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**21. NAVADNA
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**21st Sunday in
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Odprtih dlani

Prispodoba o ozkih vratih nam govori, da živeti odrešeno ni uresničljivo brez truda. Vprašanje odrešenja, zveličanja, je temeljno in glavno vprašanje, ki si ga mora sicer vsak človek prej ali slej zastaviti.

Za kristjane velja, kar je v Svetem pismu izrecno povedano, da se človek ne more odrešiti, ampak, da je lahko odrešen. Rešenje pa je v sprejetju zastojske Očetove ljubezni.

Razmeroma lahko bi bilo, če bi si odrešenje mogli odkupiti. Neprimerno teže in obvezujoče pa, če ga odgovorno sprejmemo. Obvezuje nas, da se razvežemo do zadnjih meja naše samozadostnosti, zlagane gotovosti in pravičnosti. Če je naše srce okamenelo in če je naša dlan skrčena, Božjega daru odrešenja ne moremo prejeti.

Prispodoba o ozkih vratih govori, da svojega življenja ne moremo prav zastaviti, če preprosto korakamo z vso svojo prtljago skozi široko razprta vrata; če želimo vstopiti v cerkveno občestvo brezobvezno, površno, neprizadeto ...

Bog išče in nagovarja celega človeka, kot je bilo rečeno že v Stari zavezi: »*Ljubi Gospoda, svojega Boga, z vsem srcem in vso dušo in vso močjo!*« To isto navodilo Jezus znova daje človeku.

Indijska zgodba pripoveduje o beraču, ki se je srečal s kraljem. Zdelo se mu je, kako se mu je sreča nasmejala. Toda kralj ga je presenil z vprašanjem: »Kaj mi lahko podariš?« Segel je v torbo in kralju v dlan položil kralju drobno riževo zrno.

Ko je potem zvečer berač pregledoval, kaj se mu je v torbi nabralo, je našel tudi riževo zrno, ki ga je podaril kralju. A bilo je zlato. In zjokal se je nad seboj - zakaj ni imel toliko poguma, da bi kralju podaril vse, kar je imel?!



Slovenian Day Camp





3-6
August
2010

Sunday's Readings

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Isaiah 66:18-21*

The Lord is coming to gather all peoples to himself so that all will be witnesses to his light and his love.

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that suffering is a part of life, but the lessons we learn from it can lead us to grow in compassion and love of others.

Gospel *Luke 13:22-30*

Those who assume they have some right to a place in the kingdom of God before others are in for a nasty shock. The invitation goes out to all the nations and excludes no one; but there are those who may miss out because of their arrogance or complacency.

“Try your best to enter by the narrow door.”

SOME YEARS AGO the film *Dead Man Walking* became a box-office hit. It was based on the true story of Patrick Sonnier who, with his brother, raped a young woman and then killed her and her boyfriend. It was a horrific

case. The two men were caught, tried and Patrick was sentenced to death. Sr Helen Prejean, a nun from Louisiana, was asked if she would write to a prisoner on death row. The prisoner was Patrick Sonnier. “The problem was,” as she says, “he wrote back!”

After a number of letters, Sr Helen realised that writing was not enough and decided to visit him. She visited him regularly, becoming his spiritual adviser, and over time they developed a special relationship. Eventually she walked with him to his place of execution. At no time did Sr Helen condone what Sonnier had done, but she believed that every person is worth more than his or her worst act. Through the relationship she developed with him, Sonnier came to believe in Christ and took responsibility for what he had done, expressing deep remorse. As he faced death, Sr Helen told him to keep looking at her. She said, “I will be the face of Christ for you, I will be the face of love for you.”

Jesus is asked, “Will there be only a few saved?” The reply that he gives is unnerving: many will try but not all will be successful. Jesus also goes on to say that people from all over the world, from many nations, will come and there will be places for them. In other words there are places in the kingdom of God for the many, not the few. Once again the ways of God are frequently at odds with our own.

The trap that the disciples of Jesus’ time may fall into is that, in believing that they have a special relationship with Jesus, they assume that this must mean that their place in the kingdom is guaranteed. After all, they eat and drink with him and listen to him talking. And from that position, it becomes easy to believe that “outsiders” will be excluded, or



have a lesser place. Do we tend to think that way too?

Jesus tells the disciples to try their best to enter by “the narrow door”. In the Greek of the New Testament, the word used for “try your best” actually means “to wrestle”. It involves struggle and effort. The question for

each of us is: what do we need to wrestle with?

