

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

3. Adventná Nedeľa. 3rd Sunday of Advent.

***Plesajme a jasajme, lebo uprostred nás je Svätý, Boh.
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy of Israel.***



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*Duch Pána je nado
mnou; poslal ma hlásť
radostnú zvesť
chudobným.*

*The Spirit of the Lord is
upon me, because he
has anointed me to
bring good news to the
poor.*



Dnešná nedeľa, teda tretia adventná, sa v starom latinskom misáli nazývala „Gaudete!“. „Gaudete“ doslova znamená „Radujte sa!“. Jej názov bol zrejme odvodený z liturgických čítaní, ktoré sme dnes počuli. Aj sv. Pavol nás vyzýva k radosti. Moderná psychológia nás učí, že človek nevydrží dlho bez radosti. Radosť je tak dôležitá v našom živote, že bez nej človek stráca zmysel svojej existencie. Sme stvorení pre radosť a to najmenej v dvojakom význame: Na radosť nášmu Stvoriteľovi tak ako dobré deti sú radosťou svojich rodičov ale aj pre našu vlastnú radosť. Rímsky katechizmus hovorí, že ku konaniu dobra sa pridružuje spravidla samovoľná duchovná radosť a pocit mravnej krásy. Tak isto radosť a duchovnú krásu obsahuje a vyžaruje zo seba aj pravda. Pravda je krásna sama v sebe. Človek je stvorený tak, že ak všetko v ňom i okolo neho funguje správne, vyvoláva to v ňom radosť.

Zármutok je znakom čohosi narušeného. Ak nie sú veci v poriadku vyvoláva to v nás zármutok. Zármutok sa objavil ako ovocie hriechu, či už ako bezprostredný dôsledok nejakého hriechu, alebo spásanosný zármutok v Duchu Božom, teda ľútosť nad hriechom, ale naším normálnym stavom je radosť. Človek, ktorý žije v skutočnom priateľstve s Bohom, je človekom radosť. Lebo aj Náš Boh je Večná radosť, Tanec a Plesanie. Pán Ježiš prišiel preto, aby nám ukázal cestu k úplnej radosťi.

Radosť, o ktorej hovorí sv. Pavol, má ešte jednu zvláštnu črtu: „Je to radosť v Pánovi.“ Príčinou našej radosťi nie je svet, ktorý je narušený hriechom, ale ako to vyznávame: Príčinou našej radosťi je Ježiš! Naša radosť nepramení z tohto sveta. Prameňom našej radosťi je Ježiš, Bohočlovek a jeho dielo vykúpenia. Radosť v nás rastie úmerne tomu,

ako a nakoľko sa v nás uskutočňuje Kristovo tajomstvo.

Ďalším dôvodom našej radosťi je fakt, že „Pán je blízko. Keď sme si vedomí, že Pán je blízko, môžeme na neho zložiť všetky svoje starosti. Apoštol Pavol nás vyzýva: „O nič nebudte ustarostení. Ale vo všetkom modlitbou, prosbou a so vzdávaním vďaka prednášajte svoje žiadosti Bohu.“ Veľmi často sa sponedáme, že sa kvôli svojim starostiam nevieme sústrediť pri modlitbe. Práve naše starosti sa majú stať predmetom našich modlitieb. O nich máme prednostne s Pánom Bohom vo svojich modlitbách rozprávať. Svoje starosti máme prednášať Bohu v modlitbe s poníženou prosbou. Toto snád' nechýba našej modlitbe, ale veľmi často jej chýba vďačnosť. Svoje prosby máme Bohu prednášať s vďačnosťou.

Ovocím takéhoto životného štýlu je pokoj: „A Boží pokoj, ktorý prevyšuje každú chápanosť, uchráni vaše srdcia a vaše mysle v Kristovi Ježišovi.“ Pre náš správny duchovný rozvoj je dôležité, aby naše myšlienky i naše srdcia boli v súlade s Kristom. Máme mať srdce i myseľ zladenú s Kristom.

Today's Gospel presents us with John the Baptist, the last and the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. He was issuing a call for national repentance, proclaiming the advent of the Kingdom of God with the coming of the Messiah, and the need to repent and change our own individual ways of human living. His audience must have wondered how all of their national problems were connected with their own personal lives. If God's Kingdom was about to be established, how could any one individual hasten or hinder its arrival? If the entire Jewish people needed to repent and convert, of what consequence was the conversion of any one individual? "What

ought we do?" was their critical question. It is likewise our own critical question. Their society was like our society. God's answer to their question and ours was and is: Everything depends upon YOU!

