

4. POSTNA NEDELJA

10. marec 2024 Leto B Št. 11

Nedelja, 10. mar: 4. POSTNA NEDELJA

ODPEV: »Gorje mi, če se te ne bom spominjal.«

Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

ŽUPN. BREZMADEŽNE S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO:

8.30 am + Mona Cowell, Mary Kotze

+ Iz družine Bohte in Kastelic, družina Bohte

+ Ana Horvat, Helena Horvat

+ Franc in Frančiška Zupančič, K. Sterle

+ Maria in Darko Medved, sinovi

+ Jože in Ana Pilič, družina Peternelj

+ Julka in France Godec, družina Peternelj

+ Joe Hozjan – 30. dan, žena in otroci

+ Matilda in Maks Petrovič, Marija Gustinčič

+ Rajko Žakelj, družina

+ Peter Intihart, družina Jakopin

+ Jože Čemas, družina Jakopin

10.00 am For parishioners - za župljane

+ Teresa Čontala, daughters and families

+ David Šemen, wife and family

+ Raffaella Truscillo, husband and family

+ Anton Šemen, family

+ Jože Jenškovec, M. & Z. Krošel

+ Jožef and Liliana Šuštar, Danny and family

+ Karel Ficko, wife and family

Ponedeljek, 11. mar: BENEDIKT, škof

8.00 am + Miloš Kelhar, Ciril in Anica Lesar

+ Jože in Angela Glivar, J.A.G

Torek, 12. mar: JUSTINA, redovnica

8.00 am + Mara Osredkar, Miriam in Tony Ferkul

+ John Adamich, družina Adamich

+ Mila Dodig, prija

6.30 pm Molitev v cerkvi pred Najsvetejšim.

Sreda, 13. mar: KRISTINA, devica-mučenka

8.00 am + Miro Rak, Tilka Rak

+ Mimi Hudovernik, Silva Hudovernik

8.30 – 6 pm Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration

Četrtek, 14. mar: MATILDA, kraljica

8.00 am + Bratje in sestre, Olga Litrop

+ Ignac Križman, družina Križman

+ Angelca Žakelj (slo.), Helena Lavriša

Petek, 15. mar: LUDOVKA, redovnica

8.00 am + Martin in Cveta Pečarič, M.C.P.

+ Anton in Alojzija Skubic, A.A.S

Po namenu, M.P.

6.30 pm križev pot

7.00 pm + Angela Mauko – 1 obl., družina

+ Karlo in Ana Kutoša, družina

Sobota, 16. mar: HILARIJ OGLEJSKI, škof

8.00 am + Franc Kambič, Darinka Plut

5.00 pm + Danica Ančimer, D.A.

