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*Tvoje slovo, Pane, je pravda; posväť nás pravdou.*

*Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

26. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Rozhodnutia Pánove sú správne, potešujú srdce.*

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**To, čo nám ukazuje** dnešné evanjelium, sa až veľmi bolestne týka nás a našej epochy, v ktorej žijeme. Dnes sa bežne stretávame s odlúčenými bratmi. Už sa vieme aj takto pekne pomenovať. Kedysi sme si vymieňali tvrdé slová a nazývali sme sa sektármi. Vieme sa spolu modliť. Dnes uznávame, že Tajomné telo Kristovo presahuje viditeľné hranice Katolíckej cirkvi. Uznávame ich za bratov a sestry v tom istom krste. Musíme uznať, že Kristus pôsobí aj mimo hranice Katolíckej cirkvi a predsa sa ďalej neprijímame a bojíme sa jedni druhých. Evanjelista Ján urobil tiež takúto skúsenosť, keď sa snažil komusi zabrániť, konať v Kristovom mene, lebo dotýčný nepatriel medzi apoštolov a nechodieval s nimi. Aj my si zabráňujeme navzájom v aktivitách pre Krista. Robíme to z toho istého dôvodu ako apoštoli: „Bránili sme mu to, veď nechodí s nami.“ Mohli by sme povedať, že tento človek prišiel ku Kristovi akousi svojou individuálnou cestou. Uveril v Slovo a prijal Ducha, ale nestalo sa to vo vnútri spoločenstva učeníkov. Ale stalo sa to!

Zmyslom chodenia s učeníkmi je mať Kristovho Ducha. Ak niekto má účasť na Kristovom Duchu a ak to dosiahol mimo nás, to nie je jeho chyba. Čo je dôležitejšie? „Chodiť s nami?“ alebo „Mať Ducha Kristovho!“

Ak sa stretne s človekom, ktorý je plný dobroty a trepezlivosti a on nám napríklad povie, že prijal Ježiša počas evanjelizácie, ktorú konali baptisti a že mu Ježiš pomohol premôcť hriech, tak ho nikdy nesmieme začať presviedčať o tom, že to bol pravdepodobne nejaký zlý duch, lebo jedine my máme patent na Krista. Boží Duch veje kam chce a my ho našťastie nemôže zviazať našimi predpismi.

Dokiaľ pracujeme pre seba a pre svoje spoločenstvo a nie pre Krista,

sme plní žiarlivosti a všade vidíme nepriateľov, ale akonáhle nám bude záležať na Božej Sláve a nie na našej, potešíme sa každému pozitívnemu kroku, aj keď sa neudeje v rámci Katolíckej cirkvi. Boh vie, prečo aj na nich vylieva svojho Ducha. My sme sa navzájom oddelili od eucharistie, od Kristovho tela, ale On ich tak ako aj nás zahrnul svojím Duchom. A kto má Kristovho Ducha, ten je Jeho. Základný prejav Kristovho Ducha je dobrota a láska, túžba po jednote s celým Tajomným Kristovým telom, ktorým je Cirkev.

Nejde o toleranciu bludu, ale o poznanie, že najväčším bludom zo všetkých je neláska. Kristus je Cesta. A Cesta je niečo, po čom sa dá stále viac približovať k Pravde. Ak niekto dnes verí trošičku, budem sa tešiť z jeho maličkých viery. Ak niekto verí úplne Kristovi, budem sa s ním tešiť z jeho mocnej viery. Ale vždy treba mať na pamäti, že aj ten slabý sa môže z milosti Božej stať silným. Nie sme pozvaní ničť pozitívne hodnoty, ktoré objavujeme u odlúčených bratov, ale máme stavať na tom, čo je dobré.

**The scripture** in today's readings deals with who's "in" and who's "out." The response of Jesus is not simple, nor is it immediately evident. We find Him declaring, "Anyone who is not against us is for us." Yet on another occasion we heard Jesus say, "He who is not with me is against me." What are we to make of all this?

Our attempts to define who's inside and who's outside the boundaries of God's Kingdom are futile. The realms in which we meet God are greater than those defined by our human categories. In St. John's gospel we find Jesus telling us: "The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes

from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8) God's Spirit blows where it will.

