

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

25. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Pán udržiava môj život.*

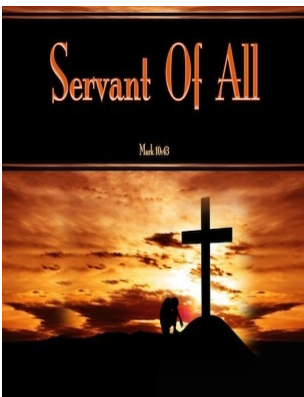
*The Lord upholds my life.*



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*Boh nás povolal skrze evanjelium, aby sme získali slávu nášho Pána Ježiša Krista.*

*God has called us through the good news, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



V dnešnom evanjeliu vidíme Pána Ježiša, ako dáva apoštolom zvláštnu lekciu. Ježiš otvorene hovorí o svojom utrpení. Túto lekciu nedokázali pochopiť ani tí, ktorí mu boli najbližší. Oni si Mesiáša predstavovali úplne inak. Pravdepodobne ako toho, ktorý ich vyslobodí od každej formy utrpenia. Keď im hovoril o svojom vzkriesení, tiež to nemohli pochopiť.

Aj dnes existujú ľudia, ktorí sa utrpenia nielen boja, ale ktorí sa mu za každú cenu usilujú vyhnúť. Človek však objavuje, že utrpenie je tým ťažšie, čím viac sa snažíme pred ním unikať. Existuje iná extrémna skupina ľudí, ktorí považujú utrpenie za tak dôležité a záslužné, že sú ochotní spôsobovať si ho sami, ak momentálne netrpia. Zvlášť medzi nami kresťanmi sa objavuje názor, ktorý chce utrpenie postaviť do takého svetla, akoby nás bez neho Boh ani nemohol prijať.

Pán Ježiš určite neprišiel len preto, aby trpel. Ježiš stojí predovšetkým v službe Večného Života, ktorý je kvalitou rozdielny od života, ktorý zijeme tu a ktorý ustavične smeruje ku smrti. Boh je Život. Cirkevní otcovia tvrdia, že Boh Otec by nikdy nesúhlasil so smrťou svojho Syna, keby súčasne nezamýšľal aj jeho slávne Vzkriesenie. Boh nechce smrť. Ak ju pripúšťa, tak nie pre ňu samu. Ona nie je cieľom, je len prostriedkom. Pán Ježiš nám prišiel zjaviť, že smrť je bránou k Večnému životu.

Pán Ježiš nám prišiel predovšetkým ukázať, že cieľom človeka je Boh Láska. A pretože sme narušení hriechom, je táto cesta k Bohu tiež cestou bolestnou. Zomrel ako nevinný na kríži za nás, z lásky k Otcovi i k nám. Ukázal nám, že ani my sa nemusíme báť bolesti a smrti, ak sme uverili a prijali jeho cestu, ktorá nás vyslobodzuje z moci hriechu.

Keby sme teda chceli v krátkosti

vyjadriť, čo vlastne Ježiš chcel povedať svojim učeníkom, keď ich zasväcoval do tajomstva svojho utrpenia, mohli by sme to vyjadriť aj krátku výzvou: „Nebojte sa!“ I keď sa nám zdá, že z ľudského hľadiska všetko dopadá katastrofálne, Božia vec sa tým neničí, naša záchrana sa uskutoční. Žiadne utrpenie, ktoré človek podstúpi a žiadne zlo, ktoré nás môže stretnúť na životnej ceste, nie je silnejšie ako Božia láska. Tá je tak silná, že prekoná i smrť, čo znamená vzkriesenie.

Keď Ježiš hovoril svojim učeníkom, že bude trpieť, zomrie a na tretí deň vstane z mŕtvych, nehovoril to preto, aby ich strašil. Zjavoval tým Pravdu. Podobne, keď sme my sami vyzvaní, aby sme uvažovali nad svojou smrťou, nemalo by to byť pre nás prameňom strachu a hrôzy. Sme pozvaní k nasledovaniu: to obsahuje v sebe aj utrpenie a smrť, ale to znamená tiež aj vzkriesenie.

Sv. Karol Boromejský nás všetkých napomína slovami: „Kresťan má byť vždy pripravený na dve veci: na smrť a na sväté prijímanie.“ Totiž v obidvoch prípadoch sa deje to isté: „Pán prichádza, vyjdite mu v ústrety!“

**The will** to dominate and control others, even God, is the subject of today's Gospel account. There are many of us who are angry at God because He didn't do exactly as we expected, because He didn't dance to our tune.

One of the saddest observations when looking out at our surrounding culture is to see how many people are degrading and demeaning the goodness and holiness found in others.

Another point to consider has to do with being child-like. I suspect many people are thrown off by a misinterpretation of what Jesus means when He asks us to be as little children.

He is not asking us to be childish. Nor is He asking us to be passive-dependent persons, or mindless, unthinking robots who have no initiative and are not self-actuating. Far from it! Naiveté does not constitute one as a child of God.

