

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

11. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Ako je dobre oslavovať teba, Pane!

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

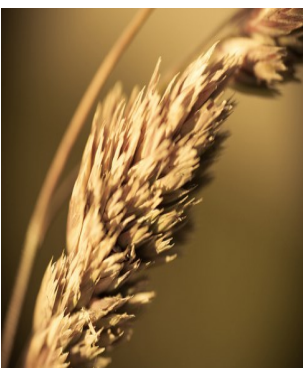


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*Semeno je Božie slovo,
rozsievateľ je Kristus.
Každý, kto ho nájde,
bude žiť naveky.*

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*The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to
him will live forever.*



Pán Ježiš nám v dnešnom podobstve hovorí, že Božie kráľovstvo je ústredným očakávaním celých Dejín Spáasy. Židia i kresťania prvých stáročí si na základe Božieho zjavenia lepšie uvedomovali to, čo nám často uniká, že žijeme vo vyhnanstve, ďaleko od Pána. I my sa predsa denne modlíme: „príd kráľovstvo tvoje, buď tvoja vôľa ako na nebi tak i na zemi...“ Naučil by nás Ježiš modlitbu, ktorá by nemohla byť vyslyšaná? Keď apoštol položí Ježišovi otázku: „Kedy príde Božie kráľovstvo?“, dostali prekvapivú odpoveď: „Kráľovstvo Božie je vo vás! Kráľovstvo Božie nepríde pozorovateľne!“

Aj skúsenosť Panny Márie potvrdzuje, že to možné je. Ona sama nám vo svojom chválospeve svedčí: „Veľbí moja duša Pána a môj duch jasá v Bohu mojom Spasiteľovi, lebo veľké veci mi urobil ten, ktorý je mocný.“ Panna Mária potvrdzuje, že už teraz môžeme mať v srdci radosť, ktorú majú nebesťania v nebi. Zem síce stále ostáva vyhnanstvom, ale v našich srdciach sa už teraz objavuje Božie kráľovstvo v tej miere, v akej sa podriaďujeme a odovzdávame Ježišovi.

Kráľovstvo Božie nespočíva v tom, že sa sami začneme cvičiť v čnostiach a tak sa staneme lepšími. Božie kráľovstvo má svoj základ vo viere a v odovzdanosti. Ak sa človek usiluje žiť bez Boha, nutne zomiera a schopnosti jeho duše sa nerozvíjajú. Keď sa odovzdá Bohu, vtedy sa v jeho živote objavujú veľké veci, ktoré mu urobí Pán. Podobnosť doslova hovorí o tom, že človek ani nevie ako v ňom začne existovať nejaká čnosť, alebo nejaký dar Ducha Svätého. Božie Slovo v sebe obsahuje informáciu, podľa ktorej v nás Duch Svätý vytvára osobnosť Ježiša Krista. Od nás sa očakáva, že toto Slovo zasadíme, prijmemo, že ho budeme zalievať túžbou po podobnosti s Ježišom, teda láskou k Nemu

a že nebudeme myslieť, chcieť a konať opačne. Je to presne tak ako hovorí: „semeno klíči a rastie“ a človek ani nevie ako.

A predsa tu musí byť jedno. A o tom nám hovorí sv. Pavol vo svojom liste: „Preto sa usilujeme páčiť sa mu, či sme mu blízko a či ďaleko“ Úsilie „páčiť sa“ je veľmi dôležité všade tam, kde ide o lásku, či sa už jedná o manželstvo alebo priateľstvo. Úsilie „páčiť sa“ to je práve to podstatné pri vzájomnom chodení a preto patrí k najkrajším obdobiam ľudského života. Mohlo by to pokračovať ďalej, keby manželia nezabúdali na to, že chodiť s niekým nekončí v manželstve. Aj v manželstve má byť stále úsilie páčiť sa. A platí to aj v duchovnom živote. Ak vo mne vyhasne toto úsilie „páčiť sa“, to úsilie čosi investovať do vzťahu k Ježišovi, môže sa stať, že začnem prežívať svoje povolanie ako nepodarené manželstvo.

Today's Gospel account has two brief parables, both about tiny things – little seeds. The first is apparently about wheat and the second about mustard seeds, the smallest of all seeds. The farmer doesn't understand how the growth happens, he just knows that it does. If he plants seeds, waters and nourishes them, he knows they will produce and produce abundantly. He also knows he is not in control. Well, what does all of this horticulture have to do with us?

