

7. NEDELJA MED LETOM

19. februar 2023 Leto A Št. 8

Nedelja, 19. feb: 7. NEDELJA MED LETOM

ODPEV: »Gospod je milostljiv in usmiljen.«

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.30 + Štefan Horvat, *Helene Horvat*

+ Rev. Sebastian Lončar, *Helene Horvat*

+ Ernest Vrečič Sr. in Jr., *družina*

+ Marija Bobnič, *M.G.*

+ Jože Stanič, *Simona Konig*

+ Matija Bajt, *družina*

+ Konrad Žurbi, *družina*

+ Marija Jamnišek, *Maria In John Kavčič*

+ Rozi, Frank in Eddie Jarkovič, *Marija Merič*

+ Ernest Žilavec - obl., *družina*

+ Silvo Kociančič, *Silva Ludvik*

10.00 *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Jože Kastelic – obl., *Pepca Kastelic*

+ Milka and Frank Mate, *Robert and Mary Kure*

+ Ana Hočever, *Helen and Frank Hočever*

+ Adrienne Nesich, *Robert and Mary Kure*

+ Anton and Mia Ferkul, *family Ferkul*

+ Ivanka Žižek - 5 obl., *son and family*

+ John and Milka Žunič, *children*

+ Jožef Kolenko, *family Kolenko*

+ Frank Štrlič, *wife Ida and family*

Župnija Marija Pomagaj:

10.00 + Frances in Helen Stariha, *Slavka Levstik*

+ Matija Bajt, *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Franc Demšar - 51 obl., *otroci*

+ Jože in Minka Hace, *hčerka z družino*

+ Martin Rupnik, *Marjan Žejn*

+ Janez Bogomir Levstik, *Marija Chicorli in otroci*

+ Rudy in Anica Resnik, *Marjan Resnik*

Ponedeljek, 20. feb: LEON SICILSKI, škof

8.00 + Nikolaj Žunič, *žena z družino*

+ Marija Jamnišek, *Maria Stezinar*

+ Milan Ludvik – obl., *Tilka z družino*

Torek, 21. feb: PETER DAMIANI, škof-cerk. učitelj

8.00 + Rozina Kramar, *Joe in Marija Hozjan*

+ Pepca in Jože Zalar, *P.J.Z.*

Sreda, 22. feb: PEPELNICA -ASH WEDNESDAY

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.00 + Tone Urajevčič, *Olga Plut*

+ Maria Udovec, *družina Ugovšek*

+ Marija Ugovšek, *družina Ugovšek*

+ Ivan Mahne, *žena z otroci*

+ Frank Lenče, *družina Lenče*

Za duhovne poklice, *K.L.Ž*

7.00 pm + Jože in Angela Glivar, *J.A.G.*

8.30 - 6 pm Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration

Župnija Marija Pomagaj:

10.00 + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

Četrtek, 23. feb: POLIKARP, škof-mučenec

8.00 + Joseph Obreza – obl., *žena z hčerke*

+ Matija Ugovšek, *družina Ugovšek*

Petek, 24. feb: MATIJA, apostol

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.00 + Alojz Hočever, *družina John Kodrič*

+ Rose Jarkovič – 30 dan, *Marian Jarkovič*

6.30 pm križev pot

7.00 pm + Matija Bajt, *Mary in Ivan Marentič*

Župnija Marija Pomagaj:

10.00 + Karel in Giovanna Žužek, *Robert Žužek*

+ Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

Sobota, 25. feb: ALOJZIJ IN KALIST, mučenca

8.00 + John in Cecilia Bain, *J.C.B.*

5.00 pm + Matija Čadonič, *družina Anton Grašič*

+ Štefan Krampač – 3 obl., *družina*

+ John Malich, *F. Malich*

+ Marija in Jože Jereb, *Marinka in Al Lahey*

+ Rose, Frank in Eddie Jarkovič, *Marian Jarkovič*

+ Fanika Logar -2 obl., *Tone z družino*

+ Iz družine Francelj, *M. T. Špehar*

+ Cvetka Krapež, *družina Čadonič*

Nedelja, 26. feb: 1. POSTNA NEDELJA

Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.30 + Jože Kastelic, *Pepca Kastelic*

