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*Keď sa milujeme
navzájom, Boh ostáva
v nás, a jeho láska v
nás je dokonalá.*

*If we love one another,
God remains in us and
his love is brought to
perfection is us.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

27. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Nech nás žehná Pán po všetky dni nášho života.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Prvé čítanie z knihy Genezis nám ukazuje pôvodný a nádherný Boží plán s človekom a s jeho manželstvom. V evanjeliu zasa vidíme dôsledky hriechu na ľudské manželstvo a problémy, ktoré z toho vyplývajú. Od začiatku až do konca Sväté písmo hovorí o manželstve a jeho „tajomstve“, o jeho ustanovení a význame, ktorý mu dal Boh, o jeho pôvode a cieľi, o jeho rozličných realizáciách počas dejín spásy, o jeho ťažkostiach, ktoré vyplývajú z hriechu a o jeho obnovení „v Pánovi“ (1 Kor 7, 39) v novom zväzku Krista a Cirkvi.

V dnešnom evanjeliu farizeji dávajú Ježišovi otázku: „Či smie muž prepustiť svoju manželku?“ Je to stále aktuálna otázka o možnosti rozvodu. Mnohí ľudia aj kresťania, si myslia, že rozvod je riešením problému. Samých seba považujú za zástancov ľudskosti. Je tu však jeden háčik. Dvaja ľudia sa berú z lásky, sľubujú si, že nikdy jeden druhého neopustia a niekedy sa až čudujú prečo cirkev ku tak samozrejmej veci žiada verejnú prisahu. Čudujú sa, že sa spochybňuje ich láska. A za niekoľko rokov, tí istí kedysi zúfalo zaľúbení, hľadajú útek od seba, hrozne sklamaní. Ako je to možné? Kde sa stratila láska?

Manželstvo uzavreté v kostole nie je patentom na šťastie. Môže byť rozdiel medzi manželstvom uzavretým v kostole a manželstvom uzavretým v Kristovi. Ak sa berú dvaja sice pokrstení ľudia, ale žijú Kristovi absolútne neodovzdaný život, tak sa ich manželstvo dostane do krízy. Takýto ľudia nehľadajú v manželstve splnenie božieho zámeru, ale iba svoje ukojenie. Nakoniec zistia, že nemajú silu k skutočnej láske. Niečo iné nastane ak do manželstva vstupujú dvaja ľudia, ktorí už predtým prijali Ježiša za svojho Pána a Spasiteľa. Po skúsenostiach s osobnou neodovzdanosťou, keď začínajú prežívať

veľké veci, ktoré im robí Pán, majú chuť i odvahu aj tento nový životný stav a situáciu spoločne odovzdať Ježišovi. Až tu začína účinkovať požehnanie sviatosti manželstva.

V živote manželov musí nastúpiť úsilie páčiť sa, snaha o dobro, aby bolo čo najmenej pohoršenia. Ak sa však človek spoľahne na právo, ktorý mu hovorí: „Je to tvoje žena, máš na ňu právo!“, keď sa spoľahne na to, že má právo na lásku zo zákona, vtedy sa môže trpkosť klamať. Človeka si treba stále znovu a znovu získavať.

Musíme vážne a zodpovedne pristupovať k týmto skutočnostiam, pretože veľmi často je manželstvo ovocím a zrkadlom toho, ako vážne sa človek na neho pripravoval. Každá povrchnosť sa tu strašne vypomstí. Kde je však úsilie o skutočnú lásku tam je manželstvom vysokou školou lásky.

The book of Genesis tells us that God created man and woman; He created them out of love. But the story of our origins has another part to it, the dark side of sin. The Jewish authors of the story of our creation had to face the origins of sin, that dark side of us that has so devastated our relationships, our relationships with God as well as our relationships with each other.

Love results from freely made human choices. A love that is compelled is no love at all. If God had pre-programmed us so that we would always choose what is right and good there would have been no love in us. God, our tremendous lover, would never have been freely chosen, would never have been loved freely. How could that sort of programmed bogus love have possibly satisfied God's love? It couldn't! He had to allow us to make our own choices... and therein lies the origin and nature of sin.