+ Franc Soršak, M.L. Soršak

+ Frances Kus – 10 obl., Frank Kus z družino

+ Jožef Perko, R.C. Perko

+ Jožef Berkopec, R.C. Perko

+ Rozina Mlinarič, Štefan Mlinarič

+ Matilda Beržam, Štefan Mlinarič

+ Katarina Žilavec – obl., družina

+ Marjan in Maria Kovač, Milena Dorič z družino

Nedelja, 17. mar: 5. POSTNA NEDELJA

8.30 am + Jože Kastelic, družina Bohte

+ Angela Pahulje, družina Pahulje

+ Pepca in Jože Klanfar, družina Klanfar

+ Helen Hočevar – 1 obl., Maria Šinko z družino

+ Iz družine Pungraič, družina

+ Iz družine Žalik, družina

+ G. Jože Mejač, CM, C. in M. Soršak

+ Joe Hozjan, C. in M. Soršak

+ John Tratnik, družina T. Režek

+ Jože Brozic, Helena in Edward Cek

+ Jože Grenc, družina

+ Adolff Fortuna in starše, Fani Fortuna

Za zdravje Marija Dolores, družina

10.00 am For parishioners - za župljane

+ Oscar Bučinel, family

+ Deceased from families Skrt and Cerkenik, V. Skrt

+ Helen Hočevar, Frank Hočevar

+ Franc Lebar, Vida Lebar and family

+ Maria and Stane Lamovšek, children

+ Anica Mihevc, John Ulčar

+ Jože Stanič, daughter Vickie and wife Ivanka

+ Angela Mauko, Mary and Tom Marchese and family

+ Karel Ficko, Z. and M. Krošel

+ Angela Pahulje, family G. Lahey

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

Nedelja, 10. mar: 4. POSTNA NEDELJA

10.00 am For parishioners - za župljane

+ Jože Žoldoš, Agata Žoldoš

+ Matilda Ludvik, Vinko Ludvik in hčerke

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, otroci

+ Stane Grm, družina

+ Janez in Terezija –obl. Gornik, družina

+ Iz družine Bratun, Lojska Kralj

+ Ignac Skalič, Carmen, Madeline in Matthew Skalič

+ Malka Kastelic, Frieda Kokal

+ Frances Hozjan, Mary Gruškovnjak z družino

Po namenu, Marija Por

Petek, 15. mar: LUDOVKA, redovnica

9.30 am križev pot

10.00 am + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

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10.00 am For parishioners - za župljane

+ Stanislav Kranjec, *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*

+ Iz družine Gelt, *Agata Žoldoš*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Jože Por, *Marija Por*

+ Joe Hozjan, *Cecilia in Lojze Žižek*



*Molimo za naše družine,
župnijo in druge potrebe!*

TUESDAY - TOREK

MARCH 12. MAREC

6.30 pm.

*We pray for the intentions
of our families, parish and
other special needs.*

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

SL ShareLife

Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Your support for ShareLife brought the hands of Christ to those in need.

**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!**

MISSION TOMBOLA will be on **Sunday, March 17th** at **2pm**. You can bring new donations and prizes suitable for tombola to the parish office. Any gift bags you are not using can be brought to the parish office as well.

MISIJSKA TOMBOLA bo **17. marca**. Prosim vas za tombolske dobitke hvala.

PRODAJA POTIC IN PECIVA - Članice Katoliške Ženske Lige bodo na cvetno nedeljo, **24. marca** prodajale potice in pecivo. Potice lahko naročite na 416-255-2721.

C.W.L. BAKE SALE is on **Palm Sunday, March 24th**. Please order poticas by phoning 416-255-2721.

OLMM K.Ž.L. se priporoča za mačice (čim prej jih narežite in dajte v mlačno vodo, da pričnejo cveteti), zelenje ter pomoč pri pletenju butaric. Delali jih bomo od **torka, 19. marca do četrтка 21. marca, po sv. maši (8.30 am) do 7 pm**. Vabimo moške in žene, da nam pridejo na pomoč.

OLMM C.W.L. is asking for pussy willow branches (cut them early and put them in warm water to bud open) and evergreen branches to be brought in by **Monday, March 18th** to the small

hall. Your help to make butarice from **8:30 am to 7 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 19 to 21** would be greatly appreciated, even if only for a few hours. **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED to help!**

YOU ARE INVITED TO MARIJA POMAGAJ PALM SUNDAY LUNCH on **Sunday March 24** after mass, in the church hall. Delicious buffet lunch prepared by Chef Franci Dolenc **\$15**. Also, for sale coffee, wine tea, donuts, potica-round or loaf, with or without raisins, cookies, strudel. For reservations, call Margaret Zalar 416-769-0921 or e mail: mzalar@rogers.com by **Sunday March 17**. Thank you for your support.

VABLJENI NA CVETNO NEDELJSKO KOSILO, v **nedeljo, 24. Marca**, po maši, v **cerkveni dvorani Marije Pomagaj**. Okusno samopostrežno kosilo, ki ga pripravlja kuhar Franci Dolenc. **15 \$**. Naprodaj so tudi: kava, vinski čaj, krofi, potica - okrogla ali štručka, z ali brez rozin, piškoti, štrudelj. Za rezervacije pokličite Margaret Zalar 416-769-0921, ali e-naslov: mzalar@rogers.com, do **nedelje 17. marca**. Hvala za Vašo podporo.