+ Iz družine Strah in Jankovič, *Dušan*

+ Cvetka Pečarič, *Mary in Milan Jaklič*

+ Slava Jaklič, *Mary in Milan Jaklič*

+ Iz družine Bohte in Kastelic, *A. Bohte*

+ Marija Lovrin – obl., *Darko z družina*

+ Cvetka Krapež, *K. Sterle*

+ Silvo Kociančič, *Silva Ludvik*

10.00 *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Jože and Angelca Ovčjak, *Simona Konig*

+ Mia Ferkul, *Naša Pesem*

+ Maria Lamovšek, *Naša Pesem*

+ Vili Ficko, *Naša Pesem*

+ Slava Stajan, *Naša Pesem*

+ Terry Petersen, *Naša Pesem*

+ Martin Stergar, *family*

Župnija Marija Pomagaj:

10.00 + Vinko Levstik, *Slavka Levstik*

+ Franc Buh, *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*

+ Janez in Terezija Gornik, *družina*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Stane Grm, *družina Grm*

+ Matija Ambrožič, *družina*

+ Iz družine Vučko, *družina Markoja*

+ Marija Jamnišek, *družina*

+ Francka Videgar, *Frieda Kokal*

Po Namenu, *M. Por*

POST - KRIŽEV POT bo vsak petek ob 6.30 zvečer pri Brezmadežni in ob 9.30 am pri Mariji Pomagaj. Lepo vabljeni!



SHARELIFE NABIRKA je v nedeljo, 26. februarja.

»darujete velikodušno. Z velikodušnim darovanjem lahko naredimo čudodovite reči! «

Our parish's first ShareLife collection will be held on the weekend of February 26th.

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are funded through your generous support. Without our support, the 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope and healing offered through the important work of these agencies. As Cardinal Collins recently stated, "I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability."

If issuing a cheque, kindly make it to for Browns Line - OLMM ShareLife or for Marija Pomagaj - OLHC ShareLife
Please give generously. We can work wonders!

PARISH MEETING at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, March 12 at 11:30am (right after English Mass). Financials for 2022 will be presented. All parishioners welcome!

MISIJONSKA TOMBOLA bo **19. marca**. S tem želimo podpirati projekt g. Tomaža Mavriča za novo semenišče v Kongu. Prosim vas za tombolske dobitke.

MISSION TOMBOLA to help G. Tomaž Mavrič's project in Congo will be on **Sunday, March 19th**. You can bring new donations and prizes suitable for tombola to the parish office.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF- TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that there are more than 80,000 people injured and the rising death toll has now surpassed 41,000 people. Those wishing to help may either pay by cash (envelopes in the back) or, if by cheque payable to: **Brezmadežna: OLMM – Turkey and Syria**
Marija Pomagaj: OLHC – Turkey and Syria
Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster.
Thank you for your continued assistance.



NEW ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal, as the 14th Archbishop of Toronto. The archbishop-designate succeeds Cardinal Thomas Collins, who has served the archdiocese since 2007. The new archbishop will be installed at a ceremony at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on a date to be confirmed in the coming days. During this time of transition in the archdiocese, we give thanks for Cardinal Collins and his service to the Church and welcome Archbishop-designate Leo, who will be joining the community very soon. **Please continue to keep these shepherds close in prayer in the days ahead.**

POTRDILA za income-tax so v veži. Preverite vaše ime in naslov. Sporočite spremembe v pisarno. Hvala.

INCOME-TAX receipts are available in the church entrance. Please check that your name and address is correct. Notify the office of any changes.

ŽAREK - THE RAY

INSERT TO THE PARISH BULLETIN

ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNA S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ

*“Vrnite se h Gospodu, svojemu
Bogu, zakaj milostljiv je in
poln usmiljenja!” (Joel 2,13)*



Lent

RETURN TO THE LORD
your God,
FOR HE IS
gracious and
MERCIFUL.

JOEL 2:13

ANTON MARTIN SLOMŠEK NAM PRAVI...

“Ali čujte, preljudi moji kristjani, neskončno modri Bog nas hoče v sedanjih časih preskusiti, koliko kaj naša vera velja; hoče zaspane kristjane zbuditi, malopridne prevejati kakor gospodar svoje zrna na gumnu. Ne smemo torej brez vse skrbi dremati, ne križem rok držati, ampak vsakdo izmed nas naj po svojem stanu za sveto vero poskrbi ter v dejanju in besedi pokaže, da je pravoveren katoliški kristjan, pripravljen rajši vse izgubiti kakor dopustiti, da bi se veri med nami kaka škoda godila”. (Govori)

Fasting... / Post...

