

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

16. Nedel' a v Cezročnom období.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pán je môj pastier, nič mi nechýba.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



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*Moje ovce počúvajú
môj hlas, hovorí Pán;
ja ich poznám a ony
idú za mnou.*

...

*My sheep hear my
voice, says the Lord; I
know them, and they
follow me.*



Dnešné evanjelium nám ukazuje apoštolov, ktorí sa vracajú k Ježišovi po svojom prvom samostatnom pôsobení medzi ľuďmi. Môžeme z toho pochopiť, že vzťah medzi učeníkom a majstrom sa nekončí vyslaním do služby. Stále ostáva v Kristovej škole. Aj my napriek svojej teologickej kvalifikácii sa musíme stále vracat' k Ježišovi. A nielen kňazi a rehoľníci ale všetci potrebujeme občas zažiť samotu s Ježišom. Prísť k nemu, otvoriť mu svoju dušu, ukázať mu zranenia, odhaliť pred ním svoje pochybnosti. Hovoriť s ním o tom, čo sme robili a čo sme učili. To najdôležitejšie je znovu sa správne zorientovať. Nie je možné žiť v tomto svete a pri tom zostať neovplyvnený jeho chybnými a pomýlenými postojmi. Často si kresťan ani neuvedomí, že už nehľadá Ježiša ale svoju vlastnú chýrost'. Práve preto potrebuje každý byť občas s Kristom sám.

Ako môžeme my moderní ľudia byť dnes s Kristom? Máme dve možnosti: Zobrať Písmo a spytovať si podľa neho život. Nechať Ježiša prehovoríť do svojho života. Nechať sa poučiť a ovplyvniť. Čítanie Svätého písma musí sprevádzať modlitba, aby sa nadviazal rozhovor medzi Bohom a človekom. Keď sa modlíme, Bohu sa prihovárame a počúvame ho, keď čítame Božie výroky. Duchovní Otcovia vysvetľujú evanjelium Mt 7,7 i takýmto spôsobom: „Hľadajte v čítaní a nájdete v uvažovaní; klopte v modlitbe a otvorí sa vám v rozjímaní“.

Niekedy je však človek už tak unavený, že jeho uši nechcú počuť ľudský hlas, oči nechcú vidieť ľudské slová. Vtedy je dobré a to uvádzam ako druhú možnosť, úplne zmĺknuť pred Ježišom a v tichosti počúvať jeho hlas. Jednoducho byť len pri ňom, nič nehovoriť, neospravedlňovať sa. Je to poslúchnutie Ježišovej výzvy: „Pod'ťte ku mne všetci, ktorí sa namáhate a ste

obťaženi a ja vás občerstvím. Učte sa odo mňa, lebo som tichý a pokorný srdcom a nájdete odpočinok pre svoje duše.“ Teda prísť k nemu a učiť sa od neho. Je dobré prísť so všetkým k Ježišovi a On nám ukáže, čo je hriech a čo sa hriechom len zdá. Keď otvorím svoju dušu pred Ním, pocítim veľkú úľavu, pretože v ňom nájdem pokoj svedomia. Aj nám dnes Ježiš hovorí: „Pod'ťte vy sami na osamelé miesto a odpočinite si trochu!“

Sv. Terézia Veľká nám odovzdáva túto svoju skúsenosť s Bohom: „Hovorte mu všetko! Hovorte mu o svojich radoostiach, predkladajte mu svoje trápenia, úspechy, pády. Pokora je Pravda! Bud'ťte pred ním pokorní, vyzdvihne vás vysoko. Keď budete veľmi pokorní, vyzdvihne vás veľmi vysoko! Ako sa môžete báť Boha, ktorý vás miluje? Nezabúdajte, že je len jedna blaženosť a to večná! Tak upustíte od mnohých vecí. Vaším želaním nech je vidieť Boha. Vašou obavou zatratenie! Vašou radosťou nech je to, že vás Boh vedie k sebe!“

In today's Gospel Saint Mark reports: "The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves." They obviously needed a break, so Jesus decided they all needed to get away and get some rest. We all can identify with that, can't we? They all get into a fishing boat and begin rowing out across the lake. Peace at last, along with the prospect of finding a quiet place on the other side and quietly have time to share stories and listen to what Jesus had to say.