Today’s Gospel is ultimately not about exclusion but about inclusion – there is space in the kingdom for many, and that includes those we struggle to accept, even people like Patrick Sonnier. Our wrestling will be in our struggle to reach out to those we see as unlovable: the outcast, the drug addict ... We are not asked to condone or accept the behaviour of those who hurt or abuse us or others; but we are asked to be the face of Christ to them, as Sr Helen was for the prisoner on death row.

This is not easy; and that is why Jesus calls us to wrestle with it, wrestle with our conscience, with our prejudices, with our own arrogance and self-righteousness. When we cannot do this, we may find ourselves facing the closed door. We receive the Eucharist, the body of Christ, on Sunday, so that we may be Christ’s body in our world during the rest of the week. As we receive the sacrament, we are called to act as Christ would act in our world.

Being the face of Christ to those we find most difficult to like or love is the narrow door through which all of us are being invited to pass. It may not be that we will be called to be alongside a prisoner on death row, as Sr Helen was; but it does mean moving away from the idea that our place in the kingdom of God is assured by such things as our presence at Mass each Sunday, and the consequent idea that others whom we see as outsiders are excluded from God’s kingdom and God’s love. There are plenty of people in our own neighbourhood, in our own community, who need us to be the face of Christ for them. Let us this week open our eyes and our hearts to them, and respond with the love we have already received ourselves.

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAROVI

Za nove orgle ste darovali: Manja Erzetič \$100; družina Štefanec \$100; Ignac in Marija Horvat \$100; Francka in Štefan Antolin \$100.

V spomin na + *Milana Štefaneca* Vinko in Milka Skale darujeta \$50 za Slomškovo semenišče v Mariboru.

Namesto rož za + *Milana Štefaneca* Štefan in Frances Antolin darujeta \$100 za maše v misijonih.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY

Društvo is seeking applicants for a new **Superintendent for the Villa Slovenia**. For more information, interested applicants may contact Jerry Ponikvar at 905-333-5813 or Kelly Fabello, active management at 905-333-5506.

2010 SLOVENIAN CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

All youth of Slovenian background in the Hamilton/Wentworth, Halton and Niagara Regions entering college or university or whose studies are in progress, are encouraged to apply.

Successful recipients will be recognized with a scholarship or bursary and will be honoured at the SCSF Annual Banquet to be held at Lipa Park on Saturday, October 23rd. Applications are available in the rack at the back of the Church. Any inquiries may be directed to Teresa Zupancic: 664-6013, Karl Ferko: 578-5890 or Jerry Ponikvar: 333-5813.

RAJNI

13. avgusta 2010 je v Odrancih umrla Kristina Mertik, sestra našega farana Franca Raduha. Stara je bila 81 let. V cerkvi sv. Gergorija smo v ponedeljek 16. avgusta zanjo darovali mašo zadušnico.

BARAGOVI DNEVI

25.- 27. september 2010 St. Ignatius Loyola Michigan

Baragovi dnevi se približujejo, iz Marquette kar vsak teden pride kakšna novica, da se tudi tam pripravljajo na Baragove dneve. Imajo kar nekaj predlogov kaj vse si lahko ogledamo tisto nedeljo dopoldne.

Prosili bi, da vsi, ki še niste, poravnate stroške (\$100 CAD in \$185 US) in sicer do 22. avgusta. V ceno je vključeno: prevoz, hotel, dva zajtrka, dve večerji in vstop na banket. V nedeljo popoldne pa se udeležimo svete maše in banketa, ki sledi po maši. V ponedeljek, 27. septembra 2010 se vračamo domov.

Podrobnejši spored bo objavljen pozneje.

Prijave sprejemata Terezija Sarjaš tel.: 905-560-1218 in Vera Gonza 905-560-0089.

Zbiramo pa tudi za Baragov sklad, če bi kdo želel prispevati.

MARMORA

Romanje v Marmoru, za dan skupne molitve, bo na praznik Marijinega rojstva, v sredo 8. septembra 2010. V avtobusu je prostih le še nekaj mest. Odhod avtobusa izpred cerkve sv. Gregorija ob 9:00 zjutraj, po sveti maši (ki bo ob 8:15 AM). Povratek zvečer ob 9:00 PM. Cena prevoza je \$30 po osebi. Za rezervacije in informacije pokličite go. Angelo Kobe, tel. 905-634-6746.

Kako pombembna je v življenju ljubezen

Nekoč je bil otok, kjer so živela skupaj vsa človeška čustva in vrednote: Bogastvo, Ponos, Žalost, Dobra volja, Modrost, Ljubezen ...

Nekega dne so čustva opazila, da se je njihov otok začel potapljati, zato so se vkrcala na ladje in odpotovala. Le Ljubezen je hotela počakati do zadnjega.

