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*Pán ma poslal hlásať
evanjelium
chudobným, oznámiť
zajatým, že budú
prepustení.*

*The Lord has sent me
to bring glad tidings to
the poor, and to
proclaim liberty to
captives.*



Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

3. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Tvoje slová, Pane, sú Duch a život.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Dnešné prvé čítanie nám ukazuje niektoré postoje, ktoré je vhodné si osvojiť pri počúvaní a štúdiu Písma Sv.. Písmo sv. je Božie Slovo, preto má byť prijímané ináč ako ľudské slová. Keď kňaz Ezdráš čítal ľudu Božie Slovo, stal na vyvýšenom pódiu, aby ho všetci mohli dobre rozumieť. Teda Božie Slovo má byť tak prednášané, aby mu mohli všetci prítomní porozumieť. Veriaci, ktorý je k tomu určený, musí si ho najprv sám prečítať, aby ho dokázal správne predniesť. Božie Slovo sa nedá čítať len tak bez prípravy. Je dobré skôr ako pridete na nedeľnú bohoslužbu pozrieť sa aké budú čítania.

Sv. František Saleský, ktorého sviatok je 24.1. nám ohľadom čítania Božieho Slova dáva túto radu: „Rada počúvaj Slovo Božie, či už v kázni, alebo v prednáške. Je to dobré semeno, ktoré nesmieš nechať padnúť medzi skaly. Náboženské vzdelanie vždy vyžaduje rozšírenie a prehĺbenie a vôľa potrebuje povzbudenie. Aká škodlivá, nebezpečná a trestuhodná je „domnelá“ sebestačnosť v náboženskom vzdelávaní. Spasiteľ o tom povedal: „Kto je z Boha, počúva Božie Slovo“ (Jn 8,47). Kto teda nepočúva, kto nerád počúva, kto sa mu úplne úmyselne vyhýba – napríklad chodí úmyselne do kostola až po kázni – ten nie je z Boha, z kohože je? Z nepriateľa božieho – diabla.

Podobný postoj nachádzame u sv. Františka z Assisi: „Pretože ten, kto je z Boha, počúva Slovo Božie, máme aj my, ktorý sme zvláštnym spôsobom ustanovení ku službe Božej, nielen poslúchať a robiť, čo hovorí, ale aj opatrováť nádoby a ostatné predmety používané pri Bohoslužbe, ktoré obsahujú jeho Slovo. Skrze Božie Slovo do nás hlboko preniká vznešenosť nášho Stvoriteľa. Preto napomínam všetkých svojich bratov a povzbudzujem ich v Kristovi ak nájdu

kdekoľvek napísané Slovo Božie, zachádzali s ním, čo najúctivejšie a pokiaľ to na nich záleží, zbierali ich a ukladali, ak ich nájdu na nedôstojných miestach alebo niekde pohodené a tak v nich ctíli Pána, ktorý ich vyslovil. Mnoho vecí sa totiž posväčuje Božím Slovom a mocou slov Kristových sa deje aj premenenie na oltári.“

Záver dnešného čítania znel: „A nermúťte sa, veď radosť z Pána je vaša sila.“ Sv. Augustín hovorí: „Božie Slovo sa ti bude javiť ako nepriateľ tvojej duše, kým nepochopíš, že je príčinou tvojej Spásy.“ I keď nám Božie Slovo odhaľuje našu hriechnosť a pomýlenosť, robí to s podobným úmyslom ako lekár, ktorý odhaľuje pacientovi diagnózu, aby uznal potrebu liečiť sa. Najlepšie sa uzdravuje ten, kto sa raduje. Aj Boh môže najviac vtedy pôsobiť v nás, keď je On našou radosťou.

All of us are familiar with inaugural addresses, especially when presidents or prime ministers take office and begin their elected terms. Some of these addresses are more memorable than others. Unfortunately much of the content of these inaugural addresses bear little relationship to the actions of these presidents subsequent to their addresses.

