

# 1. POSTNA NEDELJA

26. februar 2023    Leto A    Št. 9

## Nedelja, 26. feb: 1. POSTNA NEDELJA

### 1st Sharelife Sunday

**ODPEV:** »Usmili se nas, o Bog, ker smo grešili!«  
*Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

### 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 družino*  
+ 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*  
+ Slavka 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*  
+ Jože Žoldoš, *Agata Žoldoš*  
Po Namenu, *M. Por*

## Ponedeljek, 27. feb: GABRIJEL ŽAL. MATI BOŽJA

**8.00** + Anica Dejak, *družina Obreza*  
+ Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *I.F.P.*  
+ Stane in Mimi Ugovšek, *družina Ugovšek*

## Torek, 28. feb: OSVALD (OŽBOLT), škof

**8.00** + Štefan, Marija in Helen Kramar, *J. M. Hozjan*  
+ Matilda Ritlop, *Večerni Zvon*  
+ Janez Žalik - obl., *hčerka Tilka*

## Sreda, 1. mar: ALBIN (ZORKO), škof

**8.00** + Katarina Ščrbič - obl., *Irena Ščrbič*  
+ Anica Dejak, *Marija Dejak z družino*

**8.30 - 6 pm** *Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration*

## Četrtek, 2. mar: NEŽA PRAŠKA, devica

**8.00** + Pepca in Jože Zalar, *P.J.Z*  
+ Jože in Angela Glivar, *J.A.G*

## Prvi Petek, 3. mar: KUNIGUNDA, cesarica

### Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

**8.00** + Starši Jurajevčič, *Olga Plut*  
+ Mimi in Stane Ugovšek, *družina Ugovšek*  
+ Franc Frankovič, *Danica in Ivan Papa*

**6.30 pm** *križev pot*

**7.00 pm** + John in Cecilia Bain, *J.C.B.*

### Župnija Marija Pomagaj:

**9.30** *križev pot*

**10.00** + Franc in Francka Videgar, *oporoka*  
+ Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

## Sobota, 4. mar: KAZIMIR, kralj

**8.00** + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *I.F.P.*

**5.00 pm** + Marija Jamnišek, *družina Šubic*

+ Iz družine Ritlop, *Tone in Gizela Bohnec*  
+ Iz družine Špehar, *M. T. Špehar*  
+ Dora Benec, *F. Malich*  
+ Cecilia Segula, *Jožef Hrast*  
+ Slavka Kosec, *Jožef Hrast*  
+ Anton Remic, *družina Alfons Kumprej*  
+ Silvan Kociančič, *družina*  
Za duhovne poklice, *K.L.Z*

## Nedelja, 5. mar: 2. POSTNA NEDELJA

### Župnija Brezmadežne s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

**8.30** + Ernest Vrečič Sr. in Jr., *družina*  
+ Starši Plut, *Jože Plut*  
+ Matilda in Max Petrovič, *Marija Gustinčič*  
+ Mona Cowell, *hčerke*  
+ Amalia Testen, *družina*  
+ Marijana Coprisi, *teta Helena Horvat*  
+ Steve Marič, *žena*  
+ Kristina Kovačič, *Ana in Jože Bartol*  
+ France Marold, *Ana in Jože Bartol*  
+ Rose Jarkovič, *Frank Kornik iz Clevelanda*

### **10.00** *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Jože Kure, *Robert and Mary Kure*  
+ Ivica Kern, *family Ferkul*  
+ Alojz Kambič, *Saloma Kambič*  
+ Anton Juha, *children*  
+ Dora Benec, *the staff of St. Barbara C.E.S.*  
+ David Semen, *family*  
+ Raffealla Truscillo, *family*

### Župnija Marija Pomagaj:

**10.00** + Alojzij in Terezija Petek, *Slavka Levstik*  
+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*  
+ Iz družine Bakar, *J. Kastelic z družino*  
+ France Godel - obl., *oporoka*  
+ Sonja Kokal, *družina A. Stražar*  
+ Karl Klement, *Ignac in Matilda Kranjec*  
+ Iz družine Tkalec, *Ignac in Matilda Kranjec*

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

**SV. KRST / BAPTISM** - V soboto 25. februarja je zakrament svetega krsta prejel **Marina Iris Dolenc**. Naj družino spremlja božji blagoslov in varstvo nebeške Matere Marije.



