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*Nielen z chleba žije
človek, ale z každého
slova, ktoré vychádza z
Božích úst.*

*One does not live on
bread alone, but on
every word that comes
forth from the mouth of
God.*



Stojíme na začiatku pôstnej doby. Vieme, že je to veľmi dôležité obdobie, čas vnútornej obnovy a očisty. Vidíme seba samých so svojimi hriechami a nedokonalosťami, ale vidíme aj Ježiša v jeho utrpení. Oslovujú nás myšlienky z pobožnosti Krížovej cesty a uvedomujeme si pritom spojitosť medzi našimi nedokonalosťami a hriechmi a Kristovým utrpením. Ježiš trpí a obetuje sa, aby nás vykúpil a vyslobodil z moci Zlého.

Mnohí cirkevní otcovia pri svojich rozjímavostiach prichádzali na to, že Krista sme ukrižovali vlastne my, tým, že sme zhršli. Teďa nie iba rímski vojaci, nie iba Židia pred dvetisíc rokmi, ale aj my, hriešnici, pribíjame Ježiša na kríž a keďkoľvek zhršíme, nesmierne zarmucujeme Boha. Táto myšlienka sa objavuje aj pri zjavení Panny Márie v La Sallete. Deti, ktoré ju videli, tvrdili, že mala na prsiach žiariaci kríž a na ňom z jednej strany kladivo a z druhej kliešte. Kladivo predstavuje tých, ktorí svojimi hriechmi znova a znova pribíjajú Krista na kríž, kliešte tých, ktorí ho svojím dobrým životom, v ktorom prinášajú obeť, snímajú ho z kríža. Bolo by podivné, keby sme pri pobožnostiach Krížovej cesty boli plní súcitu, ako jeruzalemské ženy, ale zároveň by sme ľahkomyselne hrešili a nič si z toho nerobili. Máš súcit s trpiacim Pánom? Chceš ňa trochu podobať Veronike alebo Šimonovi? Rob pokánie a budeš ako Šimon, ktorý mu pomohol s krížom, ako Veronika, ktorá mu podala šatku, aby si do nej utrel zakrvavenú tvár.

Istá legenda hovorí, ako si ľudia na dedine chceli postaviť kríž, aby mali Ukrižovaného stále pred očami. Všetko mali pripravené, drevený kríž bol vztýčený, Ježišovo telo bolo zhotovené z plechu a bolo ho treba pribiť na kríž. Táto úloha pripadla miestnemu kováčovi. Vystúpil po

rebríku, aby veľkými klincami pribil telo na kríž. Ale ako priložil kliniec k ruke a predstavil si, že ju má pribiť, nebol toho schopný. Zostúpil z rebríka a ľudom oznámil: Nemôžem! My na jednej strane hriechmi pribíjame Krista na kríž a na druhej tvrdíme, že ho máme radi. Ako často takto konáme? Preto sa počas tejto svätópôstnej doby zmeňme a povedzme s kováčom: Nemôžem, nechcem hrešiť, nechcem, aby Pán, ktorého milujem, kvôli mne trpel. To je skutočný pôst – odvrátenie sa od hriechu a sebaovládanie, ako cesta k duchovnému blahu.

Štyridsať dní pôstu sa podobá štyridsiatim rokom putovania židovského národa po púšti, ktorý tiež prežil svoje úzkosti, krízy a pochybnosti. Ale napriek tomu si uvedomoval, že je s ním Boh, ktorý ho vedie. Aj my pohliadnime s vierou na Ukrižovaného a prosme ho, aby nás viedol púšťou tohto sveta do večného života.

Evil is the corruption of what is good. A temptation always presents something to us as good – it comes to us wearing the disguise of good. Most people choose a course of action that appears to be good.

We are now entering Lent. We should be thinking about our temptations and their nature and how to deal with them. We should not choose what only appears to be good or simply feels good. We should choose only that which is actually good.

Let's now look at the three temptations the devil put to Christ.