Drawing closer to God

Fasting and abstinence are the practice of giving up something in order to turn away from sin and draw closer to God. The thing we give up might be good in itself, but we relinquish it in order to obtain a greater good...**God**. Fasting is not only a form of penance, but a spiritual discipline that helps us make room for God, strengthens our will, prepares us for mission, and puts us in solidarity with the suffering of Christ and suffering people around the world.

Here are some of the spiritual benefits of fasting:

- It's a form of penance. Throughout the Old Testament, people covered themselves in ashes, took off their fine clothes, and fasted in order to express their repentance from sin. Fasting serves a similar purpose today.
- It makes room for God. By emptying ourselves, even if just a little bit, we make room for God to enter our lives more fully. When fasting and abstinence are hard, we are moved to turn to God in prayer for help.
- It strengthens the will. Fasting is a spiritual discipline; just as physical exercise makes our body stronger, fasting strengthens our will. Practicing self-denial in small things strengthens our will to resist sin in other areas of our lives.
- It prepares us for mission. Fasting imitates the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert. Just as Jesus used this time to prepare for his public mission, fasting prepares us to continue his mission in the world.
- It puts us in solidarity with the suffering Christ. Whatever small suffering we experience when we fast brings us closer to the suffering Christ—and all people who suffer from hunger, malnutrition, and abuse on a daily basis.



Jezus, tudi letos me vabiš, da stopim na pot priprave na veliko noč. Zavedam se, da si me letos našel z veliko istimi dvomi in nemirom kot lani. Odpusti mi, ker vedno, ko se spravljam k molitvi, najdem tisoč izgovorov. Kljub temu si Ti vedno tu, ob meni; mi prideš nasproti, ko mi pojemajo moči, zato si želim, da bi bil s Teboj.

*Jezus, ko utrujen in izčrpan stopaš proti Golgoti, vidim, kako čudovito je življenje. Vsak namreč, ki se dá na razpolago in prinaša srečo drugim – zapostavljenim, bolnim, tistim, ki jih nihče nima rad – ugotovi, da ima življenje ob Tebi smisel. Zato, Jezus, mi pomagaj: da v mojem življenju ne bo zmanjkalo Tvoje besede, da Te bom bolje spoznal, da se bom postil, ne da bi to dajal na veliki zvon, da bom učinkovito orodje Tvoje dobrote, **da bo moja molitev kot sončni žarek med oblaki** in predvsem da Te ne bom nehal iskati.*

Jezus, pomagaj mi tudi, da bo ta postni čas čas miru in premišljevanja, misli na to, kolikokrat sem pozabil nate, medtem ko si ti trpel in umrl za vsakogar od nas.

Jezus, vem, da želiš, da Te gledam v oči in tako odkrijem veselje v tem, da Ti sledim. Jezus, vse to mi pomagaj.
Amen.



“ZARES, PRAH SI IN V PRAH SE POVRNEŠ.”

(1 Mz 3,19)

Naslovne besede, zapisane na prvih straneh Svetega pisma, bodo na pepelnično sredo odmevale v naših srcih. Na ta dan kristjani s strogim postom in obredom pepeljenja vstopamo v 40 dnevni postni čas. To je čas, ki nas vabi h poglobitvi osebne povezanosti z Bogom, preko molitve, zakramentov sprave in evharistije, odpovedi določeni razvadi ali dobrini ter k dobrim delom.

Med obredom pepeljenja, duhovnik na glavo vernika potrese pepel, pripravljen iz blagosloavljenih oljčnih vej, ki je simbol človekove minljivosti, krhkosti in pokore. Ob tem poleg besed v naslovu lahko izgovarja tudi besede: »Spreobrne se in veruj evangeliju!« Verovati evangeliju pomeni hoditi za Jezusom, v poslušanju njegove besede; ta nas osvobaja zla in daje svobodo za dobro, ki je služenje. Te besede nas vabijo, naj se odpovemo egoizmu, zagledanosti sami vase in verujemo v držo ljubezni, v pot odnosov in povezanosti. V postni čas vstopamo s strogim postom, kar pomeni, da se samo enkrat v dnevu najemo do sitega in se poleg tega odpovemo mesu ter mesnim jedem (k zadržku od mesa smo povabljeni vse petke v letu). Vendar pa je odpoved hrani le ena od oblik spokornosti. V postnem času smo povabljeni tudi k poglobljeni molitvi, premišljevanju Jezusovega trpljenja, branju Svetega pisma, udeležbe pri sveti maši, odpovedi kave, alkohola, kajenja, televizije, pametnih naprav, pomoči bolnikom, ostarelim in osamljenim idr.

