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*Duch pravdy vydá o  
mne svedectvo, hovorí  
Pán; aj vy vydáte  
svedectvo.*

*The Spirit of truth will  
testify to me, says the  
Lord; and you will also  
testify.*



# Slovenský kostol Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

## Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish

12. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Vo svojej veľkej láske vyslyš ma, Pane.*

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

**Možno** si niekedy kladieme otázky: „Co môže dokázať jednotlivec vzhľadom na celkovú situáciu tohto sveta? Môže niečo ovplyvniť? Som ako individuum vôbec niečo platný? Môže moje rozhodnutie pohnúť svetom?“ V listu sv. Pavla Rimanom sme počuli: „Preto ako skrze jedného človeka vstúpil do tohto sveta hriech a skrze hriechu smrť, tak aj smrť prešla na všetkých ľudí, lebo všetci zhrešili.“ Sv. Pavol nás poučuje, že smrť je ovocím hriechu a že tento hriech vstúpil do nášho sveta skrze jedného človeka. Tento svet je natoľko našim svetom, že Boh a anjeli nechcú a démoni sa nemôžu, v ňom prejaviť bez ľudskej súčinnosti. Boh do nášho sveta vstupuje skrze nás ľudí, skrze našu vieru, nádej a lásku a skrze dobré skutky. Ale takisto aj diabol do nášho sveta vstupuje len skrze ľudí. Bez nás nemôže páchať zlo v tomto svete. Keď Písmo sväté hovorí o hriechu, nemyslí len na hriech ako na zlý skutok, ale chápe ho ako zlého ducha.

Skrze jedného človeka, Adama, vstúpil do tohto sveta hriech a skrze hriech smrť. Vidíme, čo spôsobil jeden človek. Ako dôležitý je každý človek. „Ale s darom to nie je tak ako s previnením. Lebo ak previnením jedného zomreli mnohí, tým väčšími sa milosťou jedného človeka, Ježiša Krista, v mnohých rozhojnila Božia milosť a dar.“ Znovu máme pred sebou jedného človeka a aké úžasné ovocie jeho spravodlivého života. Už Abrahámovi je prisľúbené, že skrze neho budú požehnané všetky národy zeme. O čo viac skrze Ježiša Krista. Milosť chápeme ako niečo zadarmo dané a nezaslúžené, ale zároveň aj ako niečo, v čom človek môže vzrastať. Božia milosť je lepšia ako život, je niečo omnoho lepšie ako náš pozemský život. Je to vyššia kvalita života. Je to život v ov-

zduší Božieho priateľstva. Skrze Ježišovo človečenstvo vstupuje do nášho sveta nesmierna milosť. Do reality tohto sveta vstupuje Duch Svätý, ktorý je Božou Slávou a Božím uznaním. Jeden jediný stačí nato, aby spasil svet, aby sa skrze neho vyliala milosť na mnohých. Stačila poslušnosť jedného jediného, aby sme my všetci mohli dosiahnuť ospravedlivenie.

Možno stojí za to, zmeniť sa ešte problém šírenia hriechu a šírenia milosti. Hriech je natoľko spojený s ľudskou prirodzenosťou, že ho do slova dedíme. Dedíme nielen talenty ale aj hriechne sklony. Hriech je do slova a do písma napísaný do našich génov. Rodíme sa s narúšenou prirodzenosťou. Nikto nás nemusí hriechu učiť. Ak nás niekto pokúša, naše vnútro sa ozyva, pretože zlo je v nás. Hriech dedíme na úrovni genetickej i spoločenskej, ale milosť musí prijať každý osobne, začlenením do Kristovho tajomstva. Preto sme vyzvaní prijímať ho vo všetkých sviatostiach cirkvi. Sviatosti sú znameniami milosti. Bez prijímania Krista nie je spása. Prijímanie je predpokladom Spásy.

„Co skrze mňa osobne vstupuje do tohto sveta? Hriech a skrze hriech smrť, alebo milosť a skrze milosť večný život? Každý z nás môže buď zhoršiť situáciu tohto sveta svojím osobným zlyhaním, alebo naopak, tým, že nadviažeme vrúcnejší vzťah k Bohu, pozdvihneme celý svet.“

**When** our heart isn't filled with a strong love or a firm faith, our life easily ends up at the mercy of our fears. Sometimes it's the fear of losing prestige, security, comfort or well-being that keeps us from making decisions. We don't dare to risk our social position, our money or our small happiness. Other times the fear of not be-

ing welcome paralyzes us. The possibility of ending up alone, without friendship or people's love terrorizes us. We don't want to face daily life without anyone's close company.

Often we're just worried about being okay. We're afraid of being ridiculed, of confessing our true convictions, of giving testimony to our faith. We fear criticism, gossip and rejection by others. We don't want to be categorized. Other times the fear of the future seeps in. We don't clearly see our next step. We have no security at all. Maybe we don't trust anyone. Facing tomorrow makes us afraid.