MARIJA POMAGAJ is asking for pussy willow branches and greenery to make butare for Marija Pomagaj church. Please drop off your greenery on **Sunday March 17**. Volunteers to help make butare on **March 18, 8 AM** are welcome. Questions or volunteers...call Margaret Zalar - 416 769 0921 or e mail: mzalar@rogers.com

LENTEN RENEWAL ENGLISH OLMM - Fr. Peter Nobili - **March 17th** Confessions from 9:30 am to 10 am and 11:00 to 11:30 am (Mass 10 to 11). Friday, March 22nd 6.30pm English Stations of the Cross, 7pm Mass, after Mass Lenten reflection with a guest speaker. Fr. McCarthy Confessions on Good Friday, **March 29th** from 4 to 6 pm. Fr. Peter Nobili - Confessions on Holy Saturday, **March 30th** from 2 to 4 pm. *We thank them both for taking time to help spiritually prepare us for Easter.*

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - Saturday March 23 5pm Mass, Lenten workshop after Mass.

DUHOVNA OBNOVA MARIJA POMAGAJ - pred veliko nočjo bo s P. Tamažem Podobnikom, D.J. od 22. marca, 9 - 10 am spovedovanje, 9.30 križev pot ob 10 am sveta maša in 23. marca 9 - 10 am spovedovanje ob 10 am sveta maša in srečanje z misijonarjom.

DUHOVNA OBNOVA OLMM - bo 23. marca spoved 4-5pm, in srečanje s P. Tamažem Podobnikom, D.J. po maši v dvorani in ponedeljek 25. marca zvečer po maši ob 7 pm. Pred veliko nočjo bo od 25. do 27. marca spovedoval eno uro pred mašo ob 8 am in ob 7 pm. Vsi lepo vabljeni k postni/velikonočni sveti spovedi! Za Slovence iz Oshawe, Ajaxa, Whitbija in Pickeringa bo obnova na cvetno nedeljo, 24. marca ob 1 pm. V dvorani na Holiday Gardens.

KATOLIŠKA ŽENSKA LIGA (CWL) vabi nove članice, da se nam pridružijo! Vsaka članica je pomembna. Glas K.Ž.L. (CWL) v parlamentu daje pomembnost in težo našim katoliškim/krščanskim družinskim vrednotam. Za več informacij, pokličite Roziko Nesich 416-689-2687.

ŽAREK- THE RAY

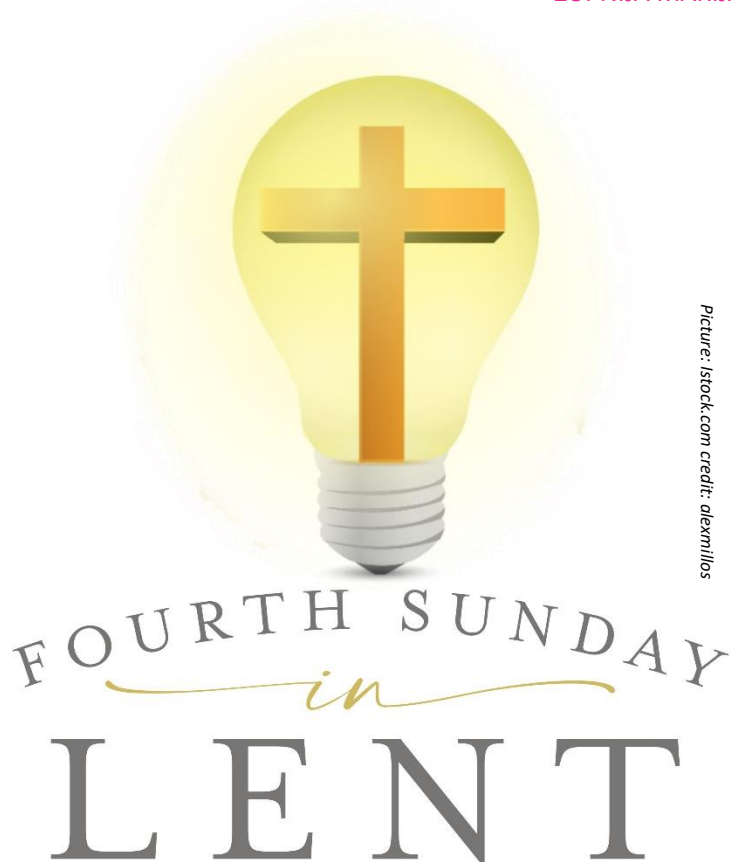
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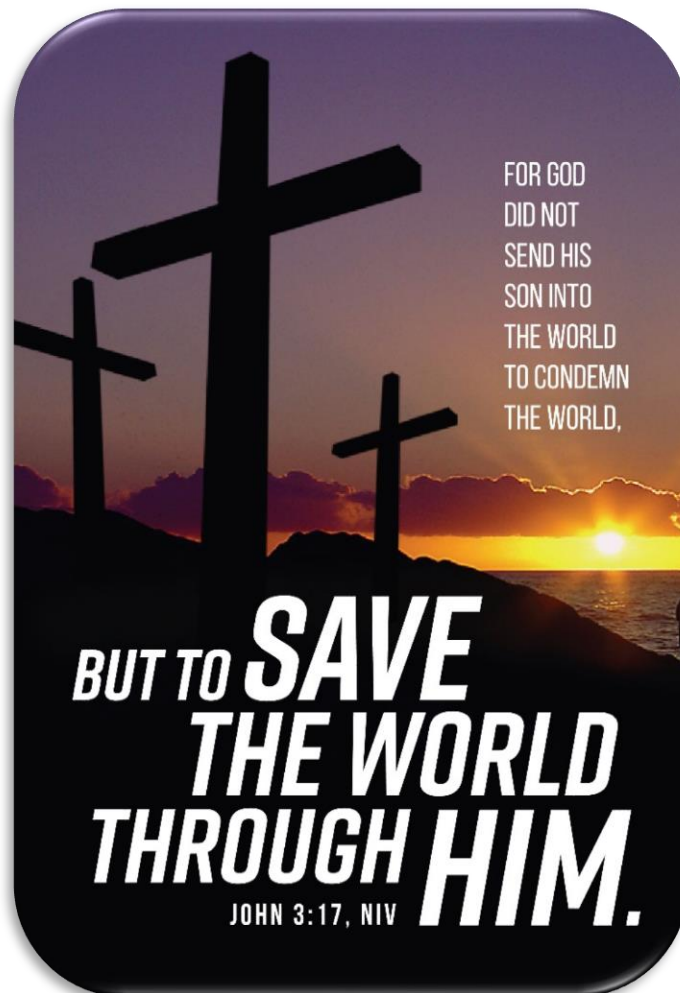
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ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ



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Sv. Andrej Kretski (ok. 650 - + ok. 730), je bil škof v Gortini na Kreti in velja za velikega pesniškega inovatorja. Nedavno odkrita grška homilija, predstavlja edinstven primerek zgodnjebizantinskega cerkvenega govornišva popelje prav v središče skrivnosti Kristusovega križa.

Na svoji dolgi, strmi in naporni poti, ki so jo bili prisiljeni opraviti, skušajo ponovno prižgati ognjeni steber, ki se je nekoč premikal in nato ugasnil (prim. 4 Mz 9,16). Danes tisti, ki je potopljen v temo, beži skozi temo (prim. Mt 27,45). Umirajoče Sonce je s svojimi žarki uničilo temo, skrito v človeški naravi. Danes je tisti, ki je bil pokoren do smrti, celo

smrti na križu (Flp 2,8), uničil nepokornost. Danes on, ki je na križu iztegnil svoje roke, odpira Očetove roke, da bi objel mene, nesrečnika. Danes, sredi zemlje (Ps 74[73],12), srednji v Trojici, umre kot človek, da bi tudi sam jedel z drevesa sredi raja (prim. 1 Mz 2,9). Zato umre ob šesti uri (prim. Lk 23,44), da bi odrešil človeka, ustvarjenega na šesti dan (prim. 1 Mz 1,26). Umre ob šesti uri, opoldne, v žgoči vročini, da bi z notranjo, blagodejno toploto izpolnitve postave uničil ognjene in smrtonosne žarke... Zdaj pa glejte Kristusa, križanega, za Jude pohujšanje, za Grke neumnost, za nas poklicane pa Božja modrost in moč (1 Kor 1,23-24).

REJOICE!

JOY

A fruit or mark of the activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of the faithful. While pleasure comes through the senses and happiness from human interaction, Christian joy is experienced in loving God and neighbor.

Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls.

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter. —Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

The gospel is a proclamation of joy. Ideologies don't make people smile, but the gospel is a smile. It makes you smile because it touches your soul with the Good News. —Pope Francis



Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called **Laetare Sunday**, from the first words of the Introit at Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete Sunday in Advent.

 Catholic Fortress

WHY IT MATTERS...

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once divided the world into those who have found God and those who are still hungering, thirsting, and seeking. Religious practices in themselves may or may not bring a person to genuine holiness. But the life that exhibits true joy proves to be radiant with the life of God.

From *Gaudium et spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: **"The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the longings of history and of civilization, the center of the human race, the joy of every heart and the answer to all its yearnings."**

NEDELJA, KI NAS OPOMINJA, DA POST NI LE ČAS POKORE

Na današnjo četrto postno nedeljo, ki se imenuje tudi nedelja 'laetare', kar pomeni 'razveseli se', nas vstopni spev v evharistično bogoslužje vabi k veselju: 'Razveseli se, Jeruzalem. Vriskajte in radujte se vsi, ki ste bili žalostni.'

Kaj je razlog tega veselja? Razlog je velika ljubezen Boga do človeštva, kakor nam nakazuje današnji evangelij: 'Bog je namreč svet tako ljubil, da je dal svojega edinorojenega Sina, da bi se nihče, kdor vanj veruje, ne pogubil, ampak bi imel večno življenje'. Te besede, ki jih Jezus izgovori med pogovorom z Nikodemom, povzamejo temo, ki je v središču krščanskega oznanila: tudi ko se zdi, da je situacija brezupna, Bog posreduje in ponudi človeku rešitev in veselje. Bog se namreč ne drži ob strani, ampak vstopi v zgodovino človeštva, vplete se v naše življenje, da bi ga

poživil s svojo milostjo in ga rešil.

Veselje izvira iz odpuščanja grehov ter iz Gospodove bližine. Celotno današnje bogoslužje je sporočilo veselja: Bodi vesel, bodi vesela.

Rad bi spregovoril o treh vidikih tega veselja. **Najprej gre za veselje, ki se rodi zaradi odpuščanja:** 'Gospod te je rešil obsodbe', kakor beremo v knjigi preroka Sofonija. Zato vas vabim, da se veselimo in ne živimo mlačnega življenja, saj vemo, da nam je bilo odpuščeno: To je resnični razlog krščanskega veselja.

Pojdimo naprej z veseljem, saj bo Gospod potem odpustil tudi stvari, ki jih vsi delamo zaradi svoje šibkosti.

Drugi razlog za veselje je dejstvo, da Gospod hodi z nami, sredi naših preizkušenj, težav, veselja, vsega. Zato smo povabljeni, da čez dan namenimo kakšno besedo Gospodu, ki je poleg nas.

Tretji vidik pa je, ne dopustiti, da bi v nadlogah obupali.

Tovrstni življenjski pesimizem ni krščanski. Rodi se iz korenine, ki ne ve, da ji je bilo odpuščeno; rodi se iz korenine, ki nikoli ni čutila Božjega ljubkovanja. Lahko bi rekli, da nam evangelij pomaga videti to veselje.

Prosim vas, bodimo veseli kristjani, napnimo vse sile za to, da bi drugim pokazali, da verujemo, da smo odrešeni, da nam je Gospod vse odpustil; in če nam bo spodrsnilo, nam bo On prav tako odpustil, saj je Bog odpuščanja; Gospod je med nami in ne bo dopustil, da bi obupali. To je današnje sporočilo: 'Vstani.' Tisti 'vstani', ki ga je Jezus rekel bolnim: 'Vstani, pojdi, ukaj od veselja, veseli in raduj se iz vsega srca!'

Poklicani smo prisluhniti temu oznanilu ter zavrniti skušnjava, da bi se čutili prepričani sami vase, da bi Boga zmanjšali, terjali absolutno svobodo od Njega in njegove Besede. Ko zberemo pogum in se prepoznamo takšne, kakršni smo, se zavemo, da smo kot ljudje poklicani soočiti se s svojo šibkostjo in svojimi omejitvami. Lahko se zgodi, da nas zajamejo tesnoba, zaskrbljenost za jutri, strah pred boleznijo in smrtjo. To pojasni, zakaj se mnogi, ki iščejo izhod, podajo na nevarne bližnjice, kot so na primer droge, vraževernosti ali čarovniški rituali.

Prav je, da poznamo svoje omejitve, svoje slabosti. Moramo jih poznati, a nikakor zaradi njih obupati, temveč jih darovati Gospodu. On nam pomaga na poti ozdravitve. Vodi nas za roko, nikoli nas ne pusti samih. Bog je z mano in zato se veselim. Razveselimo se danes!

Imamo resnično in veliko upanje v Boga Očeta, bogatega v usmiljenju, ki nam je dal svojega Sina, da bi nas rešil. In to je naše veselje. Seveda imamo tudi veliko žalosti, a če smo pravi kristjani, imamo tudi upanje in majhno veselje, ki raste in nam daje varnost. Ne smemo obupati, ko vidimo svoje omejitve, grehe in slabosti. Bog je tam, Jezus je na križu, da nas ozdravi. To je Božja ljubezen. Zreti križanega in si reči: Bog me ljubi. Res je, da obstajajo te omejitve, slabosti, grehi, a Bog je večji od teh omejitev, teh slabosti, teh grehov. Ne pozabimo tega: Bog je večji od naših slabosti, naše nezvestobe, naših grehov. Primimo Gospoda za roko, zrimo v križ in pojdimo naprej.

Marija, Mati usmiljenja, naj v naše srce položi gotovost, da smo ljubljene od Boga. Naj nam bo blizu v trenutkih, ko se čutimo same, kadar smo v skušnjavi, da bi se vdali v življenjske težave. Prenese naj nam čustva svojega Sina Jezusa, da bi naša postna hoja postala izkušnja odpuščanja, sprejetosti in ljubezni. *Pripravi: Ervin Mozetič*

What's in your heart?

God's love is on full display in today's readings. Though we fail time and again—"infidelity to infidelity," God continues to love, show mercy, and bless us abundantly. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

- How have I turned from God and mocked his messengers—those showing me how to love more fully?
- When have I felt the true grace of God, unwarranted, undeserved? How can I be a sign of that grace for others?
- The Gospel of John tells us that God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save it. Do I see the world as redeemed? Do I notice the good around me?
- What can I do to move myself and others toward the light of Christ?

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_ y_ _ h_v_
b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s
th_ g_ft _f G_d — n_t th_
r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t
n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.

_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

LENTEN THOUGHTS FROM AN ALTAR SERVER PERSPECTIVE



It is my belief that Lent means that we have to follow what God has sent us here to do. To follow him as Jesus' Crucifixion, his death on the cross and resurrection was our sins. He sacrificed everything for us. He made sure, that we as his sons and daughters, live the life we are called to live. We must live according to the laws and rules of Christ and the Holy Church. As God's messengers we are taught to forgive others that have sinned against us and turn the other cheek. Also, pray for God's forgiveness as we sin and try to be better in our thoughts and deeds. In these 40 days of Lent we must give up something (sacrifice) that means something to us. Jesus did for this for us. As he did he cried to his Father "Let

this cup pass from me" (Matthew 26:39), "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done" (Matthew 26:42) .

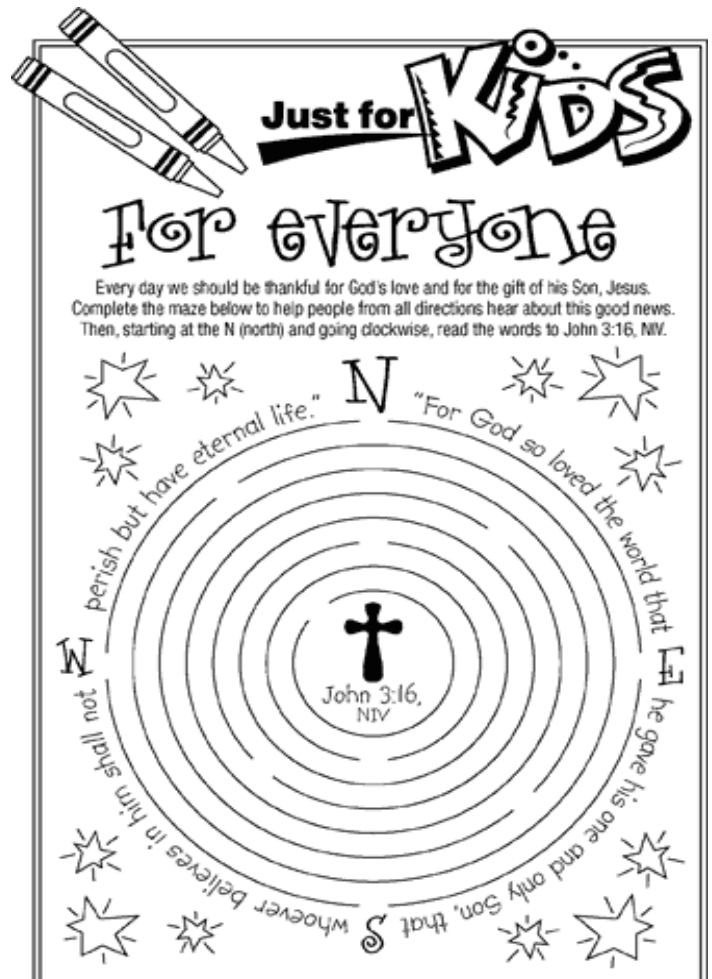
As an altar server I believe I am honouring the commitment I made as a good Catholic, when I first took up the responsibility as God's servant. I think I try to follow his teachings and set an example as a young adult, to my younger servers and friends in Christ. During this time of Lent I will try to be a better person and follow in Jesus' steps and take up my cross and follow him.

Tomaž Pahulje

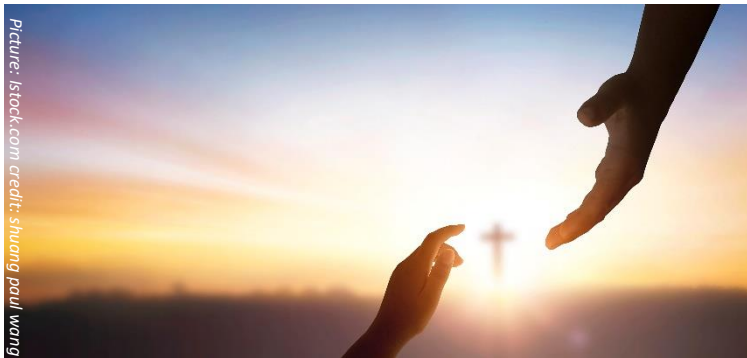
GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE...

Once a certain Saint asked God to show her the difference between Heaven and Hell. So God asked an angel to take her first to Hell. There she saw men and women seated around a large table with all kinds of delicious food. But none of them were eating. They were all sad and yawning. The saint asked one of them, "Why are you not eating?" And he showed her his hand. A long fork about 4 feet long was strapped to their hands such that every time they tried to eat they only threw the food on the ground. "What a pity!" said the Saint. Then the angel took her to Heaven. There the saint was surprised to find an almost identical setting as in hell: men and women sitting around a large table with all sorts of delicious food, and with four-foot forks strapped to their arms. But unlike hell the people in heaven were happy and laughing. "What!" said the Saint to one of them, "How come you are happy in this condition?" "You see," said the man in Heaven, "Here we feed one another." — Can we say this of our families, our neighborhood, our Church, our world? If we can say that, then we are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven.

(John Pichappilly in The Table of the Word).



KAJ NAS JE DANES NAUČILA BOŽJA BESEDA?



- Bog Oče nas je tako ljubil, da je poslal svojega sina Jezusa na zemljo, da bi po njem spoznali pot, po kateri pridemo v nebesa.

- Jezus nas vabi, da se odločimo živeti tako, kot nas on uči. Tako bomo srečni. Srečni smo, ko pomagamo bližnjemu.

Jezusu smo blizu, ko živimo tako, kot nam je Jezus govoril - da delamo dobra dela. Takrat ljubimo Boga in ljubimo svojega bližnjega.

- Jezus je luč, svetilka v našem življenju. Predstavljajmo si, da smo v temnem prostoru. Ne upamo si narediti nobenega koraka, ker nas je strah. Če pa nam nekdo prižge luč, zagledamo stvari, ki so okoli nas in jih cenimo.

- Tako se zgodi, ko Jezus vstopi v naše srce. Jezus nam s svojo lučjo pokaže pot, da pridemo v nebesa!

ŠTIRI ŽENE (avtor neznan)

Nekoč je živel kralj, ki je imel štiri žene. Četrto ženo je najbolj ljubil in jo krasil z dragocenostmi ter gostil z najboljšimi slaščicami. Dajal ji je samo najboljše.

Ljubil je tudi tretjo ženo in jo je vedno razkazoval v sosednjih kraljestvih. Vendar se je bal, da ga bo nekega dne zapustila in odšla z drugim.

Ljubil je tudi drugo ženo. Bila je njegova zaupnica, vedno prijazna, pozorna in potrpežljiva. Vedno, ko se je soočal s problemom, ji je lahko zaupal in ona mu je pomagala prebroditi težke čase.

Prva žena je bila vdana družabnica in je ogromno doprinesla h blagostanju njegovega kraljestva. Vendar prve žene ni ljubil. Čeprav ga je ona globoko ljubila, se nanjo ni oziral.

Nekega dne je kralj zbolel in vedel je, da se bliža njegov konec.

Razmišljal je o svojem razkošnem življenju in osupnjeno ugotovil: "Imam štiri žene, vendar, ko bom umrl, bom popolnoma sam."

Četrto ženo vpraša: "Najbolj sem te ljubil, te obdarjal z najboljšimi oblekami in ti izkazoval pozornost." Sedaj ko umiram, ali boš šla za mano in mi delala družbo?" "Ni govora!" je odgovorila četrta žena in odšla brez besed. Njen odgovor je zarezal kot oster nož v njegovo srce.

Žalostni kralj vpraša tretjo ženo: "Vse življenje sem te ljubil. Sedaj ko umiram, ali boš šla z mano in mi delala družbo?"

"Ne", je odgovorila tretja žena. "Življenje je predobro. Ko boš umrl, se bom ponovno poročila."

Potem je vprašal drugo ženo: "Vedno sem se obračal nate in vedno si mi pomagala." Ko bom umrl, ali boš šla za mano in mi delala družbo?"

"Žal mi je, tokrat ti ne morem pomagati, odvrne druga žena. Kar lahko storim je, da te pokopljem." Njen odgovor je kralja zadel kot puščica.

Potem je zaslišal glas: "Šla bom s tabo in ti sledila kamor koli boš šel."

Kralj se je ozrl in pred njim je stala njegova prva žena. Bila je suha od podhranjenosti in zapuščena.

"Ko sem imel priliko, bi moral bolj skrbeti zate," reče z veliko bridkostjo kralj.

V resnici imamo vsi v življenju štiri žene.

Naša četrta žena je naše telo. Ne glede na to koliko napora vložimo v nego in skrb za telo, nas bo zapustilo, ko bomo umrli.

Naša tretja žena so posest, položaj in bogastvo. Ko umremo, ga podedujejo drugi.

Naša druga žena so družina in prijatelji. Ne glede na to koliko so nas ljubili, z nami bodo ostali samo do groba.

In naša prva žena je naša duša.

Mnogokrat zapostavljena v težnji po pridobivanju bogastva, moči in užitkov. Vendar je duša edina, ki nam bo sledila, kamorkoli bomo šli. Neguj jo, krepcaj in varuj jo sedaj, saj je edina, ki ti bo sledila pred božji prestol in bo ostala z tabo v večnosti.

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on **Sunday March 24** after mass,
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Friday 22nd, 2024

6.30 pm: Way of the cross *prepared by Milan Vinčec*

7.15 pm: Holy Mass

7.45 pm: Guest speaker: Shane Byrne*

What Jesus saw from the cross?



*Mr.. Byrne holds a Master's degree from St Augustines Seminary in Religious Education. President of the Peel Catholic Teachers guild
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