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*Príd' Duchu Svätý a
naplň srdcia svojich
veriacich a zapál' v nás
oheň svojej lásky.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill
the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your
love.*



Evanjelium charakterizuje náladu apoštolov po Ukrižovaní Pána ako strach a uzatvorenosť pred ostatným svetom. Ich spoločenstvo spájal strach a vedomie spolupatričnosti. Mali svoju skúsenosť s Ježišom, ktorá im bránila odísť. Boli poznačení jeho školou. Na každého jedného z nich mohli ľudia ukázať prstom: „Aj ty si jeden z jeho učeníkov!“ Ale v podstate boli zo smrti Kristovej dezorientovaní a bezradní. Do spoločenstva, ktoré žilo v strachu a za zatvorenými dverami, prišiel Ježiš, stal si doprostred a povedal im: „Pokoj vám!“ A tak ako sa mi preukazujeme občianskym preukazom, tak sa Ježiš preukázal svojimi ranami. „Ako to povedal, ukázal im ruky a bok.“ Jeho rany vyjadrujú jeho totožnosť. Ježiš sa naďalej bude zjavovať ako Zranený a Oslávený. V našich očiach to vôbec nejde dokopy. Rany a sláva! Dokonca sa nám zdá, že rany nemôžu byť súčasťou Božieho plánu s nami. A predsa Vzkriesený potvrdzuje, že do Božej Slávy sa vchádza s ranami, že v Božích očiach nie sú na tom najlepšie tí, čo nič netrpeli, ale tí, ktorí pre Lásku znášali bolesť a utrpenie.

„Učeníci sa zaradovali, keď videli Pána.“ Zmätení učeníci zrazu pochopili zmysel kríža. Keď kňaz v rámci Veľkonočnej vigílie zapichuje hrudky tymianu v tvare kríža vyslovuje toto prianie: „Pre svoje sväté a oslávené rany nech nás ochraňuje a zachováva Kristus, náš Pán. Amen!“ a potom dodáva: „Svetlo Krista, ktorý slávne vstal z mŕtvych, nech zaženie tmu z našich srdca a myslí!“ A presne toto prežívali apoštoli v tej chvíli. Pochopili zmysel Ježišovho utrpenia i zmysel svojho vlastného utrpenia a v ich srdciach a myšliach sa znovu objavilo svetlo. Znovu videli Pána, od ktorého dostáva zmysel náš kresťanský život a utrpenie.

„A znovu im povedal: „Pokoj vám! Ako mňa poslal Otec, aj ja posielam

vás.“ Keď to povedal, dýchol na nich a hovoril im: „Prijmite Duchu Svätého. Komu odpustíte hriechy, budú mu odpustené, komu ich zadržíte, budú zadržané.“ Ježiš dáva apoštolom ešte jednu veľkú úlohu, ku ktorej potrebujú zvláštnu pomoc Duchu Svätého: Spolupracovať na zmierení. Najväčším problémom človeka je hriech. Hriech je niečo, čo ubližuje Bohu prítomnému v človeku. Hriech stojí proti nášmu pôvodnému určeniu: „Byť obrazom Boha!“ Človek, ktorý hreší, nezjavuje Boha! Ježiš zomrel za naše hriechy, ale zároveň nám prináša odpustenie. Na kríži dosahuje hriech svoj vrchol, ale Božou odpoveďou je: Vzkriesenie Ježiša pre naše ospravedlnenie. A vzkriesený Kristus prináša odpustenie hriechov. A túto moc deleguje apoštolom a ich nástupcom. Apoštoli môžu hriechy odpustiť ale aj zadržat. Nie zo svojej ľubovôle, ani nie pre kvalitu a veľkosť hriechov, ale majú skúmať, či je tu skutočná ľútosť a obrátenie. Jedine toto môže spôsobiť zadržanie, teda neodpustenie hriechov.

The traditional image of the Holy Spirit is the dove. That is drawn from the gospel accounts of the baptism of Jesus. However the language of the evangelists in that passage is very tentative; they simply saw that the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove, in the way that a dove might descend. There are two other images of the Holy Spirit in today's first reading: powerful wind and tongues of fire. Just as the evangelists do not say that there was an actual dove at the baptism of Jesus, Luke does not say that there was an actual wind and fire at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit does not lend her/himself to concrete representation, because the Holy Spirit cannot be seen as such. Yet the Holy Spirit is profoundly real.

