

1. ADVENTNA NEDELJA - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29. november 2020 Leto B Št. 48



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Nedelja, 29. nov: 1. ADVENTNA NED. - 1ST ADVENT

Psalm: »Razjasni svoj obraz nad nami.«

»Restore us, O God: let your face shine, that we may be saved.«

Župnija Brezmadežna s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.30 *Za žive in pokojne župljane*

- + Andrej Pahulje in Jože Osana, *cerk. pevski zbor*
 - + Martin Sterle, *M.S.*
 - + Ignac Kersnik, *Rozalija Štrukelj*
 - + Jože Grenc, *družina Pfreundschuh*
 - + Marija Geisler, *družina Pepelnak*
 - + Zvonka Grujič, *Ana Pinterič*
 - + Teta Marica Smolej, *družina Smolej*
 - + Lojze Humar, *Mihaela and family*
 - + Ed Erčulj, *Ina Erčulj and family*
 - + Hinko in Francka Erčulj, *Ina Erčulj and family*
 - + Branko Stariha, *M. Grguraš*
 - + Frank Mate, *Milka Mate and family*
 - + Jože Kure, *Robert Kure and family*
 - + Dora Tomšič, *Bruna Šircelj*
 - + Rezi and Karl Genorio, *Anita Marn*
 - + Anna Rojko, *Štefan and Štefka Gostan*
 - + Joseph Serec, *J. and M. Tratnik*
 - + Mary Žižek, *families Babič and Žižek*
 - + Irma Kerčmar, *families Hideg and Rojko*
- Za vpisane v knjigo življenja

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

- + Marija - 10 obl. in Frank Demšar, *otroci*
 - + Mara Muhič, *otroci*
 - + Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*
 - + Julka Godec, *Marija Por*
 - + Alojzij Batič, *družina Gruškovnjak*
 - + Iz družine Mihevc, *Jože in Anica Mihevc*
 - + Don in Mary-6 obl. *Stefanyk, Helen Skubic*
- V zahvalo, *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*

Ponedeljek, 30. nov: ANDREJ, apostol

8.00 + Mimi Seničar, *Mark in Majda*

Za vpisane v knjigo življenja

Za zdravstvene delavce ki skrbijo za obolelih s Co-19, N.N.

Torek, 1. dec: ELIGIJ, škof

8.00 + Danica Ančimer, *Justi Vale*

+ Ivan Litrop, *Kristina Kolenko*

Sreda, 2. dec: NATALIJA, mučenka

8.00 + Zdene Vižintin, *Mary Kotze*

+ Ana Žibert, *družina*

+ Janez in Chris Flegar, *žena Vera z družino*

8.30 - 6 p.m. *celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration*

Četrtek, 3. dec: FRANČIŠEK Ksaver, redovnik

8.00 + Ivan Runtič, *Marija Runtič*

+ Joseph Serec, *Kristina Žižek*

PRVI PETEK, 4. dec: JANEZ DAMAŠČAN, duh.

ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNA:

8.00 + Mimi in Stane Ugovšek, *družina*

+ Starši Žalik, *Tilka Ludvik*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

+ Matija Bajt-obl., *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*

+ Valentin in Beverly Kumprey, *Lucas Kumprey*

+ Anton Adamič, *oporoka*

+ Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

+ Franc in Francka Vidergar, *oporoka*

+ Minka Princel, *oporoka*

+ Franc in Julka Godec, *oporoka*

Sobota, 5. dec: SABA (SAVO), opat

8.00 + Stan Jelen-obl., *družina Jelen*

+ Barbara Berkopec, *G. in F. Berkopec*

+ Marija Slana - obl., *družina*

+ Iz družine Francelj, *M. in T. Špehar*

Nedelja, 6. dec: 2 ADVENTNA NED. - 2ND ADVENT

Psalm: »Pokaži nam, Gospod, svojo dobroto!«

»Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.«

Župnija Brezmadežna s Čudodelno Svetinjo:

8.30 *Za žive in pokojne župljane*

+ Anton Hrvatin, *družina*

+ Janez in Mara Muhič, *J.M.M.*

+ Marko Horvat, *Vinci in Helen Horvat*

+ Martin Sterle, *M.S.*

+ Nick Žunič, *žena z družino*

+ Darko Medved, *družina*

+ Slavka Koren, *Edward Koren*

+ Jože Grenc, *družina Tone Režek*

+ Zvonka Grujič, *Annie Sluga*

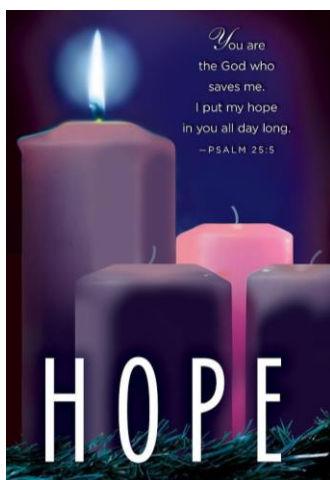
+ Marija Zver in Marija Fotivec, *Joe Fotivec*