The society surrounding John the Baptist had poverty problems, political corruption, wars, violence, abuse of power and others, dishonesty, sexual abuse, just as ours does. What could they and we do about it?

Society will become more honest when individuals become more honest, because every society is simply the sum of its individual parts. Wars and violence will subside when we refrain from our own forms of violence toward each other. Poverty will begin to disappear when we are less self-centered and acquisitive. Sexual abuse will subside when we become more pure and liberate our youngsters from the imprisoning lie that they are simply the helpless victims of their inner sexual drives..

We must see again that morality is not simply a private matter. We must challenge the nonsense that seduces us with the myth of free market morals. Morality is a public matter that involves us in sharing our common weal, a common good into which we contribute our individual and personal lives.

John the Baptist's voice still heralds the coming of God's Kingdom amongst us. His call for repentance and conversion remains just as valid today as it was back then. Everything depends upon what each and every individual does in his or her own personal life. Salvation will not be assured and society will not be changed, unless each individual recognizes the absolute necessity for personal conversion and change.

Advent is a time for us to clean up our act, instead of waiting for everybody else to first change *their* acts. Advent is a time for you – personal-

Bulletin Announcements

***December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent** "God is joyful! And what is the joy of God? The joy of God is forgiving; the joy of God is forgiving!...Here is the entire Gospel! Here! The whole Gospel, all of Christianity, is here! Mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the 'cancer' that is sin, moral evil, spiritual evil." -Pope Francis

***Warm Clothing Needed for Men's Hostel** Catholic Charities Men's Hostel at 828 Cambie Street, serves 102 men every night. During the cold season your donation of warm clothing, socks, gloves, scarves and toques are welcomed. Please call 604-443-3292 or visit our shelter between 12pm-10pm except Saturdays and Sundays at 4pm-10pm.

***Opening Mass for Jubilee Year of Mercy** Pope Francis has announced the celebration of an extraordinary Holy Year dedicated to Mercy, starting Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and concluding Nov. 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Year of Mercy begins with the opening of the "holy door of mercy" at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. for the opening of the Holy Door at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver with Mass and official blessing of the door. All Cathedrals in the world will open their doors on this day.

***Love & Life Ministry: Christmas Card Fundraiser** This Christmas, spread the message of life by sending pro-life Christmas Cards. A portion of the sale of these cards helps support crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life organizations including the Love & Life Ministry. The cards will be sold every Sunday in November after the 11AM mass by Mariana (604-584 9292) in the parish hall. For those not attending the Slovak Mass, please contact Joanne(604-522 8917), she will have the cards in the church every day- until sold out. Cards are sold in the packs of 10 cards for \$10.

***Jasličková pobožnosť** – 27.decembra po sv.omši budú mať deti jasličkovú pobožnosť. Rodičia môžu svoje deti prihlásiť u Miriam Biroš na tel.č. 604-729-8524. Skušky budú 20. a 27. decembra.

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

***Advent Penance Service for 2015. Start at 7:00pm**

St. Luke's - Maple Ridge Tuesday December 15th, **All Saint's - Coquitlam** Wednesday December 16th,

St. Joseph's - Port Moody Thursday December 17th

***New Year's Eve Party** December 31,2014 6:30pm. \$40 Contact for tickets: Anka Stvrtecky 604 941-0280

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$ 1,186
Youth Ministry	\$744

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 13 9:00am	3rd Sunday of Advent; Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18	+ Charito Boston	Friends and family
Sun 13 11:00am	3. Adventná Nedeľa; Sof 3;14-18a; Flp 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18	Na úmysel	Fr. Juraj
Mon 14 8:00am	St. John of the Cross; Nm 24:2-7,15-17a; Mt 21:23-27	Karmela a Agneška	Fr. Juraj
Tue 15 8:00am	Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32	1.Bles. Raymond Javier 2. + John Košláb	Fr. Juraj 2. Ed Starick
Wed 16 8:00am	Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25	For parishioner 2. + Regina Tobiaš	Fr. Juraj 2. Bob and Nita Senek
Thu 17 6:00am	Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Blessing for Melvin	Daughter
Fri 18 8:00am	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24	1. Podakovanie 2. za pož. pre o.Juraja	Fr. Juraj Fr.Andrej
Sat 19 9:00am	Jud 13:2-7,24-25a; Lk 1:5-25	Za Božir požehnanie pre Katku	Janka
Sun 20 9:00am	4th Sunday of Advent; Mic 5:2-5a; Hebr 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 20 11:00am	4. Adventná Nedeľa; Mich 5:1-4a; Hebr 10;5-10; Lk 1;39-45	Za zdravie a B.požehnanie 2. + Silvia	2. rodina Lavříková