There is much in our universe that is real but is not visible to the naked eye. It is now accepted that what we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit is part of the spiritual world, and it is no surprise that we cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, we have helpful ways of *imagining* the Holy Spirit. In today's second reading, Paul uses an image drawn from nature, speaking about the *fruits of the Spirit*. He is talking about the visible impact of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the impact of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the impact of the wind on people and objects of various kinds. Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God, and that life is a life of love. It is that divine life, that divine love, which was poured out at Pentecost, initially on the first disciples but through them on all who were open to receive this powerful and wonderful gift. It is that Spirit of God's love we have received who bears the rich fruit in our lives that Paul speaks about in today's second reading. The Spirit is constantly at work in our lives, making us more like Jesus. The ordinary, day to day expressions of goodness and kindness, of faithfulness and self-control, of patience and gentleness, are all manifestations of the Spirit that has been given to us by God. We can recognize the Spirit's presence in the common happenings of everyday life. The spiritual is not something other-worldly; it is humanity at its best.

Bulletin Announcements

***May 15 – Pentecost Sunday** “Today...I wish solemnly to entrust the world to Divine Mercy. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God’s merciful love, proclaimed...through St. Faustina, may be made known to all peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope...” – St. John Paul the Great

***Donations to Fort McMurray Crisis** Looking for a way to help the people of Fort McMurray in a material way? Please consider making a donation to the Canadian Red Cross at www.redcross.ca/donate. Donations will be matched by the Government of Canada. You can also donate to the Diocese of St. Paul. Half of contributions will assist the Catholic parishes and parishioners of Fort McMurray, while the other half will be forwarded to the Fort McMurray Ministerial Association for ecumenical assistance to those who have lost homes and jobs. Please make cheques payable to the Diocese of St. Paul and write Fort McMurray Fire on the memo line. Mail cheques to: *Ms. Janice Atwal, Financial Officer, Diocese of St. Paul, 4410 – 51st Avenue, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A2* For more info, visit rcav.org/prayer-and-humanitarian-appeals/

***Positive Parenting Workshop** Parenting is one of the most challenging, but also rewarding, tasks in life. The Positive Parenting workshops are a series of six dynamic workshops to support and equip parents with tools to connect with and guide their child/teen towards becoming capable, confident and responsible. The workshops will offer practical guidelines to provide for the emotional, social and spiritual needs of children and teens. Saturdays, May 21 and 28 & June 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Saint Joseph the Worker, Richmond. Time: 3-5pm.

·Session 1: “Positive Parenting” ·Session 2: “Parenting Teenagers” ·Session 3: “How to Improve your Child’s - Self Esteem” ·Session 4: “Four Goals of Misbehavior” ·Session 5: “Problem Solving and Family Meetings” ·Session 6: “Finding God in the Home” For more info, visit rcav.org/positive-parenting/

***Česká mše svatá** v sobotu 28.května v 6:00 večer ve slovenském kostele.

***Pút’ Detí do Westminster Abbey** Rodiny našej farnosti sú pozvané na Pút’ Detí v sobotu 4 júna 2016 do Westminster Abbey v Mission. Program začína sv.omšou o 2:00pm a pokračuje prehliadkou areálu so sprievodcom a na záver piknikom a hrami v parku. Záujemcovia, nahláste sa u Martiny na tel.č. 604-469-6931 alebo na email: zborov@telus.net

***40 Hour Adoration in our Parish this week.** We will be having 40 hour adoration in our parish on May 17th (9:00am-10:00pm), May 18th (9:00am-10:00pm) and May 19th (9:00am-11:00pm). Everyone is invited to spend time with Jesus. A sing up sheet, with the timings, will be at the back of the church. Please sign up for date and time you are available. Thank you!

*** Is not Adoration** - this coming Thursday night.

Sunday’s Collection from the Last Week

Our Weekly Goal	\$1,500
Sunday’s Collection	\$ 1,138
Ecuador Donation	\$367

Sun 15 9:00am	Pentecost Sunday; Acts 2:1-11; 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23	For parishioners	Fr. Juraj
Sun 15 11:00am	Zoslanie Ducha Svätého; Sk 2:1-11; 1Kor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23	Za birmovancov	Rod. Trochanová
Mon 16 8:00am	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29	+ Evka Szabová	Dcéra s rodinou
Tue 17 8:00am	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9;30-37	+ Albert Diemert	Joyce Diemert
Wed 18 8:00am	St. John Paul I, Pope; Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40	Za duchovnú rodinu	Učiteľka z W.V.
Thu 19 8:00am	Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50	+ Teresa Canta	Sigrid Erlends
Fri 20 8:00am	St. Bernardine of Siena; Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12	+ Anne Shelling	Family Michalec
Sat 21	St. Eugene de Mazenod; St. Christopher Magallanes & Comp; Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16	NO MASS	
Sun 22 9:00am	The Most Holy Trinity; Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15	+ Fortunato Ransa	Tina Michelle
Sun 22 11:00am	Najsvätejšej Trojice; Pris 8:22-31; Rim 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15	Za zdravie a Božie požehnaie pre Matúška	Milan a Lucia

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.