**SHARELIFE NABIRKA je v nedeljo, 26. februarja.** »darujete velikodušno. Z velikodušnim darovanjem lahko naredimo čudodovite reči! «

**Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife**

**Our parish's first ShareLife collection will be held this weekend on February 26<sup>th</sup>** and we ask you to reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The parable challenges us: if a brother or sister reaches out for help, will we treat them like our neighbour or keep them at arm's length? Through your kind generosity to ShareLife, you reach out to others at the side of the road. Your act of love will make a tangible difference in the life of others.

**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. Prosimo 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 46,000 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**

(to date received \$1,480.)

**Marija Pomagaj: OLHC – Turkey and Syria**

(to date received \$1,785.)

**Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster.**  
**Thank you for your continued assistance.**

### **JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

A Canadian Conference of Bishops video series *Journey through Lent* will be available once again on the CCCB website. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth. Every Monday throughout Lent, a video will continue to be posted on the CCCB website in English and in French for the following Sunday's eucharistic celebration. In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/>

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** silence campaign starts February 22nd until April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 am- 7 pm daily. We do a Silence & Praying campaign in front of the abortuary at Dufferin & Lawrence.

**40 DAYS WITHOUT ALCOHOL.** Slovenian Karitas invites you to participate. The campaign aims to raise awareness that excessive alcohol consumption causes a lot of distress due to broken relationships, violence, traffic accidents and illness.



Akcija 40 dni brez alkohola poteka v Sloveniji že osemnajstič, tokrat z geslom »Beseda zdravi«. Z akcijo organizatorji opozarjajo, da prekomerno uživanje alkohola povzroča veliko stisk zaradi skrhanih odnosov, nasilja, prometnih nesreč in bolezni. Odziv na povabilo k 40-dnevni odpovedi alkoholu je znamenje solidarnosti z vsemi, ki trpijo zaradi alkohola. Preventivna akcija 40 dni brez alkohola je simbol skupnih prizadevanj za zmanjšanje posledic prekomernega uživanja alkohola. V akciji lahko sodelujete sami ali kot družina, skupnost, društvo. Sodelujete tako, da vsaj v času trajanja akcije ne uživate in drugim ne ponujate alkoholnih pijač. **Več informacij:** [www.brezalkohola.si](http://www.brezalkohola.si)

# ŽAREK- THE RAY

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ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNA S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ



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### Zakaj Bog dopušča skušnjave?

Ko si prizadevamo, da bi bili boljši, nas lahko zaslepi huda skušnjava. Včasih se ji je težko izogniti in morda se bomo celo vdali grešnim strastem. V tistem trenutku bomo morda vprašali Boga: "Zakaj dopuščaš takšne skušnjave? Pa tako blizu zglednemu življenju sem bil!" Italijanski duhovnik Lorenzo Scupoli takole piše: "Po naravi smo prevzetni, drzni in se zavedamo

muhavosti svojih čutnih potreb. Zato smo si sposobni nenehno laskati in se cenimo onkraj vseh razumnih meja. Takšna predrznost je tako velika ovira za naš duhovni napredek, da nas že najmanjši madež ovira pri doseganju resnične popolnosti." Ko Bog prepozna takšno prevzetnost, dovoli skušnjavi, da nas naredi ponižnejše in nas spomni, kako se

moramo zanašati na Boga. Scupoli navede primer apostolov Petra in Pavla. Ali ni Bog nekoč rešil negotovega Petra, ko mu je dopustil, da Ga apostol zataji in priseže, da Ga ne pozna? Ali ni Petru omogočil, da je sam spoznal svojo zmoto in se znebil svoje predrznosti? Ali ni podobno storil s sv. Pavlom? Da bi ga obvaroval pred zahrbtno pregreho in mu preprečil, da bi zlorabil vzvišeno razodetje, ki mu je bilo zaupano, je dopustil, da ga je nadležna skušnjava nenehno opominjala na njegovo šibkost.