+ Ignac Kersnik, *sin Robert z družino* →

+ Sarika in Alois Edsid, *family*
 + Frank Mate, *Milka Mate and family*
 + Joseph Serec, *Marija in Štefan Žižek*
 Intention of Marica Lavriša, *families Kraljič and Hočevar*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

+ John in Angela Jager, *družina*
 + Srečko Gortnar, *družina*
 + Ivana Gartner-obl., *J. Gortnar*
 + Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*
 + Ivanka Špringer Špes, *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*
 + Franc Majerič, *Marija Por*
 + Iz družine Langus, *Marija Por*
 + Mici Cvetko, *Jože in Anica Mihevc*
 + Iz družine Markoja, *sin Mike z družino*
 + Julka Godec, *Minka Komljanec*
 Po namenu Marica Lavriša, *families Kraljič and Hočevar*
 V čast sv. Antonu



We start **ADVENT SEASON** by lighting of the first candle on the **Advent Wreath**. Advent wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite love, and are made of evergreen leaves, which "represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ." Within the Advent wreath are candles that represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well as "the light of God coming

into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ" although each of the candles has its own significance as well.

The candles symbolize the Christian concepts of **HOPE** (week one), **PEACE** (week two), **JOY** (week three) and **LOVE** (week four) in many traditions.

ADVENTNI ČAS – PRIDI, GOSPOD JEZUS

Adventni čas zaznamuje vijoličasta barva in še kaj: Vijoličasta barva adventa je barva spokornosti, odpovedovanja in pričakovanja. Za prihod novega je vendarle treba narediti prostor. Advent je čas, ki ga lahko v družini namenimo v zahvalo za vse, kar smo v minevaajočem letu doživeli. Čas za načrt za prihodnje leto. Čas za majhne odpovedi in veliko dobrih del. Čas za molitev in branje Svetega pisma. Čas za pristno veselje s sorodniki, prijatelji, znanci, sodelavci. Potem bo »veseli december« res vesel.

SLOVENIAN CHRISTMAS TREE IN VATICAN

This year, following the decision of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and in agreement with the Holy See, a Slovenian Christmas tree, a spruce from the Kočevje forests, will be erected in St. Peter's Square in the Vatican City. It will be decorated with handmade Slovenian ethnographic ornaments.

A Slovenian Christmas tree being put up in the Vatican, as well as the accompanying promotional events that will take place, is an excellent way to promote Slovenia, especially in the light of Slovenia's Presidency of the Council of the EU in the second half of 2021. (Read more in the insert).



TO JOIN OUR CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

- By using your God given gifts, you will be contributing in the League to the life and vitality of the Church, family and community, both at home and abroad. We need you to infuse us with your fresh ideas, with your energy and positive attitudes. While your presence at meetings is important, we realize that in this busy world it may not be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance! Any female students wishing to become teachers, the school board looks at your resume to see if you belong to a CWL. We encourage all women 16 years of age and older to join our CWL.

Your **2021 CWL membership** dues \$22. can be paid at the parish office. Please mark front of envelope CWL.

KATOLIŠKA ŽENSKA LIGA

Članarino za leto 2021 (\$22) lahko poravnajte v župnijski pisarni. May our Lady of Good Counsel bless everyone.

DONATIONS for the year 2020. In order to receipted for income tax purposes, **all major donations** for the year 2020 to be received by **Monday, Dec. 14th.**

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS available to purchase from the office \$5.

MARIJANSKI KOLEDAR 2021 iz Slovenije dobite po \$5.

VERSKI TISK 2020. Priporočamo vam slovenski verski tisk. Naročnina preko župnije: tednik **DRUŽINA** \$340., mesečnik **Ognjišče** \$90., dvomesečnik **Misijonska Obzorja** \$25., dvomesečnik **Prijatelj** \$35. **Naročnino poravnajte v župnijski pisarni pred 12. januarjem. Zamudniki bodo morali naročnino poravnati s Slovenijo direktno.**

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Ridley's would like to extend an invitation to all our community to **Virtually** attend their annual **Holidays & Hope Candlelight Service** on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 pm. This is a free event open to all. Please call 416-259-3705 or visit www.RidleyFuneralHome.com to register.