It's always a temptation to seek a safe harbour in a religion that removes all our fears, uncertainties, anxieties. But it would be wrong to see faith as an easy cop-out for wishy-washy, cowardly and frightened people. Trusting faith in God, when rightly understood, doesn't lead the believer to escape one's responsibility in the face of problems. It doesn't lead us to flee conflicts in order to close ourselves comfortably in isolation. On the contrary, it's faith in God that fills our heart with power to live more generously and more bravely. It's living trust in the Father that helps us to overcome cowardice and fear in order to more boldly and freely defend God's Reign and God's justice.

True faith doesn't make people cowardly, it makes them resolute and daring. It doesn't close believers in on themselves, but opens them up to the problematic and conflictive sides of living from day to day. It doesn't wrap us into laziness and comfort, but encourages us to be committed. When we listen to Jesus' words: «Don't be afraid», we're not being called to evade our commitments, but are strengthened by God's power to confront them.

## Bulletin Announcements

**\*June 25<sup>th</sup> - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time** "God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

**\*Development and Peace (D&P), Caritas Canada News** Our risen Lord richly showed his love for us by his death and resurrection. We pray to reflect His love as we stand in solidarity with our needy brothers and sisters across the world. Thanks to your heart-felt generosity, as an example, both the emergency humanitarian and long-term development aid programs that we were able to put in place to respond to the devastating Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines reinforce each other and are being implemented as a coordinated effort. D&P has raised and distributed since 2013 more than \$12.4 million in grants with local partners to meet local needs and support improved reconstruction to be better prepared and protected in the future. Considerable humanitarian relief has been achieved. God bless your kind support. <https://www.devp.org/en>

**\*Project Advance 2017** has now reached its third week in our parish and the total amount received to date is \$3,820. Our Diocesan goal is set at \$7,000, so we have now passed 50% of that mark. Either Heather Charrest or Ed Starick will be available before and after each of today's Masses to receive further contributions. Beginning in July and moving forward throughout the remainder of the summer months, Heather and Ed will continue to accept contributions on an informal basis whenever anyone would like to contribute. Again thank you sincerely to all people who have contributed to this year's campaign. May you be blessed for your kindness and generosity.

**\*Piknik k sviatku sv Cyrila a Metoda** - v nedeľu 9. júla vas pozývame na piknik do Hume Park po sv omši, k sviatku sv. Cyrila a Metoda. Hľadáme dobrovoľníkov, ktorí môžu pomôcť. Prosím, prihláste sa na farskom čísle. Dakujem všetkým vopred za pomoc a ochotu. Church Picnic on Sunday, July 9th in Hume Park, New Westminster, after the Slovak Mass. All are welcome.

**\*20th Priestly Ordination Anniversary** - Our Father Juraj Kopanicky will be celebrating his 20 th Priestly Ordination Anniversary, on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017. We would like to cordially invite you to this celebration that will start with Mass at 7.pm at St. Cyril & Methodius Church, followed by the reception in our parish hall.

**\*Sunday Collection** - If you attend mass in another parish and wish to support our parish, you can still use Sts. Cyril and Methodius Sunday Offering Envelopes for Sunday collection and this envelope with your donation will be sent to our parish.

### Sunday's Collection from the Last Week

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| Our Weekly Goal     | \$1,500 |
| Sunday's Collection | \$980   |
| Pro Life            | \$457   |

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

### PRAYER MINISTRY

There will be no prayer ministry during summer in our church until further notice.

### THURSDAY ADORATION

Spend a blessed hour with Jesus on Thursdays 7:15pm-8:15pm.

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| Sun 25<br>9:00am  | <b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33           | + Ondrej Hrubša  | Rodina Astrabová     |
| Sun 25<br>11:00am | <b>12. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období;</b> Jer 20:10-13; Rim 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33          | + Milan Čarnogurský  | Ján Čarnogurský      |
| Mon 26<br>8:00am  | Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5   | + Enrique Javier   | Family Javier        |
| Tue 27<br>8:00am  | St. Cyril of Alexandria; Gn 13:2,5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14                                   | + Helena Rusiková  | Rodina Astrabová     |
| Wed 28<br>7:00pm  | <b>Vigil of Sts. Peter and Paul;</b> Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn21:15:19             | Thanksgiving Mass for my 20th Anniversary of Priest Ordination | Father Juraj         |
| Thu 29<br>8:00am  | <b>Sts. Peter and Paul;</b> Acts 12:1-11; 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19               | Pod'akovanie za Božiu pomoc a ochranu                          | Rodina Demčáková     |
| Fri 30<br>8:00am  | 1st Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Gn 17:5,9-10,15-22; Mt 8:1-4                    | + Michal Knapik  | Syn Dušan a manželka |
| Sat 1<br>9:00am   | <b>Canada Day;</b> Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17  | Thanksgiving   | Father Juraj         |
| Sun2<br>9:00am    | <b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time;</b> 2Ks 4:8-12a,14-16; Rm 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42    | Daughter Linda and family                                      | Margaret Pardek      |
| Sun 2<br>11:00am  | <b>13. Nedeľa v Cezročnom Období;</b> 2Kr 4:8-12a,14-16a; Rim 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42 | For Parishioners   | Father Juraj         |