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*Podťte za mnou, hovorí  
Pán; a urobím z vás  
rybárov ľudí.*

*Come after me, says  
the Lord; and I will  
make you fishers of  
men.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

5. Nedel'a v Cezročnom Období.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Budem ti hrať pred tvárou anjelov.*

*In the sight of the angels I will sing of your praises, Lord.*

**Sv. Pavol** nám v liste Korint'anom vysvetľuje podstatu kresťanskej viery, na akých základoch má stáť naše obrátenie, aby sme mohli povedať, že je to skutočne kresťanské obrátenie. Nie je každá obrátenie skutočne kresťanská a nie je každá viera životodárna. Viera je vtedy správna, keď sa zakladá na Slove Božom.

Evanjelium je predovšetkým radostnou zvesťou o Bohu, ktorý nás miluje. Ak v základoch mojej viery nestojí táto pravda, je otázne, či ma moja viera vedie ku Spáse. Vôbec nie je jedno, či na počiatku mojej viery stojí strach alebo láska, či som sa obrátil na základe príjemného pocitu, alebo či som uveril Božiemu Slovu. Nejde len o obrátenie ale ide o ďalšie smerovanie. Naše obrátenie vplýva na náš duchovný rozvoj. Sv. Pavol nás poučuje: „Bratia, chceme Vám vysvetliť radostnú zvesť, ktorú som vám ohlasoval. Vy ste ju prijali a ste v nej pevní. Ona vás privedie ku spáse, ak sa jej budete držať tak, ako som vám ju zvestoval. Inak by ste boli nadarmo uverili.“ Je možné uveriť nadarmo? Áno. A to vtedy, keď obrátenie nie je postavené na správnom základe, alebo ak správna viera nie je pevná a ak v správnej viere nevytrváme dokonca. Ku spáse je potrebná správna viera, istota v nej a vytrvalosť.

Viera, ako vzťah ku Božiemu Slovu, teda k živej osobe Ježiša Krista prítomnému v Písme svätom a vo Sviatosťiach Cirkvi a krst, vedie ku Spáse. Človek si môže overiť, či sa obrátil správne, či žije správnym duchovným životom, či sa rozhojňuje jeho viera, rastie jeho nádej a láska. Či skutočne kráča tou novou a živou cestou, ktorou je Kristus? Môže to posúdiť aj podľa duchovného ovocia, ktoré v jeho živote viera a smerovanie vyplývajúce z nej spôsobujú. Sv. Pavol na inom mieste hovorí, že „Ovocie Ducha je láska,

radosť a pokoj, šťastie...!“

Apoštol hovorí: „Odvzdal som Vám predovšetkým to, čo som sám prijal: že Kristus zomrel za naše hriechy podľa Písma; že bol pochovaný a na tretí deň vstal zmŕtvych podľa Písma“. Aj my môžeme druhým sprostredkovať len to, čo sme prijali. Len svedectvo s istotou môže druhého zasiahnuť.

Každodenné čítanie evanjelia nás núti porovnávať svoj život s Kristovým učením. Nechut' človeka k dennému čítaniu Písma sv. je ovocím lenivosti, ale môže pochádzať aj z pocitu strachu pred konfrontáciou s Božou pravdou. Kristus žiadal od ľudí, aby sa klaňali tomu, koho poznajú. V rozhovore so samaritánkou pri Jakubovej studni to jasne povedal: „Vy sa klaniate tomu, čo nepoznáte: my sa klanáme tomu, čo poznáme..!“

Roman Brandstätter, konvertita z Judaizmu, píše o svojom starom otcovi, ktorí mu niekoľko dní pred svojou smrťou dal takúto radu: „Bibliu čítaj neustále. Miluj ju viac ako rodičov... Viac ako mňa... Nikdy sa s ňou nerozíd! Keď zostarneš, dospeješ k presvedčeniu, že všetky knihy, ktoré si v živote prečítal, sú iba mizerným komentárom k tejto jednej jedinej knihe...“

**Simon Peter** was a fisherman. It was his livelihood. He wasn't a sport fisherman, fishing simply because he liked to fish. His life and the lives of his family depended upon his skills and his talents in catching fish. Not only that but the livelihoods of the men who worked for him depended upon him and the security and happiness of their families. Peter knew what he was about because he had to. People depended on him.

We find him in today's gospel account in a moment of failure. We shouldn't think it was his only failure or his last one.

Many of us do know the feeling;

many of us have had moments of such profound doubt that we've been ready to give up. And failure raises questions, questions about ourselves and questions about God. If God is so good, we are asked, why is there such terrible suffering in our world? But why, we need to ask, should God be limited by our puny little human imaginations? Our evaluations? Our standards? The problem is with us – not with God. Is God limited by our limitations?