VOCATIONS- How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca**

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PISMO STAREGA OČETA

Moj ljubi otrok!

Vem, da nimate radi, da vam mi stari kaj svetujemo za življenje. Toda jaz moram tebi, moja hčerka, enostavno napisati pismo. Spet se moraš naučiti prav praznovati adventni čas.

Lansko leto je bilo strašno: Samo hitenje ... otroke si dala v varstvo. Za moža nisi imela časa, ko se je vrnil z dela in si je sam grel večerjo. Otroke na hitro in brez prave pozornosti in ljubezni pošlješ v posteljo. Neprestano kriči radio ali pa je odprt televizor. Še ob nedeljah si delala in pripravljala številne darilne pakete. Nikoli ni bilo niti malo miru.

Svečko ste prižgali samo enkrat in še takrat ni prav zagorela, si jo že ugasnila. Na božični večer si hitela okrog in raznašala darila. Če pomislim, se sploh niste utegnili pripraviti na praznik. Niti enkrat niste vzeli v roke svetega pisma, tudi nobene pesmi niste skupaj zapeli. Molitev je imel za vas samo župnik preko televizije. Takole razmišljam: »Na zunaj imate vse – v notranjosti pa prav ničesar!«

S tem mojim pismom bi rad dosegel, da nekatere stvari zopet postavite v središče svojega življenja:

Brez tišine ne boste prišli k sebi; tudi Bog bo daleč od vas. Ne garajte tolako! Ne puščajte otrok tolikokrat samih; prehitro se vam bodo izgubili. Kaj imaš od tega, da imaš polno nepotrebne navlake v hiši? Morda me razumeš – ali pa si misliš, da sem iz prejšnjega tisočletja. Vendar, človek se mora odločiti med srečo in njenim bleskom ...

NI VSE ZLATO; KAR SE SVETI...

ADVENT HOPE DURING THE PANDEMIC, by bishop K.C. Rhoades

Advent is a time of waiting, of expectation and of hope. This year, we are all waiting, expecting and hoping for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. We wait for and expect a safe and effective vaccine. We look forward with hope to a return to normal life, to not have to worry about getting too close to people, to be able to gather again with family and friends, to travel, and to worship and praise God in song at our liturgies. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of a vaccine. We hope that soon it will be widely distributed. We look forward to going out to eat and shopping without worry of contracting the virus. We look forward to attending sports events and enjoying full stadiums. We look forward to continual in-person classes in our schools, without worrying about having to resort to virtual classes. We wait with hope to being able to visit our loved ones in hospitals and nursing homes and those who have had to stay home during this pandemic. We look forward to visiting them without the worry that we may be carrying the deadly virus. We wait to go to church and gathering closely again as we worship the Lord. We hope to see our churches full without necessary empty pews to keep people apart. We look forward to singing without worrying about spreading the virus. We look forward to exchanging the sign of peace with our neighbors. We wait and we hope. Yet even when life returns to normal, there will not be an end to sickness and suffering. There will not be an end to all loneliness and isolation. The sorrows of life will not disappear. The production of a vaccine, a wonderful accomplishment of science, which we have hoped and prayed for, will not bring peace to the world. **As wonderful as it is, a vaccine will not eradicate the diseases of the spirit that are part of our life in this valley of tears. It will not eradicate sin and injustice. A vaccine will not bring**



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Be joyful in hope, persevere in hardship !

THE GIFT OF HOPE

Lord,

We thank you for your gift of hope,
For offering us strength in the midst of hardship
And for lifting our family in times of need.

We pray our thanks, Heavenly Father,
for giving us hope
When all else seems lost.

Give us courage to open our eyes
To see the light you have bestowed upon us.

Give us ears to hear your truth amid the lies

And give us words
To banish the enemy.
In your holy name we pray,
Amen.

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eternal life. It will not inoculate us against sin and death. We hope for a vaccine and an end to the pandemic, but this is not our greatest hope. Deep down, we will still feel a longing for something greater, a longing for unending happiness, a longing for joy, peace and love. In a word, we long for salvation. We long for a Savior. We long for God. Without Him, we have no ultimate hope and will not find joy and peace. Without Him, we go through life as a journey toward death. With Him, we go through life as a journey toward the fullness of life.

The season of Advent focuses on this great hope. It is a time of waiting for and expecting the coming of God among us. Our God is the God-who-comes. **He is not a God far away in the distant cosmos, a God unconcerned about us and our life.** He is the God who became one of us, who sent His Son that we might have life, life in

abundance. He is Love and, therefore, He comes to save us.