"Turn these stones into bread," the devil suggested. The Evil One wasn't talking about the starving people of our world. Rather he was tempting us all by suggesting that all of our appetites should be satisfied. "If you have a need, an urge, a desire, or if you have any bodily hunger, satisfy it, he tells us. You have the power

to do so. Find heaven on earth; lack for nothing. Forget about that hunger you feel in your soul. Ignore the fact of your spiritual hunger for meaning and purpose; ignore your hunger for God's love.

The second temptation is to simply give up on the struggle to be good and surrender to the world as it is. You can have whatever you want, the devil tells us, whenever you want, and as long as you want. Be a self-authenticating and self-affirming person; be a self-determining person. And when anything bad happens to you? Well, make someone pay for it! Get a lawyer and make the person or the institution nearest to the event pay for what has happened to you even if what happened to you was the result of your own carelessness. Take care of yourself and leave others to taking care of themselves.

The third temptation is to turn your religion into something that you do to make God act. Prayer? Well, prayer is so you can tell God what He needs to do for you. The third temptation is to make God act – not you. In other words, don't put yourself to the test, instead put God to the test. Make God responsible for what happens to you. Force God's hand. Then, of course, you won't even have to bother with belief.

The temptations the devil put to Christ, and puts on us, all deal with putting self first and ignoring what God wants us to do. Lent is a time to combat all of these temptations. Lent is a time to fast from food so we can feed our spirits. Lent is dying to our self-centeredness in order to bring life into our lives and into our souls, the life God intends us to live. Lent is about sharing life with others. Fasting and self-restraint allow us to be shared with others and be available to them, to put others first instead of ourselves first.

Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

1. Pôstna Nedeľa.

1st Sunday of Lent.

Pane, buď so mnou v mojich skúškach.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Bulletin Announcements

February 14 – 1st Sunday of Lent "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity." - Pope Francis

***Catholic After Hours presents 'The Tonight Show with Fr. James'** Vancouver is a large, diverse city. What tensions exist between balancing faith, career, and social endeavours for young Catholics these days? What issues are important to young adults these days and how does it all come together for them? Find out on Monday, Feb. 29, from 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the Art Gallery Cafe, downtown Vancouver (entrance on Robson Street). Fr. James, pastor at St. Patrick's Parish, puts the spotlight on four interesting young Catholic professionals:

- Makani Marquis who lived as a hermit for several years but later felt a calling to marriage, to Lisa.
- Lisa Marquis who races in triathlons, teaches PREP in her spare time and works at the Archdiocese of Vancouver.
- Jeremy Keong coordinates Campus Ministry at a Catholic high school on the North Shore and keeps an active blog on his favourite issues.
- Erin McDougall is a recent convert to Catholicism and is a special education assistant at an elementary school on the North Shore and is discerning her vocation.

To register, visit rcav.org/catholic-after-hours.

***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 or 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

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| Our Weekly Goal | \$1,500 |
| Sunday's Collection | \$1022 |
| Weekly (Excess) Shortfall | -\$478 |

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.

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| Sun 14 9:00am | 1st Sunday of Lent; Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 | + John Pardek | Margaret Pardek |
| Sun 14 11:00am | 1.Pôstna Nedeľa; Dt 26:4-10; Rim 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 | Za zdravie a B.pomoc pre Agnes 70.r. | Rodina Trochanová |
| Mon 15 8:00am | Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46 | Intention | |
| Tue 16 8:00am | Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 | + Amando Saralegui | Family Javier |
| Wed 17 8:00am | Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:20-32 | + Michal Knapik | Syn Dušan |
| Thu 18 8:00am | Est 14:1,3-5,12-14; Mt 7:7-12 | + Salvador Macaranas and all deceased fam.members | Angie |
| Fri 19 8:00am | Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 | Za Božiu pomoc a požeh. Jiřina Polepilová | Lenka s rodinou |
| Fri 19 7:30pm | Kriřova cesta + svata omša | Na umysel | Maria |
| Sat 20 9:00am | Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 | + Regina a Jozef Tobiař | Rodina Birořova |
| Sun 21 9:00am | 2nd Sunday of Lent; Gn 15:5- 12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36 | Neal Jason Cabahug | Mama and Ate |
| Sun 21 11:00am | 2.Pôstna Nedeľa; Gn 15:5-12,17 -18; Flp 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36 | Za farnikov | Fr. Juraj |