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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

4. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Moje ústa, Pane, budú hlásať tvoju spásu.

I will sing of your salvation.

Veľmi často v úsilí o dobrý kresťanský život zabúdame na to čo je najdôležitejšie. Náš náboženský život nie je naplnený tým, že ideme do kostola. Zmyslom kresťanskej existencie je láska. Bez lásky nič nemá pred Bohom cenu, dokonca ani duchovné dary, ktoré môžu byť veľké a fascinujúce. Znakom kresťanskej zrelosti, znakom prítomnosti Boha v nás je Láska. Ale čo je láska? Láska je súhlas našej ľudskej vôle s vôľou Božou. Boh je Láska a súhlas s ním je skutočná Láska. Láska je poslušnosť Bohu v každej životnej situácii. A teda, to čo nás naozaj robí milými v Božích očiach nie sú duchovné dary, ale naša túžba po ňom, naša snaha poslúchať Slovo a jeho prítomnosť v nás.

„Keby som hovoril ľudskými jazykmi aj anjelskými, a lásky by som nemal, bol by som ako cvendžiaci kov a zuniaci cimbal.“ Evidentným znakom Ducha Svätého v našom živote nie je hovorenie cudzími, charizmatickými jazykmi, ale láska. Poslušnosť Bohu. Plnenie Božej vôle a to môže vyznievať tak nenápadne, ako podanie poháru vody smädnému, alebo ako tiché a nenápadné odpustenie, alebo ako trpezlivosť v prenasledovaní a súžení. Toto sú nenápadné a predsa silne prejavy Božej moci.

Jeden z týchto nenápadných znakov prítomnosti Ducha Svätého v živote kresťana je opravdivá ľútosť nad hriechmi. Je znakom Božej prítomnosti, pretože človek sám bez pomoci Ducha Svätého, nevie svoj hriech rozpoznať, odsúdiť a zavrhnúť. Ďalším nenápadným prejavom Božej prítomnosti v nás je skutočnosť, že sa rád modlíme, že sa z Boha tešíme. To sú omnoho dôležitejšie prejavy Ducha Svätého, ako veľkolepé hovorenie, alebo spievanie v charizmatických jazykoch. Treba mať veľkú úctu k Božím darom, dokonca treba o ne usilovať,

ale zároveň si stále uvedomovať, že najdôležitejším nie sú dary, ale sám Darca, ktorý je Láska. „A keby som mal dar proroctva a poznal všetky tajomstvá a všetku vedu a keby som mal takú silnú vieru, že by som vrchy prenášal, a lásky by som nemal, ničím by som nebol.“ Proroctvo nespočíva v tom, aby sme ľuďom predpovedali, čo sa bude diať a čo príde potom. Dar proroctva je schopnosť prihovárať sa ľuďom v Božom mene. Správne duchovne viesť ľudí, napomínať hriešnikov, ale keby sa to dialo bez lásky, je to tiež nanič.

„A keby som rozdal celý svoj majetok ako almužnu a keby som obetoval svoje telo, aby som bol slávny, a lásky by som nemal, nič by mi to neosožilo.“ Človek dokáže robiť veľké charitatívne diela, napr. rozdať svoj majetok chudobným a predsa to nemusí konať z lásky, ale z iných pohnútok.

Sv. Pavol nás všetkých vyzýva, aby sme dychtili za láskou. Aby sme túžili po Božom prebývaní v nás. Láska to je život žitý vo vzťahu k Bohu. Láska to je vedomie vyvlastnenia. „Či žijeme, či umierame, patríme Pánovi!“ Láska to je vyvlastnený život: „Nežijem už ja, ale žije vo mne Kristus!“ A to sa deje v eu-charistii a to vtedy, keď Ježiša prijímam ako Pána a Spasiteľa a keď mu dávam svoj život a svoju bytosť.

Today's gospel account brings us Jesus in His own hometown having just given His "Inaugural Address" in His home synagogue, there among all of His family and friends. He was the toast of the town – well received; they held Him in their rapt attention. The gospel account tells us "All who were present spoke favorably of him. They marveled at the appealing discourse that came from His lips." But very soon it all turned to hatred. They suddenly changed and turned on Him when

Jesus told them a truth they did not want to hear.

The problem arises when we are confronted with a truth that requires us to change, to change our attitudes toward people of other races, to change the way we behave, to change our patterns of living. This is what Jesus was about. He wasn't interested in simply having nice intellectual discussions about interesting ideas. He was calling for a thoroughgoing change in the way they understood themselves, God and others.

So how do we react in the face of such confrontations when we are challenged much like the hometown folks of Nazareth were challenged? We dismiss or even kill the messenger. "If you don't like the message, well, then, get rid of the messenger," as the saying goes.

We like to pride ourselves in thinking that we want to hear the truth. We even tell our wives, our husbands, and our children that we always want to hear the truth from them. But if they present us with a truth that requires us to seriously change, watch out!

And so if the truth hurts... well perhaps it *should*. Too many of us want to shape God into being just like us. We fancy God as seeing things just as we see them. All such ideas about God need to be challenged, and then we (not God!) need to change.

Too often we are much like the people of Nazareth. So when the truth hurts, when it confronts and challenges us, we ought to ask ourselves "Why are we so upset?" We ought to take a second look and see if it is God who is causing us growing pains. We will never be saved if we worship only a God who suits us because we've made Him over into our own image and likeness. When we pray we should expect change, for prayer changes *us*, not God.

Bulletin Announcements

***January 31 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "What is the danger? It is that we presume we are righteous and judge others. We also judge God, because we think that he should punish sinners, condemn them to death, instead of forgiving. So, 'yes,' then we risk staying outside the Father's house." – Pope Francis

***Freedom 2016** Freedom, the annual reconciliation event for youth sponsored by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, will take place Friday, Feb. 19 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey, from 7pm-10:30pm. Participants will experience first-hand the healing power of Christ through music, prayer, testimonies and teachings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Special guest speakers include Archbishop Miller, CSB and Fr. Rufo "Junji" Zarate, SDB. You won't want to miss this special event; come see why Freedom is often imitated but never duplicated!

***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.

***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.

***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	\$1,395
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	-\$105

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 31 9:00am	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30	Za Božie požehnanie pre Petra a Gabiku	Fr. Juraj
Sun 31 11:00am	4.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1Kor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30	Za živých a zosnulých farníkov	Fr. Juraj
Mon 1	2Sam 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13a; Mk 5:1-20	NO MASS	
Tue 2 8:00am	Presentation of the Lord; Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40	Na úmysel	
Tue 2 7:30pm	Obetovanie Pána; Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40	+ Mária Stavná	Dcéra Marta
Wed 3 8:00am	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; 2Sam 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6	+ Simone Fraser	Joyce Bouchard
Thu 4 8:00am	1Kg 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13	+ Josefa Javier	Family Javier
Fri 5 8:00am	First Friday; St. Agatha; Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29	+ Raymond Tsui	Mickey Javier
Fri 5 7:30pm	Prvý Piatok; Sv. Agata; Sir 47:2-13; Mk 6:14-29	+ Pavol Šiška	Rodina Bírošová
Sat 6 9:00am	St. Paul Miki & comp; 1Kg 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34	+ Otto, Darryl and Ashley	Joyce Krahnbel
Sun 7 9:00am	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Is 6:1-2a,3-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 7 11:00am	5.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období; Iz 6:1-2a,3-8; 1Kor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	+ Ján Košláb	Rodina Bírošová