The kingdom of God here on earth is not confined within the boundaries of the Roman Catholic Church. The purpose and duty of the Church is to reveal and proclaim the kingdom's presence, not to claim a monopoly over it. The kingdom of God is greater and more extensive than any of our human categories and constructs.

While all of this is true, we must not confuse the meekness of Jesus by disregarding His demanding criteria for citizenship in God's kingdom.

Citizenship in God's kingdom is challenging, demanding, and, yes, *exclusive*. In fact, one must die to selfishness, self-centeredness, and self-willfulness, something that few people succeed in doing. If we would be truly citizens in God's kingdom we can no longer be self-determining. Surely no one would regard its borders as "porous."

In response to the lawyer's question seeking specificity as to just who is our neighbor so he could avoid the demands of Jesus' teaching, Jesus gave a very challenging response.

Everyone is our neighbor, even those we hate and think to be our enemies. We must turn the other cheek when struck. We must be merciful to all. We must be forgiving of all. We must pray for those who persecute us, do good to those who harm us. And, most demanding of all, we must love our enemies! Passing the citizenship exam isn't easy!

All of which is to say that we enter into God's realms by entering into our hearts and souls. It's a journey and a passage within. It requires ruthless and courageous honesty with our selves.

Jesus loves us unconditionally but He also has great expectations of us. He demands from us nothing but

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*September 27<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41) Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

**\*Finding God in All Things Retreat:** Finding God in Our Daily Life and in Our Life Histories. You're invited to explore Ignatian spirituality as a way of deepening your prayer life and growing in intimacy with God. Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. will offer an all-day retreat on St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Awareness (Daily Examen) and Praying Our Graced Histories. The day includes quiet time for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. Ms. Kelly is the Retreat Director at St. Mark's Parish and an experienced spiritual director with the Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver. Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9am to 4pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey. Cost: \$50 (includes lunch and snacks). Register by phone (604) 576-8802 or online at [www.rosemaryheights.com/events](http://www.rosemaryheights.com/events)

**\*Healing our families** spiritual retreat that will be presented by Fr Elias Vella and Diana Mascarenhas. Topics will include God's original plan on family, communication as an expression of the human person and live-in relationships and contemporary forces in our world today. Father Elias Vella from Malta, priest and exorcist, leads prayers, seminars, retreats and spiritual exercises in several countries across five continents. Diana Mascarenha comes with many years' experience in inner healing and psychological and spiritual counselling and regularly teams up with Fr. Elias to present retreats and seminars. Seminar will take place at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish, New Westminster on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm-9:30pm, October 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-6pm. Cost: \$45. Refreshments will be served, bring your own lunch. To register call: 604-526-7351 (Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Office) or send email to [retreat2015@cyrilmetod.org](mailto:retreat2015@cyrilmetod.org) More information: <http://www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2015>

**\*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)

**\*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	\$975
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	<b>-\$525</b>

Sun 27 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
Sun 27 11:00am	<b>26.Nedeľa 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
Mon 28 8:00am	St.Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & comp.; Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50	+ Ondrej Hrubša	Rodina Starostová
Tue 29 8:00am	St.Michael, St.Gabriel, St. Raphael; Rev 12:7-12a; Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Jn 1:47-51	Na úmysel	Fr. Juraj
Wed 30 8:00am	St.Jerome; Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62	+ Margaret Petrie	Bill & Bette Cahill
Thu 1 8:00am	St. Therese of the Child Jesus; Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Lk 10-1-12	+ Otto and Ashley	Joyce Krahnbel
Fri 2 8:00am	The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday; Ex 23:20-23a; Mt 18:1-5,10	Za Božiu pomoc pre Karola a rodinu	Fr. Juraj
Fri 2 7:30pm	Svätých anjelov strážcov, Prvý piatok; Ex 23:20-23a; Mt 18:1-5,10	Za Božie požehnanie pre Mareka	Alenka a Jana
Sat 3 9:00am	Bar 4:5-12,27-29;/ Lk 10:17-24	Za zdravie - Andrew	Marta
Sun 4 9:00am	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Gen 2:7ab,15,18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-26	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 4 11:00am	<b>27.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období;</b> Gn 2:18-24; Hebr 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16	Za vnútorné uzdravenie a Božie vedenie pre Ferka	Jana

### 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.