Varujmo se skušnjave, da bi ta dejanja postala same sebi namen. Namen posta ni hujšanje, dokazovanje sebi in drugim kaj zmorem ali pa zadnji modni trend. Ne obremenjujmo bližnjih z našimi odločitvami glede posta, saj je Jezus glede tega povedal: »Kadar se postite, se ne držite čemerno kakor hinavci; kazijo namreč svoje obraze, da pokažejo ljudem, kako se postijo. Resnično, povem vam: Dobili so svoje plačilo. Kadar pa se ti postiš, si pomazili glavo in umij obraz. Tako ne boš pokazal ljudem, da se postiš, ampak svojemu Očetu, ki je na skritem. In tvoj Oče, ki vidi na skritem, ti bo povrnil.« (Mt 6, 16-18)

Post je duhovna pot in pravi smisel postne spokornosti je, da Bogu ponovno izročimo svoje srce, da bi ga On lahko na novo oblikoval in ga napolnil s svojim Duhom. Zato ne čakajmo in ne iščimo izgovorov. Vstopimo v postni čas svobodno, iskreno in z veseljem.



Set Up A “Lentscape” Or Lenten Home Altar and send the picture...



This is a well loved tradition in our home! This can also be updated throughout the season to stay fresh and encourage your family to stay on their Lenten path.



What is Lent? An opportunity for your family to dive deeper

Lent is a prime time to introduce spiritual disciplines—prayer, fasting, remembering, simplicity, celebrating—into your family’s lifestyle and rhythms. You’re modeling and cheering on “lay[ing] aside every weight” in order to “run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus” ([Hebrews 1:1-2](#)).



Dragi župljani,

že nekaj let pišem oz. pripravljam dodatek (Insert) za župnijska oznanila. Seveda ne napišem vsega sam in uporabim tudi kakšne misli, sporočila, ki jih preberem v revijah, knjigah ali na internetu. Včasih dobim tudi kaj od vas. Želja je, da bi na ta način pomagal pri duhovni rasti na osebni, družinski in župnijski ravni.

Včasih nas je povezovala revija Božja beseda. Zavedam se, da smo lazaristi s tem povezovali veliko družin povsod po Kanadi. Kakor veste, sem moral izdajanje ukiniti zaradi upada naročnikov, povečanja stroškov, neurejenosti pri plačevanju in mnogih težav pri urejanju. Internet, radio, TV, socialna omrežja, vse to vpliva na dejstvo, da tiskane informacije dokaj hitro zastarajo.

Dear parishioners,

For several years now I have been writing or preparing an insert for the parish bulletin. Of course, I do not write everything myself and I also use some thoughts, messages that I read in magazines, books or Internet. Sometimes I also get something from you. My desire is to help our spiritual growth on a personal, family and parish level.

Sometimes the magazine *Božja Beseda* (The Word of God) was our link. I am aware that we Vincentians Fathers have connected many families all over Canada with this magazine. As you know, I had to end the publication because of declining subscribers, increased costs, payment irregularities and many editing problems. The Internet, radio, TV, social networks, all have an impact on the fact that printed information becomes outdated quite quickly.

V »zlati dobi« te revije smo imeli po pet do osem duhovnikov na obeh župnijah in je bilo lažje skrbeti za revijo. Ko se je izkazalo, da bi moral premisliti celoten koncept te revije, in glede na število težav, ki so se nagrmadile, nisem imel več volje, pa tudi ne znanja in vizije za to delo. Nekje mora človek tudi priznati in upoštevati svoje pomanjkljivosti pri ob opravljanju svojega poklica ter na podlagi tega tudi usmeriti moč in energijo v pastoralno delo.

Z izdajo teh oznanil na začetku postnega časa 2023 vam želim ponuditi nekaj svežega, urejenega in doslednega na ravni naših dveh župniji in tako tudi vsaj malo nadomestiti praznino ob ukinitvi Božje besede. Upam, da boste tudi vi sodelovali s svojimi prispevki! Prispevki naj bodo seveda zvesti cerkvenemu nauku in učiteljstvu. Želja je, da bi stvar v tej obliki izdali vsaj enkrat mesečno in (če je mogoče) ob posebnih praznikih in liturgičnih časih (božič, postni čas, velika noč ...).

