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

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

2. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Zvestujte všetkým národom zázraky Pánove.

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Čo my ľudia považujeme za jeden z vrcholných zážitkov svojho života? Myslím si, že väčšina by odpovedala: zúčastniť sa na svadbe. A ešte najnotnejší zážitok? „Byť na svojej svadbe“. Niekedy podozrievame Boha z toho, že má presne opačný vkus ako my ľudia, že sa mu nikdy nepáči to, čo sa páči nám. Ale evanjelium o svadbe v Káne Galilejskej a možno ešte výraznejšie prvé čítanie z Izaiáša ukazuje, že v tomto máme rovnaký vkus. Ak nám chce Boh hovoriť o vrcholnej radosi nebešťanov, tak ju prirovnáva ku šťastiu ženícha a nevesty. Zrátajme si v koľkých podobenstvách o Božom kráľovstve prirovnáva Ježiš Spásu človeka k svadbe. Aj v dnešnom evanjeliu vidíme Ježiša ako toho, ktorý sa účastní na svadbe „muža a ženy“ v Káne Galilejskej. Náš Boh je Ženích a každý jeden z nás ale aj všetci spolu, tvoríme „Nevestu“.

A dnes sa nám ten istý Boh, ktorý sa stal človekom a ktorý stvoril celý svet, zjavuje ako ten, ktorý si za svojím stvorením i po hriechu stojí. Vidíme ho tešiť sa ľudskou radosťou zo svadby. Dokonca žasneme, že Panna Mária upozorňuje na nedostatok vína. Ježiš i Mária určite na tejto svadbe nielen o víne hovorili, ale ho určite aj pili.

Korán, posvätná kniha mohamedánov, zakazuje pitie vína. Či je toto riešenie problému alkoholizmu? Biblia hovorí ináč. V knihe Siarchovej čítame: „Spokojný život pre ľudí - to je víno s mierou (požité), ak ho s mierou piješ, ostaneš triezvy. Akýže je to život, ktorému chýba víno? Víno je od počiatku stvorené na obveselenie, ale nie na opilstvo. Duša a srdce sa (rovnako) radujú pri mierne požitom víne. Len mnoho požitého vína spôsobuje podráždenosť, hnev a mnohé iné škodlivé prípady. Trpkosťou pre dušu je, ak sa pije mnoho vína. Opilstvom podráždená myseľ vedie nemúdreho k úrazu, zbavuje ho sily

a zadáva mu rany.“ Všetko, čo Boh stvoril, ohodnotil ako dobré. Dokonca Ježiš použil víno ako jednu z matérií potrebných na slávenie sv. omše. Zlo nie je v stvorení, ale v našich pomýlených vzťahoch.

Samozrejme platí, že človek, ktorý zakúsil svoju bezradnosť voči alkoholu, sa musí absolútne zdržovať. Ale je dobré prosiť Boha o to, aby sme všetky veci dokázali užívať s mierou. Sv. Bazil hovorí, že prvé prikázanie, ktoré človek dostal, bolo prikázanie pôstu: „Pretože sme sa nepostili, boli sme z raja vyhnaní. Budeme sa postiť, aby sme sa mohli do raja vrátiť!“ Pôst je tu chápaný ako základný ľudský postoj, múdre „seba - obmedzenie“ v záujme „seba - zachovania“. V záujme sebazáchovy musíme prijať určité seba obmedzenie. V ktorej oblasti sa má odohrávať osobný pôst, to musí odhaliť každý sám. Je to tá oblasť, v ktorej si svojím hriechom ubližujeme.

Our religion in its most distilled form is a friendship between ourselves and God in Jesus Christ. It is the one operative principle throughout Christ's entire life. Even at the end of His life during the Last Supper, Jesus gets down on His knees, washes the feet of His disciples, stands up and looking each one in the eye says: "I no longer call you slaves ... I call you friends."

Jesus had no army. He neither needed one nor wanted one. He had the only one power with which to conquer the human spirit, the power of loving friendship. That is the only thing that can invade and conquer the human heart. Brute force always fails; love always wins.

Our Catholic Faith is one of the largest and most influential in the world and its membership is presently over one billion souls. It has built thousands of churches, hospitals, children's homes, nursing homes,

schools, and even universities. It has rites, rituals, ceremonies, and above all the holy Sacraments of Jesus Christ. It has theologies, philosophies, systems of ethics, moral codes and spiritualities. It is vast; it is intricate; and it is complex. But it is built on one thing and one thing alone, namely a personal, warm, intimate, and loving friendship with Jesus Christ. From that flows all of Christianity's hope, power, and vision of the truth about who we are.