The angel told Joseph to name the child to be born of Mary “Jesus.” He said: “You are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21) This message gives us hope. The name of the Messiah is Jesus, which means “Savior.” The purpose of His coming was to save us from our sins. In His infinite love, God sent His Son to rescue us from sin and death. And so we pray to Him: “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.”

During these weeks of Advent, we prepare for Christmas, the celebration of God’s entrance into human history 2,000 years ago in the little town of Bethlehem. We prepare to celebrate the Birth of our Savior. He is our hope. Without Him, we fall into despair. St. Augustine prayed the following: **“How much you have loved us, kind Father! If your Word had not become flesh and had not dwelt among us, we would have had to believe that there was no connection between God and humanity and we would have been in despair.”**

Advent not only focuses on God’s coming in history 2,000 years ago, but also on His future coming at the end of time when He will be seen in glory and majesty. In this second coming in glory, Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead, as we profess in the Nicene Creed. In Advent, the Church invites us to think about this second coming of Christ, His glorious return, which is the final destination of our pilgrimage through life. We don’t know when this will take place, but the Scriptures teach us to be vigilant and prepared for the Master’s return. **The expectation of the second coming should spur us on, motivate us to be vigilant in prayer and active in good works, to be ready for the judgment.**

As we prepare to commemorate Christ’s coming at Christmas and as we await His glorious return, we also recognize that He comes now. When Jesus ascended into heaven, He did not leave us here alone. He comes to us in the grace of the sacraments. He comes into our souls and in the community of the Church. We need only open our hearts to Him and His love. In Advent, we are called to intensify our prayer so as to welcome the Lord more fully into our lives. We are to be watchful in prayer for the coming of the Lord, preparing to receive the Lord who comes to show us His mercy and give us His salvation.

Jesus, who came among us at Christmas and will return in glory at the end of time, constantly comes to us in the events of our lives. He is always near us. He accompanies us in every situation, in joys and in sorrows, in health and in sickness. He is always close to us. And He has given us His Mother to accompany us as well. In Advent, we will celebrate her Immaculate Conception and also her appearance in America as Our Lady of Guadalupe. **In this season of hope, we turn to her, Our Mother of Hope, to guide us.** In her heart and in her womb, she bore the Incarnate Son of God. She directs us to Him. Mary our Mother encourages us and supports us with her love and her prayers as we await the coming of her Son.

As we await and hope for the end of the coronavirus pandemic, let us even more importantly await the coming of the Lord and place our hope in Him. In this season of Advent, let us turn our gaze and our heart to Him who is our Savior, in spiritual union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Advent! May God bless you with a blessed and fruitful Advent!





SLOVENSKO BOŽIČNO DREVO V VATIKANU (vir:Vatican News)

Po odločitvi Vlade Republike Slovenije in v dogovoru s Svetim sedežem bo letos na Trg Svetega Petra v Vatikanu postavljeno slovensko božično drevo, smreka iz kočevskih gozdov (visoka je 30m, stara 75 let, težka 7 ton, volumen 5,33 m³, s premerom 67 cm in pa še tudi 42 manjših smrek in jelk, visokih od 1,5metra do 6 metrov). Avtohtono smrekovo božično drevo, kakor tudi ostala manjša drevesa smreke in jelke, bodo okrašeni z ročno izdelanimi slovenskimi etnografskimi okraski. Postavitev božičnega drevesa in spremljajoči promocijski dogodki bodo odlična promocija Slovenije, predvsem v luči predsedovanja Slovenije Svetu Evropske unije v drugi polovici leta 2021. Projekt vodi Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano. Otvoritvena slovesnost bo v Vatikanu 11. decembra 2020.

Poleg zelenega sporočila pa bo kočevska smreka v svet ponesla tudi etnološko slovensko izročilo. Pri odločitvah, kakšno okrasje je najbolj slovensko in zato najbolj primerno, je pomagal izjemni poznavalec slovenske etnografske dediščine dr. Janez Bogataj, ki je predstavil ornament – šesterolist. To je eden od temeljnih elementov, ki se uporablja v slovenski kulturni dediščini. Najbolj pogosto so ga uporabljali kot okras in simbol na hišnih tramovih, na vratnih krilih, na stranicah skrinj, ipd. Okras je izdelan iz lesa, ki je prav tako povezan s slovenskim človekom.