Zakaj ime *Žarek*?

Kako čudovito je začutiti žarek sonca na obrazu, zlasti v mrzlih in temnih dneh! Kajne? Še lepše pa je, ko človek spozna in začuti Božij sijaj v svojem vsakdanjem življenju. Prijetno in čudovito je, ko med nami zasijeta Božja bližina in ljubezen! Naj bodo ta tiskana oznanila pripomoček, da bomo lažje odkrivali in razumeli znamenja, ki nam jih Bog pošilja kot žarke – preko zakramentnov, liturgije, molitve, cerkvenega učiteljstva, družbenega nauka, svetnikov ... Naj nam bo ta župnijski list kakor žarek v vsakdanjiku.

Nisem želel uporabiti imena Božja beseda, kajti Božja beseda je Sveto pismo. Iskal sem nekaj, kar nas povezuje: lik device Marije. Usmiljenka s. Katarina Laboure je imela leta 1830 v Parizu tri videnja Device Marije. Na podlagi opisa tega dogodka so potem skovali nam zanano čudodelno svetinjo. Takole je s. Katarina dejala: »Nemogoče mi je povedati, kaj sem čutila in videla, in ne morem opisati lepote prikazni ter sijaja žarkov.« Marija ji pravi: »Ti žarki pomenijo milosti, ki jih razlivam na tiste, ki me zanje prosijo.« In sv. Katarina doda: »Tedad sem razumela, kako nekaj lepega je klicati sveto Devico in kako darežljiva je do tistih, ki jo prosijo milosti: kako obilne milosti deli tistim, ki jo zanje prosijo, in kako neizrekljivo je vesela, če lahko deli milosti.«

Naj nam torej *Žarek* pomaga, da bomo lažje spoznali in živeli svojo vero ter tako tudi sami postali žarki Božje ljubezni in bližine za svet okoli nas. Tako bomo tudi misijonarji v »misijonski župniji«.

Vsem želim lep in sveti postni čas.

Vaš župnik, Leopold Valant CM

In the 'golden age' of this magazine we had five to eight priests in the two parishes and it was easier to look after the magazine. When it became clear that I would have to rethink the whole concept of this magazine, and given the number of problems that were mounting up, I no longer had the will, nor the knowledge or the vision to do the job. Somewhere one has to admit and take into account one's shortcomings in the exercise of one's vocation and, on that basis, to channel one's strength and energy into pastoral work.

With the publication of these parish bulletin insert at the beginning of Lent 2023, I wish to offer you something fresh, orderly and consistent at the level of our two parishes, and thus also to compensate, at least a little, for the void left by the suppression of the *Word of God*. I hope you will also participate with your contributions! Contributions should, of course, be faithful to Church teaching and doctrine. It is my desire to publish the insert "*Žarek*" in this form at least once a month and (if possible) on special feasts and liturgical seasons (Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.).

Why the name "*Žarek*" (*The Ray* in Slovenian)?

How wonderful it is to feel a ray of sunshine on your face, especially on cold and dark days! Isn't it? But it is even more beautiful when one comes to know and feels God's radiance in one's daily life. It is pleasant and wonderful when God's closeness and love shine among us! May these printed inserts be a tool to help us to discover and understand the signs that God sends to us as rays - through the sacraments, liturgy, prayer, Church teaching, social teaching, saints... May this parish bulletin be a ray in our daily lives.

I did not want to use the name "*Božja Beseda*" (*Word of God*), because the Word of God is the Bible. I was looking for something that unites us: the figure of the Virgin Mary. Saint Catherine Labouré had three apparitions of the Virgin Mary in Paris in 1830. The description of this event was then used to create the Miraculous medal that we know. Sister Catherine said: "It is impossible for me to tell what I felt and saw, and I cannot describe the beauty of the apparition and the radiance of the rays." Our Lady said to her, "These rays signify the graces that I pour out on those who ask me for them." And Sister Catherine adds, "Then I understood how beautiful it is to call upon the Blessed Virgin and how generous she is to those who ask her for graces: how abundantly she gives graces to those who ask her for them, and how unspeakably happy she is to be able to share graces."

May *Žarek*- *The Ray* therefore help us to know and live our faith more easily and thus become beams of God's love and closeness to the world around us. In this way, we will also be missionaries in a "mission parish".

I wish everyone a beautiful and holy Lent.

Your Pastor, Leopold Valant CM