Sin is not merely the breaking of a

law. Sin is not simply stepping over some boundary. Sin has to do with damaging or destroying our relationships with those around us, with those whom we love, and with God. Sin is placing self before all else, and before God. Sin is the opposite of love.

Divorce was not in God's plan. Divorce tears apart the bonding and the union that love impels us to attain. Divorce is something that is the business of lawyers, and Jesus knew it was lawyers with whom He was talking in today's Gospel account. They were trying to enmesh Jesus in their legal distinctions and in their appeals to Jewish laws. Jesus would have none of it.

Divorce, Jesus says, has to do with laws. Marriage has to do with love. Moreover, what is in the mind of God when it comes to life, love, and commitment? Is life, love, and commitment all about when and how often we can divorce?

What is it that God has in mind for us when it comes to love and marriage. Are not love and marriage sacraments of God's love? Shouldn't they be revelations of what kind of a god God is? Didn't Jesus give us God's eternal and everlasting commitment to us when He celebrated the Last Supper, the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, and gave us His Body and Blood in an everlasting covenant of marriage? The Last Supper is, after all, a marriage feast, a marriage feast in which God presents Himself to us and says: "This is my Body, take it. This is my Blood, mingle it with yours. I am marrying you. I am yours forever."

Marriage is far more than merely a license to live together. Marriage takes us back to our beginnings, to Adam and Eve. Marriage takes us back to the reason God made us in the first place, so that together a man and a woman with their children can make a whole new world.

Bulletin Announcements

***October 4th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19) The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

***Archdiocesan Men's Retreat** Most retreats and men's ministries fail for one simple reason: they ignore the heart of a man. Too often we focus on behaviour modification and different kinds of pressure to be a 'better man.' The deep desires and passions that make a man who he is are left ignored. That is not what God the Father desires for you. This weekend is an honest trek into realm of the passions and desires of a man's heart: what it is to be a father, a husband, a son... to be a man fully alive. If you are longing to know the Father more intimately and to learn what it is to live as His son, this retreat is for you. Jake Khym, James Borkowski, Brett Powell, Eric Chow and Fr. Bryan invite you to sign up at www.rcav.org/sonship

***Birmovka** - V našej farnosti sa bude konať príprava na birmovku pod vedením Miriam Bírošovej. Príprava začne 8. novembra a záujemcovia sa budú stretávať vo farskom basemente dvakrát do mesiaca v nedeľu od 12:30 do 2:30 poobede v trvaní 6 mesiacov. Program Decision Point (dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/), ktorý naša farnosť ponúka pre birmovan- cov, bol vytvorený tímom profesionálov pod vedením Matthew Kelly. Tento program bude bližšie predstavený v nedeľu, 11. októbra po sv. omši. Záujemcovia sa môžu prihlásiť do 25. októbra 2015 na telefónnom čísle: (604) 468-8909.

***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 23rd 7pm-9:30pm, October 24th 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 More information: <http://www.cyrilmetod.org/retreat2015>

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

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week		Sun 4 9:00am	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Gen 2:7ab,15,18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-26	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500	Sun 4 11:00am	27. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Gn 2:18-24; Hebr 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16	Za vnútorné uzdravenie a Božie vedenie pre Ferka	Jana
Sunday's Collection	\$993	Mon 5 8:00am	Jon 1:1-2:1,10; Lk 10:25-37	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$507	Tue 6 8:00am	St. Bruno; Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher; Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42	+ Margaret Petrie	Bill & Bette Cahill
		Wed 7 8:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary; Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4	+ Regina Tobiaš	Mary Spouse of the HS
		Thu 8 8:00am	Mal 3:13-4:2; Lk 11:5-13	+ Ondrej Hrubša	Rodina Cassty
		Fri 9 8:00am	St. Denis; St. John Leonardi; Joel 1:13-15,2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26	Blessing for Gopal	Joyce Krahnbel
		Sat 10 9:00am	Joel 3:12-21; Lk 11:27-18	Special intention	Family Ustare
		Sun 11 9:00am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
		Sun 11 11:00am	28. Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Mud 7:7-11; Hebr 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30	Za B. požehnanie pre Maroša s rodinou k 50.r.	Manželka

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.