Jesus Christ gave an inaugural address shortly after He returned from spending forty days and forty nights in the desert preparing for His public ministry. He returned to His own hometown of Nazareth to begin His public ministry. His inaugural address is what we just heard reported in today's Gospel account.

Can we make Christ's vision come true? As a matter of fact we *must* make it come true. A huge part of our human misery is found in our human rejection of that visionary declaration of Jesus. We have a long way to go in order to live in

fulfillment of the scriptures. Here are some of the issues which we need to address:

The phrase "separation of Church and State" has been twisted into a new phrase; "separation of religion from society." There are those who want the celebration of Christmas to be suppressed and supplanted with a celebration of what they want to call The Winter Holidays. Abortion, euthanasia, the degrading of marriage, and dissolution of what we mean by the word "family", all are ravaging our culture. Freedom of choice has been changed to mean you have license to do what you feel like doing so long as you get away with it without getting caught.

All too many of us are of the opinion that religion and moral norms are a matter of private, personal preference. We are entitled now to ask whether separation of religion and morals from public life has brought us to the crisis in which we presently find ourselves in our society.

Lack of morals has a lot to do with sexual exploitation, the degrading of women, abuse of children, the abuse of power, and exploitation on the part of our corporate executives. Jesus Christ's vision, values, and activities matched the words of His inaugural address. He died to bring freedom to those held captive in webs of lies and deceit, to those held captive in addictive behavior patterns, along with freedom to those held captive under exploitative power. His vision brought us light in which to see the truth plainly and simply, so that we could say "yes" plainly and simply when we meant yes, and "no" plainly and simply when we meant no.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon you. He has anointed you and given you His gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, steadfastness and courage. Live your commissioning boldly and courageously.

Bulletin Announcements

***January 24 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** "It is not just ordinary mercy that is needed here. The burden of social and personal wickedness is so grave that an ordinary gesture of love does not suffice for forgiveness. So we invoke the great mercy. This is proportionate to the greatness of God." -St. John XXIII

***ShareLent Workshop** Lent is a time of reflection and renewal, when we contemplate Jesus' death for the salvation of humankind and are compelled towards action through his resurrection. It is the opportune moment for us to set out on a personal journey and to put our faith in action. In preparation for the Holy Season of Lent, Development and Peace invites you to this year's Share Lent workshop "Create a climate of Change". Together let us learn to live simply, to act justly and to be merciful. Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9am-1pm, St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Light lunch provided. Please confirm attendance by Jan. 27 with Pinky at pinky.devpeace@gmail.com.

***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

***Project Advance 2015** final results for our parish are as follows. The total amount donated by parishioners and friends of the parish during the 2015 year was \$20,391. That total equals 291% of the goal set for our parish at the outset by officials of the Archdiocese. As a comparison, during the year 2014 our parish received a total of \$19,110 in Project Advance donations. We sincerely thank everyone who helped make our Project Advance campaign for 2015 a great success. Tax receipts for your donations will be issued later in February.

***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.

***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	\$1,227
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$273

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 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.Nedeľ'a 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
Mon 25 8:00am	The Conversion of St.Paul; Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18	Za Mareka a budúcu partnerku	Mama
Tue 26 8:00am	St. Timothy & St. Titus; 2Tim 1:1-8; Lk 10:1-9	+ Enrique Javier	Family Javier
Wed 27 8:00am	St. Angela Merici; 2Sam 7:1-17; Mk 4:1-20	Margaret Bradly	Anonymous
Thu 28 8:00am	St. Thomas Aquinas; 2Sam 7:18-19,24-29; Mk 4:21-25	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Ladislava s rodinou	
Fri 29 8:00am	2Sam 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17; Mk 4:26-34	+ Ján Košláb	
Sat 30 9:00am	2 Sam 12:1-7a,10-17; Mk 4:35-41	+ Jřina Polepilová	Lenka
Sun 31 9:00am	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30	Za Bořie požehnanie pre Petra a Gabiku	Fr. Juraj
Sun 31 11:00am	4.Nedeľ'a v Cezročnom období; Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1Kor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30	Za farníkov	Fr. Juraj