First of all, we're hearing a warning that tells us that we ought not to confuse size with importance. Bigger is sometimes not better, the national debt for instance. Events attracting large crowds aren't necessarily good events. Crowds have often been quite wrong. Don't confuse large numbers with what's right or what's good for your soul. Consider your choices carefully. Don't allow yourself to be stamped by the crowd.

Jesus is giving us fair warning.

We can be sure of one thing. In spite of appearances, in spite of what a secularized world wants us to believe, God has not abandoned His world. God is at work in ways we cannot directly see. The way things look is not necessarily the way things are. There's a phrase used throughout the Middle East that we Westerners should pay some attention to: "Things are never as they appear."

We need to share Jesus' words of encouragement. Everything does not depend upon us. Isn't it pride and arrogance to think so? Besides, as Christians we ought to know by now that alone we can do nothing, but with God there's nothing we cannot do. Very often it is little things that grow into big things. A thought becomes a novel. A spark grows into a forest fire. An idea can change the whole world. In today's Gospel account Jesus speaks of mustard seeds and grains of wheat. Even though we may think we have little faith God can take what little we have and make something wonderful out of it. God is always taking small and seemingly insignificant things and turning them into things of infinite worth.

With God, small beginnings can have amazing outcomes. So it is that with God we walk by faith, not by sight because God is in control when we let go and let God, when we nurture and care for what He has mysteriously planted deep inside us. We will not see instant results, something for which our surrounding culture has little patience because the world only understands immediate productivity. What we will see is the tremendous things God can produce from what little we have. We must walk by faith in order to see what God will do.

Bulletin Announcements

***June 14 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." - 2 Corinthians 5:10 We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond?

***Voices Together 2015** All are welcome to raise 'Voices Together' and lift high the name of Jesus on Wednesday, July 1, from 5 to 7:30pm at Pacific Coliseum! Christian communities and interdenominational ministries will come together to worship and pray for the city and nation. Featuring: Keynote speaker – Francis Chan, worship by Worship Central Canada & The Chapel Movement and prayer by youth pastors leading a multi-generational moment, prayer in small groups. Cost: \$12. To register, visit voicestogether.info/event-tickets. For more information, please contact 604-683-0281 ext. 50425 or email mbobnar@rcav.org.

***Man Alive 2015: Desire, Design, and Destiny** "We can't do it alone." That's the theme for this year's evening men's conference, so bring a friend to Man Alive with Christopher West who will be speaking about authentic manhood: Desire, Design, and Destiny. God's design for our desires is not that we suffocate them, but that we liberate them at their deepest level so they can lead us to our ultimate destiny: eternal bliss in union with him forever. That is what authentic manhood is all about! Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 7-9:30pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Cost: \$15. Coffee and snacks available. To register, visit rcav.org/manalive or contact the Adult Evangelization and Discipleship Office at 604-683-0281.

***Project Advance 2015** continues in our parish. Ed Starick will be available before and following each Sunday Mass today and throughout the month of June to accept contributions for this cause. To date parishioners have contributed a total of \$5,500. Thank you to all who have donated thus far. If you are able, please help our parish reach its Diocesan Goal of \$7,000 and our Parish Goal that has been set at \$16,000.

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

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,068
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	\$432
Need of CND Church	\$252

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 14 9:00am	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Ez 17:22-24; 1Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 14 11:00am	11.Nedeľ'a v Cezročnom období; Ez 17: 22-24; 2Kor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34	+ Chris Jacques	Rodina Astrabová
Mon 15 8:00am	St. Germaine Cousin; 2Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42	+ Veronika Poláková	Helena Sentivani
Tue 16 8:00am	2Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48	+ Al Diemert	Javier family
Wed 17 8:00am	2Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6,16-18	+ Father Žabka	Mrs. Horvat
Thu 18 8:00am	2Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15	Za zdravie a B. pomoc pre Zuzanu	Mama s rodinou
Fri 19 8:00am	St. Romuald; 2Cor 11:18,21-30; Mt 6:19-23	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sat 20 9:00am	2Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34	+ Pavel a Mária Horiánsky	Fr. Juraj
Sun 21 9:00am	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Job 38:1,8-11; 2Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41	+ Ján Jakubiak	Ivan family
Sun 21 11:00am	12.Nedeľ'a v Cezročnom období; Job 38:1,8-11; 2Kor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41	Pod'akovanie, zdravie a požehnanie pre Máriu v životnom jubileu	Rodina Trochanová