Peter was offered a window of opportunity that came to him when he would have least expected it, after a night of failure. He took the chance, gave God what he did have, namely hope and trust, and suddenly defeat was transformed into victory. Peter, admitting he was a sinner, became the Rock upon which Jesus would build his Church. Jesus was saying to Peter: “Look, I know you are brusque, impulsive, strong-willed, and even a racist bigot. But you have given me your best. Now I'm going to give you my best.”

Isn't it true that people who have been wounded become great healers? Recovering alcoholics become the best rescuers of active alcoholics. Slow learners become great teachers. Aren't some of our greatest athletes people who have been told they have no talent?

Winners never quit, and quitters never win. If we try to limit God by our own limitations, we will only succeed in limiting ourselves. How then, do we respond to failure? Do we see it as a challenge and then at a deeper level see that every challenge is but an opportunity? Do we respond as did Simon Peter? To do so, we cannot limit God by our own limited little imaginations. We are not responsible for everything that happens in our lives. We are responsible only for our responses. No one else is, only we are — not God, not others, not life.

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*February 7 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** "For according to His greatness, so also is His mercy. (Eccl.2:23) It is well said that our sins are the seat of divine mercy. It is better said that God's most beautiful name and title is this: Mercy. This must inspire us with a great hope amidst our tears." - St. John XXIII

**\*Encountering Christ in the Year of Mercy** Come join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for a weekend retreat at Loon Lake Retreat Centre in Maple Ridge from Feb. 19-21. The retreat is open to single Catholic young women ages 18-30 and will include Mass, adoration, confession, retreat conferences, and free time, along with meals and single or double room accommodations. Cost: \$225, with bursaries available if needed. To register or for more info, contact Sister Mary Sabina at 604-475-4122 or email [vancouver@op-tn.org](mailto:vancouver@op-tn.org).

**\*Beatitudes for the Work Place** City in Focus and St. Mark's Parish have invited Father Max Oliva, S.J., to offer this retreat based on his book, Beatitudes for the Workplace on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 8:45am to 1pm at St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver. Fr. Max will guide adults through 4 hours of prayer and reflection on the virtues important to work and their transformative effect on our professional and personal lives. Cost: \$50, includes coffee and light refreshments. Book will be available for purchase. Register by Thursday, Feb. 11 at [goo.gl/58smHa](http://goo.gl/58smHa) or contact parish office at 604-822-0261.

**\*Mercy: Forgiving and Being Forgiven (Lenten Retreat)** Join us Saturday, Feb. 20, 1- 4pm at Holy Rosary Hall for a Lenten Retreat. Speakers: Fr. Julio Lagos and Sr. Chita Torres with inclusion of a guided reflection on the Door of Mercy and the book "Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody" by Allen Hunt. Followed by sacrament of reconciliation and Mass at 5:10. Cost \$10. Co-sponsored by Immaculate Conception Delta CWL and Holy Rosary Cathedral CWL. Please pre-register by contacting the following parish office: Immaculate Conception Parish at 604-591-2271 or Holy Rosary Cathedral at 604-682-6774 or by email [msmcchan@hotmail.com](mailto:msmcchan@hotmail.com) or [sarahisobelparry@gmail.com](mailto:sarahisobelparry@gmail.com).

**\*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	\$1,050
Weekly (Excess) Shortfall	<b>-\$450</b>

### Thank You. Vďaka. God Bless Your Generosity.

Modlitba príhovoru v našom kostole túto nedeľu nebude.

There will be no prayer ministry this Sunday in our church.

<b>Sun 7</b> 9:00am	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Is 6:1-2a,3-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
<b>Sun 7</b> 11:00am	<b>5.Nedeľa v Cezročnom období;</b> Iz 6:1-2a,3-8; 1Kor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	+ Ján Košláb	Rodina Bírošová
Mon 8 8:00am	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; 1Kg 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56	Za B.pomoc a požehnanie pre Máriu	
Tue 9 8:00am	1Kg 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13	Intention	Joanne
Wed 10 8:00am	<b>Ash Wednesday;</b> Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Wed 10 7:30pm	<b>Popolcová Streda;</b> Jl 2:12-18; 2Kor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18	+ Pavol Stavný	Sestra Marta
Thu 11 8:00am	Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	Sr. Agneška a Karmela	
Fri 12 8:00am	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15	+ za rodičov	A. and M. Styk
Fri 12 7:30pm	Krížová cesta + svätá omša	+ Pavol a Maria Horiánský	
Sat 13 9:00am	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32	+ Ladislav Ošťadal	
<b>Sun 14</b> 9:00am	<b>1st Sunday of Lent;</b> Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13	+ John Pardek	Margaret Pardek
<b>Sun 14</b> 11:00am	<b>1.Pôstna Nedeľa;</b> Dt 26:4-10; Rim 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13	Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Agnes 70.r.	Rodina Trochanová