Ko se je otok že skoraj potopil, je Ljubezen začela prositi za pomoč.

Na lesketajoči luksuzni jahti se je mimo pripeljalo Bogastvo in Ljubezen ga je prosila: "Bogastvo, me hočeš vzeti s sabo?" Bogastvo je odgovorilo: "Ne morem, na jahti je preveč srebra in zlata, zato zate ni prostora".

Ljubezen je nato prosila Ponos, ki se je pripeljal mimo na mogočni bojni ladji. "Ponos, me lahko vzameš s sabo?" "Ne morem ti pomagati, Ljubezen moja," je odgovoril Ponos, "tu je vse urejeno in dovršeno, lahko bi kaj pokvarila".

Nato je Ljubezen prosila Žalost, ki se ji je približevala: "Žalost, prosim te, pusti, da grem s tabo." "Oh, Ljubezen draga," je odgovorila Žalost, "tako sem žalostna, da me v tej žalosti pusti, prosim, samo."

Tudi Dobra volja je priplula mimo potaplajočega se otoka, a je bila tako zadovoljna, da niti slišala ni glasu Ljubezni, ki je iskala pomoči.

Nenadoma pa se je zaslišal glas starčka: "Ljubezen, pojdi z mano!" Ljubezen je vsa radostna tako naglo stopila na škripajočo ladjo, da je dobrotnika celo pozabila vprašati po imenu. Ko sta prispela na kopno, je starček nenadoma odšel. Ljubezen se je tedaj napotila k Modrosti. "Modrdost, mi lahko poveš, kdo mi je pomagal?" Modrost je odgovorila: "To je bil Čas". "Čas?" se je začudila Ljubezen. "Zakaj, vendar, mi je pomagal čas?" In Modrost je odgovorila v svoji modrosti: "Zato, ker samo Čas lahko razume, kako pomembna je v življenju Ljubezen".



Od 22. 08. 2010
Do 29. 08. 2010

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

MASSES MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:00 P.M., SATURDAY 8:15 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

NEDELJA - SUNDAY

22. AVGUST

21. navadna

Dev. Marija Kraljica

za žive in rajne župljane
† Rudi Korošec 9:30 A.M. Žena Gertruda z otroki
† Jožef Gerič 11:00 A.M. Jožef in Verona Tompa

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY

23. AVGUST

Roza iz Lime

† Milan Štefanec družina Rev
za zdravje Poldeta Klineta Špiler Miha z družino
† Ivan Kutenovac Gizela Hauzar

TOREK - TUESDAY

24. AVGUST

Jernej, ap.

S. O. D. S.O.D.
†† Mici Tušar in Milan Demšar družina Demšar

SREDA - WEDNESDAY

25. AVGUST

Ludvik, kralj

†† Jožefa in Jožef Gerič sin Joseph z družino
† Milan Štefanec Veronika Čurič

ČETRTEK - THURSDAY

26. AVGUST

Tarzij, mučenec

†† starši Vlašič in Matija Vlašič Jožica Vlašič
†† sestri in brat Horvat Miha Špiler z družino

PETEK - FRIDAY

27. AVGUST

Monika, mati sv. Avg.

†† Jurij in Cecilija Rajbar družina Gergyek
† Milan Štefanec Joe in Ana Topolovec
† Avgust Smodiš hčerka Gizela z družino

SOBOTA - SATURDAY

28. AVGUST

Avguštin, šk. c. uč.

† Drago Hauzar, obl. 8:15 A.M. žena Gizela Hauzar
†† Rezka in Jože ter France in Jože 5:30 P.M. Lojzka Saje
† Ana Šemen Gomboc
† Stane Ambrož N. N.

NEDELJA - SUNDAY

29. AVGUST

22. navadna

Mučeništvo J. Krst.

za žive in rajne župljane
†† Pavla in Janez Horvat 9:30 A.M. Toni in Marija Franc
† Milica Kline 11:00 A.M. Polde Kline



DON BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASS TIMES: Ponedeljek/Monday – Petek/Friday: 7:00 P.M. Sobota/Saturday: 8:15 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian 5:30 P.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - Nedelja/Sunday: 9:30 A.M. – slovenska / in Slovenian - 11:00 A.M. – angleška / in English **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** Po dogovoru, prijava 1 mesec prej. - For an app't, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** Prijava eno leto prej. / For an app't, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** Vsak prvi petek ob 6:00 P.M. / First Friday of the month 6-7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation (person counselling) with your priest – please call during business hours for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971.