What Jesus is asking of us is to be "teachable," to stop thinking we know everything there is to know about religion, God, the Church, the bible and all of the other things of God. Just because we completed our religious education programs when we were young, and just because we have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, doesn't mean we have nothing more to learn about what God wants of us. People have gone on to earn doctorate degrees in theology still lose their souls! Knowledge may give us some power, but knowledge by itself cannot save us.

It is sometimes said that you cannot be a good businessman or businesswoman and at the same time be an observant Christian. I think that in order to succeed in business you should put Christian principles into practice. Stop and think about it. Are not those businesses that best serve their customers the most successful businesses? Jesus' admonition: "If anyone wants to be first he must be the servant of all" seems to make practical sense to me. Having served the interests of their customers, Wal-Mart Corporation as well as many other business enterprises are spectacular successes. Those businesses that have not delivered quality service have either failed or are about to fail. Self-aggrandizement at the expense of exploiting, demeaning, and degrading others, customers and employees as well, is not the road to success in this life or the next. Those in our world who are closed to learning what Wisdom, Truth, and the Word of God reveal to us are likewise on the road to failure.

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*September 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35) Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**\*St. Padre Pio Evening of Prayer and Healing** On the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio, we invite you to venerate St. Pio's Relic and ask him to intercede for the priests of the Archdiocese, for yourself, your family and friends. Jacqueline Loh of Grace that Reigns Society will offer a short talk and healing prayers. Your sponsorship/offering for this event will continue the work of Grace that Reigns in their renewal of our sense of wonder. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Mass with Fr. Pierre LeBlonde O.P. at 7pm, followed by talk, veneration of St. Pio's relic and healing session. It's a Fundraising event. [www.GracethatReigns.com](http://www.GracethatReigns.com) for information.

**\*Workshop: Christian Meditation with Children** Workshop will introduce Christian Meditation and teach ways to share this simple way of prayer with students, children or grandchildren. Children are natural meditators whose hearts are open to being present to Jesus in silence. Presented by the World Community for Christian Meditation-Canada. Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10am to 4pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Cost: \$40 (includes lunch and snacks). To register or for info visit: [www.rosemaryheights.com/events/](http://www.rosemaryheights.com/events/) or call 604-576-8802. Please register early; spaces are limited.

**\*Príprava na prvé sväté prijímanie** začne 4. októbra 2015 o 9.55 hod. v basemente fary. Prosíme rodičov, aby prihlásili svoje deti do 27. septembra 2015. Zodpovedná za prípravu: Mária Eškut. Kontaktné číslo 604 467 5570 alebo e-mailová adresa [majacenk@yahoo.com](mailto:majacenk@yahoo.com)

**\*Mothers Prayers Tridium - Fri. Sept.25** – Mothers Prayers at 9:45 AM, (after 9:00 AM Mass), St. Clare of Assisi Church, 1320 Johnson St, Coquitlam; **Sat. Sept.26** – Mothers Prayers at 9:45 AM, (after 9:00 AM Mass), St. Clare of Assisi Church (basement); **Sun. Sept.27** – Mothers Prayers at 3:00 PM, St. Clare of Assisi Church (basement). Open to all parishioners with a heart for children. For more information visit: <http://www.stclare.ca/faith-mothers.aspx> or call Thelma 604. 464. 3383, Carmela 604. 461.1076, Rozalia 604. 944.1554.

**\*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	\$1,095
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	<b>-\$405</b>

### 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.

<b>Sun 20</b> 9:00am	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37	Za zdravie a Božie požehnanie pre rodičov	Jana
<b>Sun 20</b> 11:00am	<b>25. Nedel' a v Cezročnom období;</b> Mud 2:12,17-20; Jak 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37	Na úmysel	Rodina Prochazková
Mon 21 8:00am	St. Mathew; Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13	+ Ondrej Hrubša	Rodina Astrabová
Tue 22 8:00am	Ezra 4:4-5; 6:1a,7ad-8,12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21	+ Fleur-Ange Diemert	Tony's Troupe
Wed 23 8:00am	St. Pius of Pietrelcina; Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	+ Regina Tobiaš	Rodina Radzo
Thu 24 8:00am	Hag 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9	+ Margaret Petrie	Bill & Bette Cahill
Fri 25 8:00am	Sts. Cosmas and Damian; Hag 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22	Lennie David	Joyce Krahnbel
Sat 26 9:00am	St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and comp.; Rev 7:9-17; 2Cor 4:7-15; Lk 9:23-26	+ Enrique Javier	Family Javier
<b>Sun 27</b> 9:00am	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Num 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48	+ Joshua Ceferino	Angie
<b>Sun 27</b> 11:00am	<b>26. Nedel' a v Cezročnom období;</b> Nm 11:25-29; Jak 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48	Za živých a zosnulých farníkov	Fr. Juraj