Nice plan, wasn't it? But then as they approach the opposite shore they saw a large crowd and heard the noisy voices. You can imagine how those apostles felt. No doubt they were more than annoyed. Their plans were being shattered.

Life is like that, isn't it? Our best laid plans and our cherished moments are too often stolen from us. Resentment, frustration, and even anger can suddenly erupt on those occasions.

How do we react when our plans are either interrupted or completely shattered? How do we react when people frustrate our goals? Do we get resentful and make life miserable for those around us? Do we allow our resentments to lash out at those around us? Or do we get sulen and make the lives of those around us miserable, making them feel like we are only enduring them while disregarding their needs?

When you stop and think about it, Jesus took many setbacks and converted them into occasions for good. He took a lawyer's tricky question and in His response He gave us the wonderful story of the Prodigal Son. On the cross, dying in agony, He asked His Father to forgive those who had nailed Him to that cross. Here, in today's Gospel account, He got out of the boat even though He was weary and needed a break, waded into the crowd, and gave them beautiful lessons and teachings about life. Mark reports: "So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length."

Finally we must remember that God's agenda and our own agenda might not be exactly the same. God is a God of surprises just as He is a God who gives us unplanned opportunities to show what we're made of and respond to Him in patience, in humility, and with love.

Bulletin Announcements

July 19 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time "...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31) Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers. Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence everyday and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

***Annual Marian Pilgrimage to Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes** Come to Fraser River Heritage Park, 7494 Mary Street, Mission, to pray and celebrate in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10am to 4pm. Confessions begin at 10am, celebration of the Eucharist at 1pm by Archbishop Miller, CSB. After Mass, there will be a procession to the Grotto where Rosary is prayed followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Free bus service from Vancouver provided for the disabled and seniors 65 & over. For bus reservation, please contact Teresita Nixon at 604-940-7006 or at 604-868-2354. Please bring picnic baskets and chairs. rcav.org/missionpilgrimage/

Called & Gifted Workshop The Holy Father is calling you to actively help others encounter the Risen Christ by allowing Him to work through the spiritual gifts you bring to your work, family life, and your friends. The introductory Called & Gifted workshop will teach you about your place in the Church's mission to the world and about the spiritual gifts you have been given in order to fulfill that mission. The workshop will be Friday, Oct. 2, from 7–9pm, and Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9am–4pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Everyone is invited to participate. Parish leaders are encouraged to attend. More information to follow.

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

Výtěžok z nedeľného pikniku na sviatok našich patronov sv. Cyrila a Metoda - \$236.15.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$ 1,027
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	- \$473

Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v našom kostole počas letných prázdnin nebude.

There will be no prayer ministry during the summer holiday in our church.

Sun 19 9:00am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34	For parishioners	Father Juraj
Sun 19 11:00am	16.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Jer 23:1-6; Ef 2:13-18; Mk 6;30-34	+ Pavol	Manželka s rodinou
Mon 20 8:00am	St. Apollinaris; Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42	Za milosť zmierenia a odpustenia pre otca	Mária
Tue 21 8:00am	St. Lawrence of Brindisi; Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50	+ Peter a Mária Stavny	Dcéra Marta
Wed 22 8:00am	St. Mary Magdalene; Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Jn 20:1-2,11-18	Za odpustenie pre rodinu	Mária
Thu 23 8:00am	St. Bridget of Sweden; Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; Mt 13:10-17	Za spolubratov kňazov	Frather Juraj
Fri 24 8:00am	St. Sharbel Makhuf; Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23	+ Maria Knapiková	Vnuk Dušan
Sat 25 9:00am	St. James; 2Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28	+ Ján a Helena	Mrs. Sentivani
Sun 26 9:00am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 2Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15	+ Jozef Astrab senior	Rodina Astrabová
Sun 26 11:00am	17.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; 2Kr:4-42-44; Ef 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15	Za žijúcich a zosnulých farníkov	Father Juraj