Bog navsezadnje takšne skušnjave dopušča v naše dobro. To ne pomeni, da bi se morali skušnjavi vdati, temveč se ji moramo upreti z vso močjo ter jo razumeti kot preizkušnjo svoje vere v Boga. Njegova pota so pogosto skrivnostna in zagotovo niso naša pota. Bog nam lahko iz zla prinese veliko dobrega: največji zgled za to je križanje Jezusa. Pomembno je, da v Božjih očeh vedno ostanemo ponižni, si priznamo svoje šibkosti in trdno zaupamo v Njegovo milost. Bog bi moral biti naša skala in naša moč v času preizkušenj in čeprav dopušča, da nas hudič hudo preizkuša, to počne zato, da bi napredovali na poti proti popolnosti. (vir: F.Koslowski – Aleteia)



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# J.R.R Tolkien and The temptation

A short reflection based on the book: "The Lord of the Rings"

*It was in high school that I discovered Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings". But, it is only during my studies that I discovered that he was a man of pious faith and of strong Catholic upbringing. Tolkien said that fairy stories and all good stories hold up a mirror to man - they show us ourselves. In his major works, he tried to convey the message and symbols of the gospel to a world increasingly hermetic to Christianity. Let me present a short reflection about temptation through one of his major works.*

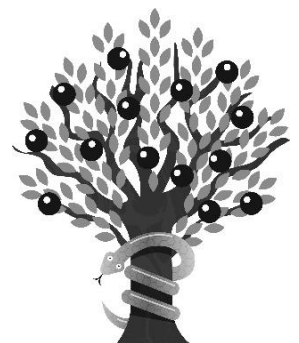
In "The Lord of the Rings", Tolkien builds a whole quest, whose first goal is not to acquire a treasure, a precious object, a loved one (even if this is also present: one of the main characters, Aragorn fights to ascend to the throne of Gondor and to deserve the hand of the noble and beautiful Arwen) but to get rid of a false treasure forever, an object as terribly dangerous as it is beautiful, namely the Ring forged by Sauron (the principal antagonist).

J.R.R. Tolkien wrote in a letter to his friend and priest, Father Robert Murray: "The Lord of the Rings is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work; unconsciously so at first, but consciously in the revision. That is why I have not put in, or have cut out, practically all references to anything like 'religion', to cults or practices, in the imaginary world. For the Thus it is in the story itself and the symbols that the

religious element is absorbed into the story and the symbolism." Thus it is in the story itself and the symbols that the question and the problem of temptation can be discovered.

The ring in the story is dangerous because Sauron has forged it with the aim of enslaving the spirits. He has put into it all his pride, all his will for absolute domination and limitless power. This is why, in Tolkien's work, the Ring is both the Tempter and the Temptation par excellence. The symbol and summary of all temptation: it is the will to power in its purest form, the unbridled desire for raw power, a power without love and without wisdom, which knows no other measure than itself. "Take me, use the strength I give you and I will make you a god".

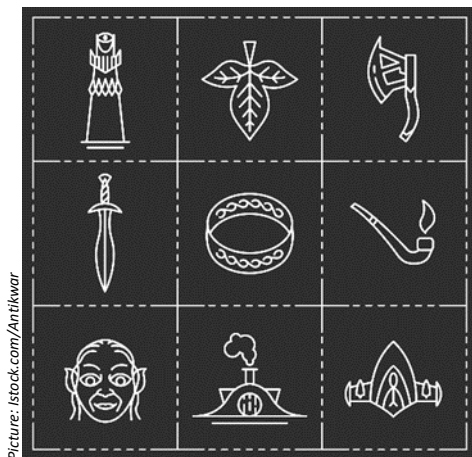
Remember the first reading this Sunday. In a similar way, for Adam and Eve the temptation is coming through the voice of the serpent. He wants Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit: "when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God". Behind the question of temptation is revealed the desire of



this life cut off from God. Even worse, a life where one thinks he is God. It is this Original sin that castigates us and leads us to certain death.

A person who wants to be his own end, who wants to be the centre of everything, can only fall into his own nothingness, empty himself of his substance. This is why the Ring first of all

has the effect of making its wearer invisible: it cuts him off from the world and isolates him in his solitary will to power. During a dialogue between two principal protagonists, the wizard Gandalf explains to the Hobbit Frodo that the one who uses the Ring often, ends up fading away purely and simply. He becomes spectral: he leaves the real world, the world of the living, he is no more than an insatiable will to devour everything, to absorb everything into himself. The single ring is beautiful and seductive. What could be more seductive to freedom than the immense power it offers? It can be very legitimate to desire strength to serve a good cause. Gandalf says to Frodo: "Do not tempt me! For I do not wish to become like the Dark Lord himself.