Tako kot okrasje v obliki šesterolista, tudi okraski na manjših smrekah nosijo posebno simboliko. Slamnati angeli so naši zaščitniki pred slabim. Snežinke iz slame predstavljajo zasneženo gozdnato pokrajino Slovenije, hkrati pa tudi mir in čistost duha, ki ju povezujemo z božičnim časom. Zaradi svoje edinstvene oblike so tudi simbol božanske lepote. Poleg tega, da so simbol čistosti, so tudi simbol začetka novega življenja. Tako kot se one raztopijo v vodo, se tudi ljudje v božičnem času preobrazimo.

Pravi snežni kristal je zgrajen kot šesterokraka (heksagonalna) zvezda. S tem je povezan z motivom okraska na veliki smreki. Zanimivo je tudi okrasje iz lesenih oblancev. Cvet iz 5-ih zank – skupaj zmoremo – govori o povezovanju 5-ih celin. Krog z malimi vstavljenimi svitki o varnosti v objemu družine. Nesimetrično srce, da je vsak posameznik drugačen in lahko vsak posebej na svoj edinstven način pokaže ljubezen do sočloveka. Stiliziran ptiček pa je simbol svetega duha, simbol svobode.



BLAGOSLOV ADVENTNEGA VENCA V DRUŽINI BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH



Pri blagoslovu naj sodelujejo vsi družinski člani. Družina se zbere pri adventnem vencu ali drugem adventnem znamenju. Prav je, da ob njem stoji križ in posoda z blagoslovljeno vodo Bogoslužje začnemo z adventno pesmijo.

Prepare the place with a cross and Holy water. You can start with a song for Advent.

+ V imenu Očeta in Sina in Svetega duha. – Amen.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. – Amen.

Response(R): Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Leader: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

Oče, mati ali odrasel otrok prebere enega izmed odlomkov iz Svetega pisma:

Berilo iz knjige preroka Izaíja.

Ljudstvo, ki je hodilo v temi, je zagledalo veliko luč, nad prebivalci v deželi smrtne sence je zasijala svetloba. Zbúdil si silno radost, narédil si veliko

Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah (9:1-2, 5-6) - The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom

veselje.

Veseli se pred teboj, kakor se veselijo ob žetvi,
kakor se radujejo, ko delijo plén...

Kajti dete nam je rojeno, sin nam je dan.

Oblast je na njegovih ramah, imenuje se:

Čudoviti svetovalec, Močni Bog, Večni Oče, Knez
miru. Oblast se bo širila in miru ne bo konca na
Davidovem prestolu in v njegovem kraljestvu.

Vzpostavil ga bo in utrdil s pravico in pravičnostjo
od zdaj in na veke. Gorečnost Gospoda nad vojskami
bo to naredila.

Poslušali smo Božjo besedo.

Sledi tihota, namenjena premišljevanju Božje besede.

a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the
harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils...

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his
shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-
Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From
David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he
confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both
now and forever.

The Word of the Lord

Silence and meditation of the Reading.

PROŠNJE / INTERCESSIONS:

Ogovorimo : **Prosimo te, usliši nas!** (Response: Lord hear us !)

- Prosimo za našo družino: da bi se v adventnem času poglobila v veri, upanju in ljubezni.
- Prosimo za naše sorodnike, prijatelje in znance: da bi jih božični prazniki napolnili z radostjo in mirom.
- Prosimo za trpeče, osamljene in bolne iz naše župnije: da jih njihovi bližnji ne bi pozabili.
- Prosimo za kristjane po svetu: da bi bili v Kristusu med seboj povezani in se trudili za mir na svetu.
- Prosimo za naše rajne: da bi dosegli večno srečo pri Bogu.
- That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, we pray to the Lord.
- That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray to the Lord.
- That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
- That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

OČE NAŠ... Primerno je desetka Rožnega Venca. / OUR FATHER... You can pray a decade of the Rosary.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O God, by whose Word all things are
sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon
this wreath and grant that we who use it
may prepare our hearts for the coming of
Christ and may receive from You abundant
graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Bog, naš Oče, slavimo te, molimo in povečujemo. Zahvaljujemo
se ti za vse milosti, ki jih dan za dnem prejema naša družina.
Polni zaupanja te prosimo, blagoslovi ta adventni venec. Daj, da
nas bo povezoval med seboj in s teboj, da se bomo tako dobro
pripravili na prihod našega Gospoda Jezusa Kristusa. – Amen.

Vsi navzoči se pokrižajo z blagoslovljeno vodo -

The wreath would then be sprinkled with water.



SVETI MIKLAVŽ - SAINT NICHOLAS was a Christian bishop who helped the needy. After
his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the
legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around
the world. There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he
helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries
and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to
their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one
of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked
him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned
and sentenced to death.