts, information, and data. True knowledge is seeing things based on wisdom and understanding. Religious knowledge is seeing reality based on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, particularly His gifts of wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

Jesus comes to us in ways we least expect. We know of our own moments of surprise, our own moments of wonder when suddenly we are aware of God's presence. This is why we need times of reflection.

Bulletin Announcements

***April 19 - 3rd Sunday of Easter** "Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace to you.' But they were startled and frightened." - Luke 24:36-37 Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and provide some "peace" in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don't particularly care for doesn't let us off the hook.

***The Basics of Stewardship – What it is NOT – What it IS** Keynote Speaker: Archdiocese of Vancouver Stewardship Director Barbara Dowding. Saturday, May 9, from 10:30am-2pm, Corpus Christi Church, School Gym, Vancouver. Conference is Free. All are welcome. Bring a bagged lunch, beverages provided. Pre-register by Wednesday, May 6, by email at sec-corporuschristi@shaw.ca or phone Helen at 604-324-2265.

***The Bride** Vancouver is fortunate to have been chosen for a special pre-screening of The Bride, the latest release from Grassroots Films (The Human Experience, Fishers of Men). Perfectly timed to coincide with the Churches Year for Consecrated Life, The Bride follows religious sisters across the United States and emphasizes the risks - and rewards - of giving everything to God. Screening is Free. Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm, John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way. Duration 18 minutes. Snacks and social to follow.

***Česká mše svatá** úterý **28.dubna /April/ v 7:00 večer** ve Slovenském kostele Sv. Cyrila a Metoděje. Mši svatou bude pro nás sloužit Otec Libor z Ontaria jako součást jeho cesty po Kanadě. **Svatost smíření je od 6:00pm**, aby měli všichni možnost přijmout svátost a mše svatá mohla začít včas. Všichni čeští a slovenští krajané jsou srdečně vítáni. Po mši bude setkání krajanů v hale kostela. V hale bude také malé občerstvení. Informace Marie 604-988-4371.

***Preparing the flower beds** around the church - talk to Bertha or call 604-936-4669 if you can help.

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

V piatok 24.aprila 2015 pozývame všetkých mužov z farnosti na tradičné stretnutie, ktoré začína o 7:00pm modlitbou večerných chvál v kostolíku a následne v basemente pokračujeme pozorným filmom **Vzopriet' sa obrom**.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,425
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	\$75

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 19 9:00am	3rd Sunday of Easter; Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48	Za farnikov	Fr. Juraj
Sun 19 11:00am	3. veľkonočná nedeľa; Sk 3:13-15,17-19; 1Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48	+ Michal Janek	Rodina Janeková
Mon 20 8:00am	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29	+ Veronika Polaková	Family Palko
Tue 21 8:00am	St. Anselm; Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35	+ Joshua Solidum	Family Javier
Wed 22 8:00am	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40	Eleanore Matias	Anon.
Thu 23 8:00am	St. George; St. Adalbert; Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51	+ Mary Horvat	
Fri 24 8:00am	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59	Na úmysel	
Sat 25 9:00am	St. Mark; 1Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20	Za Božie požehnanie pre Mareka	Fr. Juraj
Sun 26 9:00am	4th Sunday of Easter; Acts 4:8-12; 1Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18	Za farnikov	Fr. Juraj
Sun 26 11:00am	4. veľkonočná nedeľa; Sk 4:8-12; 1Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18	+ Edward Oravec	