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Yet the way of the Ring to my heart is by pity, pity for weakness and the desire of strength to do good". But, sheer force, without love and wisdom, produces only destruction. Another character in the book, Boromir, shows the fact that we are susceptible to trying to use the power of evil supposedly for good. As Boromir learns, evil can't be used to a good end. It is impossible to use the power of the ring to defeat the power of the ring. One could not fight evil by using evil. Even if one hopes to reach the good.

Sauron is very strong, so much so that in terms of pure power relations, he is invincible. However, evil has a radical weakness, irremediable, and which always ends in his downfall. It does not understand the root of all good, of all truth, of all being, which is the free, selfless love of the Creator. And this is what will lose Sauron: at no time will he imagine that his enemies might want, not to use the ring to bring him down, but to destroy the ring. Not to take power for an apparently good reason, but to radically renounce the power that the ring offers them. To get into the heart of evil, into "hell", to give back to hell what is its own: the thirst for absolute power. The life of Jesus shows us how to use our freedom: it is with love, that love conquers. Jesus died among us and went to the point of death to defeat death and evil not with malice and the power of evil, but with his infinite love.

*Fr. Leopold*



**Tedaj ga je hudič vzel s seboj v sveto mesto in ga postavil vrh templja ter mu rekel: »Če si Božji Sin, se vrzi dol, kajti pisano je: ›Svojim angelom bo zate zapovedoval‹ in: ›Na rokah te bodo nosili, da z nogo ne zadeneš ob kamen.‹« Jezus mu je odgovoril: »Pisano je tudi: ›Ne preizkušaj Gospoda, svojega Boga!‹« (Mt 4, 5-7)**

**»Jezusove skušnjave v puščavi so ponovitev skušnjav Adama v raju in Izraela v puščavi. Satan skuša Jezusa v njegovi pokorščini poslanstvu, ki mu ga je zaupal Oče. Kristus, novi Adam, vzdrži, in njegova zmaga naznanja zmago njegovega trpljenja, najvišjo pokorščino njegove sinovske ljubezni. Cerkev se pridružuje tej skrivnosti zlasti v bogoslužnem času posta«. (Kompendij Katekizma katoliške Cerkve)**

# A PRAYER for Lent

## A PRAYER AGAINST TEMPTATION

Behold me, O my God, at Your feet!

I do not deserve mercy, but O my Redeemer, the blood which You have shed for me encourages me and obliges me to hope for it.

How often I have offended You, repented, and yet have I again fallen into the same sin.

O my God, I wish to amend, and in order to be faithful to You, I will place all my confidence in You.

I will, whenever I am tempted, instantly have recourse to You.

Until now, I have trusted in my own promises and resolutions and have neglected to recommend myself to You in my temptations.

This has been the cause of my repeated failures. From this day forward, be You, O Lord, my strength, and thus shall I be able to do all things, for "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me."

Amen.



"Bill sure knows how to lead you into temptation."

# Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

|             |            |         |        |
|-------------|------------|---------|--------|
| colt        | denial     | kiss    | repent |
| confess     | donkey     | lots    | silver |
| cross       | forsaken   | palms   | sins   |
| crown       | Gethsemane | penance | suffer |
| crucifixion | Golgotha   | Pilate  | thorns |
| death       | hosanna    | prayer  | vigil  |

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y  
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B  
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y  
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B  
 N G N L I S N L A I N E D X  
 E W M P R V R D H B N R D F  
 P S O G O L G O T H A B S C  
 D L N R O C O N F E S S I K  
 O T H T C P E K W U O U N D  
 M N S H N P W E D R H F S K  
 U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E  
 H E C R E V L I S W Q E C M  
 H V H N C X S O C C J R L O  
 F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C  
 C R U C I F I X I O N S R V



Cerkve in kapele v postnem času tradicionalno ne smejo biti okrašene z rožami. Izjema je četrta postna nedelja in mogoče ponekod po Evropi in po svetu tudi praznik Svetega Jožefa in Marijinega oznanjenja, ko so cerkve in kapele tradicionalno lahko okrašene z rožami. Marsikje se danes teh pravil ne držijo več striktno.