Jesus was tempted to be a military leader, a dazzling magician, a revolutionary who would construct a new social order, and a universal healer and provider for us in all of our hurts, wants, and needs. But He resisted all of those temptations and asked for only one thing from us - friendship! He loved us, and still does, even when we don't deserve it. He forgives us even when we can't forgive ourselves. He gives us far more than we ask for or even expect. He gives us a loveliness that is not pretty but is powerful. He asks us to be more than nice; He asks of us everything. And in the midst of war, famine, despair, and powerlessness He gives us His friendship bringing with it the one gift our humanity needs more than anything else, namely hope.

Whenever we feel lost in a religious life that seems too complicated, or whenever we feel lost in a world that seems to be unmanageable and out of control, and whenever we're tempted to give up on ourselves, remember that our faith in its purest form is the personal friendship we can have with Jesus. And that is the solid rock upon which our relationship with Jesus is grounded. He offers you His personal love.

The truth is that God has a word for you, personally. He has something He wants to say to you.

Bulletin Announcements

***January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** "As (the Church) makes many efforts in this direction (at Christian unity), the Church confesses with humility that only that love which is more powerful than the weakness of human divisions can definitely bring about that unity which Christ implored..." – St. John Paul the Great

***During this Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese of Vancouver hopes to share stories of mercy:**

· Have you experienced the Mercy of God in a particular way?

· Have you observed someone extending the Mercy of God to others in a particular way?

· Do you have a story of mercy to tell?

Please share your story by submitting it, 500 words or less or in point-form, by email to communications@rcav.org

***Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** The 2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, has the theme "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God" (1 Pt 2:9), and is prepared by churches and Christian communions in Latvia. In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, we express our Christian faith in diverse ways. During this week we are called to celebrate this diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of his Church. All are invited to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ. For the schedule of services and more info visit www.rcav.org/christian-unity/ or contact Marjeta Bobnar at mbobnar@rcav.org or 604-683-0281.

***Ecumenical Dialogue** Compelled by the desire of Jesus Christ "that all may be one" (John 17:21), and encouraged by the spirit of Pope Francis, this workshop explores the Church's wisdom and hope of fostering good relations, friendships and mutual understanding and dialogue between Catholics and members of other faith communities. This workshop is presented by Fr. Martin Moser, OMI, a member of the RCAF Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations and professor of theology at St. Mark's College. Course costs \$45 and includes lunch. Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10am-4pm at Holy Cross Secondary, Surrey. For more info or to register, visit www.rcav.org/oc-winter.

***Healing of Family Tree Mass** (also known as Intergenerational Healing Mass) in St. Mary's Parish on Tuesday January 26 at 7:30pm in the church. An important teaching about this Mass will be given a week before, on Tuesday January 19, also in the church at 7:30pm, during the Mission Ablaze prayer meeting. You are cordially invited to both of these events.

*** No Adoration** - on Thursday evening at our church.

Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday's Collection	\$1,195
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$305

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 17 9:00am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-12	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 17 11:00am	2.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Iz 62:1-5; 1Kor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-12	+ Marta a Milan Čarnogurský	Dcéra s rodinou
Mon 18 8:00am	1Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	Family Javier	Eleanore
Tue 19 8:00am	1Sam 1Sam 16;1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Thanksgiving 2. Fleur A. Diemert	Family Tibay 2. Joyce Bouchard
Wed 20 8:00am	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian; 1Sam 17:32-33,37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6	+ Jason Kabahug 2. + Ján Košláb	Family Lambert
Thu 21	St. Agnes; 1Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12	No Mass	
Fri 22 8:00am	St. Vincent; 1Sam 24:2-21; Mk 3:13-19	+ Ján Košláb 2. + Otto, Darryl & Asley	Rodina Eškutová 2. Joyce Krahnbel
Sat 23 9:00am	2Sam 1:2,11-12,19,23-27	+ Ján Kišš 2. souls of relatives and friends	Lenka 2. Joyce Bouchard
Sun 24 9:00am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; 1Cor12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21	+ Ján Trochan	Rodina Trochanová
Sun 24 11:00am	3.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Neh 8:2-4a,5,6,8-10; 1Kor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj