

# Kristus je vstal!

# Christ is Risen!

# Alleluia!



Dear parishioners and friends of  
St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish!

In this letter, I would like to share with you a summary of the words that Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims assembled in Rome last Easter Sunday. He stressed that the resurrection of Christ was a massive surprise, even to his closest followers and he drew the conclusion that, "Our God is a God of surprises."

He said that in the story of salvation there are many surprises beginning with God telling Abraham to "leave your land and go." It seems that God does not know how to announce something to us, without surprising us.

Pope Francis said that surprise is what stirs the heart and touches you precisely where you are not expecting it. To use the language of young people, he described a surprise as a "low blow."

At the heart of the Easter story, is the announcement that "Christ is Risen." He noted that early Christians actually used that phrase as a way of saying hello to one another.

He also tells us that these surprises have the effect of putting people into motion. The women who found the tomb empty and Christ risen were in a hurry... they ran to tell people they had found Him. Peter and John ran too, just like the shepherds on Christmas night ran to Bethlehem. He also gave the example of the Samaritan woman who ran to her people and said she had found a man who told her about everything she'd ever done, because they all knew what she had done.

Pope Francis said that this response to surprises still happens in our neighbourhoods and villages. When something extraordinary or unusual happens, people still run to see it. They go in a hurry – a housewife would even leave the potatoes on the stove, because she is in a hurry to discover the surprise.

He concluded by saying that the surprise of the Good News makes us hurry. He asked the people, "Do you have your hearts open to the surprises of God? Today, on this Easter Sunday, what will you do?"

We should ask ourselves this same question, "What will I do this Easter?"

The Vatican explained how they select the flowers to decorate the altar at Easter. They use orchids to symbolize friendship and pure love, yellow flowers to represent light and joy for the resurrection of Christ and green to symbolize hope, strength, calm and peace. This explanation will help us to understand the symbolism of the colours and flowers we use at St. Gregory's to decorate the church for Easter.

As we continue our Easter preparations, we can be thankful that we are blessed with an active and busy parish community. On March 16th, the CWL held a very successful 50th Anniversary Bazaar. I cannot remember seeing so many people in the hall in recent years. The event was well organized. Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard to make the event a success.

This Sunday, following a 10:00am Mass, the St. Joseph's Society will hold their annual banquet.

The parish Annual General Meeting/Občni Zbor will be held on March 31st. We are looking for new council members. We should be proud of the fact that St. Gregory's was one of the first parishes in the Hamilton diocese to organize a Parish Council.

I am sure you have heard about the One Heart, One Soul Campaign in our diocese. An inaugural Mass will be held on Monday, March 25th, 2019 - the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Pilot Wave Parishes will start their activities in April. Three additional waves over the next three years will allow every parish in the diocese to participate. Most of the funds from this three-year campaign will go to parish projects, with special emphasis on parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will also benefit. A series of frequently asked questions about this project can be found at

[www.oneheartonesoul.ca](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca)

Our Easter Spiritual Renewal will be held on Wednesday, April 10th and Thursday, April 11th with confessions starting at 5:30pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm and Mass at 7:00pm.

Father Leopold Valant and dr. Ivan Štuhec will be available to hear confessions.

On Holy Thursday (7:00pm), Good Friday (3:00pm) and Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil (8:00pm) you are invited to participate in the celebration of Mass to enable you to experience fully, the joy of Easter and the risen Lord. Please check the last page of this letter for times for the blessing of Easter food and all other Easter celebrations.

At this time, we would like to invite everyone to the Spring banquet, to be held on Sunday, April 7th with Mass at 10:00am. Please RSVP by March 31st. Further information is included with the attachment to this letter.

In the name of the Salesians, our Parish Council and all Societies, I wish you a blessed and Happy Easter.



Fr. Drago Gačnik- pastor

# VELIKA NOČ 2019

Spoštovani farani in prijatelji slovenske župnije sv. Gregorija Velikega!

Postni čas se že nagiba proti drugi polovici in naša predvelikonočna praznovanja bodo zdaj, zdaj pred nami. Drugo nedeljo imamo naš letni občni zbor. Vabljeni ste, da se ga udeležite, pa povabite tudi mlajše, da bodo slišali, kaj se dogaja v župniji in kakšni so naši načrti za naprej.

Prvo nedeljo v aprilu imamo spomladanski banket. Na lanskem Občnem zboru ste omenili, da naj ga obdržimo, če tudi se nič posebnega na ta dan ne dogaja. Maša bo ta dan ob desetih, potem pa imamo v dvorani dobro kosilo in priložnost, da se med seboj tudi kaj pogovorimo. Pismu je priložena prijavnica in jo čimprej oddajte ali pa pokličite Terezijo Sarjaš: (905-560-1218), tako, da bomo vedeli za koliko naj v kuhinji skuhamo. Letos je banket pred Veliko nočjo, ker je le-ta zelo pozna in po Veliki noči smo že v mesecu maju, takrat pa je materinski dan.

V sredo in četrtek po banketu boste imeli priložnost za velikonočno spoved. Kot navadno, bomo začeli s spovedovanjem ob 5:30h popoldne, ob 6:30h bo križev pot in ob 7:00h sveta maša z nagovorom. Spovednika bosta prišla iz Toronta. Gospod Leopold Valant in g. dr. Ivan Štuhec. Izkoristite to priložnost. Takrat bo tudi vreme bolj toplo.

Na cvetno nedeljo začnemo z blagoslovom zelenja-butaric že ob 9:15h zjutraj; po vsej verjetnosti v zgornji dvorani, razen če bi bilo zelo toplo in lepo, potem bomo to naredili pri kipu Marije Pomocnice za dvorano. Druga sv. maša je kot navadno ob 11h in tudi pred to mašo bo blagoslov zelenja.

Veliki teden začnemo s Krizmeno mašo v hamiltonski katedrali. Za to priložnost se ob škofu zbere večina duhovnikov iz škofije. Med sveto mašo bo škof blagoslovil sveta olja. Vabljeni, kdor še ni bil nikoli pri tej sveti maši, da se jo udeleži.

Velikonočno tridnevje začnemo z bogoslužjem Velikega četrтка, ko imamo ob 7:00h zvečer slovesno sveto mašo - obhajamo spomin zadnje večerje. Pri maši poje mešani zbor, po maši pa se bomo v uri molitve skupaj z Jezusom podali na Oljsko goro. Vsako leto nas kar lepo število ostane pri tej molitvi, tako, da pokažemo, da ne bomo zadremali, kot so trije učenci.

Na Veliki petek popoldne ob treh imamo bogoslužje, ki ga obhajamo ob poslušanju božje besede in branju pasijona - opisu Jezusovega trpljenja po evangelistu Janezu. Počastili bomo križ in prejeli tudi sveto obhajilo. Po končanem bogoslužju pa Slovenska šola vabi, kot je to že kar nekaj let navada, v dvorano na ribe - »Fish Fry«.

V soboto dopoldne boste imeli priliko, da pride te molit k božjemu grobu od 9. do 11. ure. Sam pa bom šel dopoldne blagoslovit velikonočna jedila: najprej v London ob 10h in nato v Savo ob 12h. V župnijski cerkvi so blagoslovi ob običajnih urah: 3:00h, 4:00h in 5:00h popoldne. Zvečer ob 8:00h pa ste vabljeni k Velikonočni vigiliji. Kot vedno bomo ob ognju prižgali velikonočno svečo in jo v procesiji ponesli v cerkev, kjer si boste tudi vi prižgali male svečke; skupaj bomo prisluhnili trem branjem iz Stare in berilu iz Nove zaveze; znova bo zadonela aleluja in v kratki procesiji bomo po cerkvi ponesli kip vstalega Kristusa in nato nadaljevali s sveto mašo. V nedeljo zjutraj pa bomo sveto mašo zopet začeli z vstajenjsko alelujo in velikonočno procesijo.

Kot vidite, se bo v tem času kar precej dogajalo. Vabljeni ste, da se po svojih močeh udeležite obredov, da boste tako osebno in v skupnosti doživeli in praznovali te velikonočne praznike.

V imenu salezijanske družbe, župnijskega pastoralnega sveta in naših društev, želim vsem blagoslovljeno praznovanje velike noči.

Fr. Drago Gačnik, župnik

## VELIKA NOČ 2019

### 5. Postna - tiha nedelja, 7. april

- 10:00 a.m. Slovensko-Angleška maša  
12:00 noon Spomladanski banquet

### Sreda, 10. april

- 05:30 p.m. Spoved - Križev pot  
07:00 p.m. Maša in nagovor

### Četrtek, 11. april

- 05:30 p.m. Spoved - Križev pot  
07:00 p.m. Maša in nagovor

### Cvetna nedelja, 14. april

- 09:15 a.m. Blagoslov zelenja in maša  
11:00 a.m. Blagoslov zelenja in maša  
12:00 noon Maša: Sava-Breslau  
4:00 p.m. Maša: London - cerkev

### Ponedeljek, 15. april

- 7:00 p.m. Krizmena maša v Katedrali

### Veliki četrtek, 18. april

- 7:00 p.m. Maša: spomin zadnje večerje

### Veliki petek, 19. april

- 3:00 p.m. Kristusovo trpljenje  
Fish Fry (Slovenska šola)

### Velika sobota, 20. april

- 9:00 a.m. Češčenje pri božjem grobu  
Blagoslov velikonočnih jedil:  
10:00 a.m. London  
12:00 noon Sava-Breslau  
3:00, 4:00, 5:00 p.m. - Hamilton

### 8:00 p.m. Velikonočna Vigilija

### VELIKA NOČ, 21. april

- 9:30 a.m. Procesija in slovenska maša  
11:00 a.m. Angleška maša

### Bela nedelja - Božje usmiljenje, 28. april

- 9:30 a.m. Slovenska maša  
11:00 a.m. Angleška maša

## EASTER 2019

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, April 7<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Slovenian-English Mass  
12:00 noon Parish's Spring Banquet

### Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m. Confessions & Stations of the Cross  
7:00p.m. Mass, Homily

### Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

- 5:30 p.m. Confessions & Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. Mass, Homily

### Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Blessing of branches, Mass  
11:00 a.m. Blessing of branches, Mass  
12:00 p.m. Sava-Breslau, Mass  
4:00 p.m. London, Mass

### Monday of Holy Week, April 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Chrism-Cathedral

### Holy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

- 3:00 p.m. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ - Fish Fry (Slov. School)

### Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers at the tomb of the Lord  
- Blessings of food:  
10:00 a.m. London  
12:00 p.m. Sava-Breslau  
3:00, 4:00, 5:00 p.m. - Hamilton

### 8.00 p.m. The Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY April 21<sup>st</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. Procession - Slovenian Mass  
11:00 a.m. English Mass

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy, April 28<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. Slovenian Mass  
11:00 a.m. English Mass