

3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17. december 2023 Leto B Št. 51

Nedelja, 17. dec: 3. ADVEN. NED. – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADV.

Odpev: »Moja duša se raduje v mojem Bogu.«

My soul shall exult in my God.

ŽUPN. BREZMADEŽNE S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO:

8.30 + Marko in Ana Horvat, *Helena Horvat*

+ Marko in Marija Jerolimov, *hčerka Helena*

+ Frank Križaj, *žena z družino*

+ Starši Marn in Tomšič, *družina Marn*

+ David Lewis, *družina Marn*

+ Francka in Marjan Perko, *Jože in Ana Bartol*

+ Tone Škrajnar, *žena in hčerke*

+ Štefan Marič, *žena Marija*

+ Vinci Horvat, *žena Helena*

+ Jože in Francka Turk, *Francka Nagode*

+ Marjan in Mihelca Sevšek, *otroci*

+ Anica Doma, *družina Sevšek*

+ Anica Tomec, *družina Kožar*

+ Dragica Luna, *družina Kožar*

+ John Tratnik, *družina Marn*

+ Maria Medved, *družina Ljubičič*

Na čast sv. Družini, *K. Sterle*

10.00 *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Trezika Serec, *family Edsid*

+ Emily Ulčar, *children*

+ Danica Ančimer, *family David Ančimer*

+ Ignac Kersnik, *wife Elizabeta and family*

+ Maria and Frank Mrač, *family Vitrih*

+ Ivan Kelenc, *Vera and family*

+ Deceased from family Batista, *family Muha*

+ Parents Muha, *family Muha*

1.00 pm Spoved in Sv. Maša Holiday Gardens, Pickering

Ponedeljek, 18. dec: GACIJAN, škof

7.00 am do 8.00 am spoved

8.00 am + Don Bachysnski, *družina Ferkul*

+ Anne Sedej, *Matija Sedej*

Za zdravje, S. Adamich

6.00 pm do 7.00 pm spoved

7.00 pm + Vinko Povše, *družina Božo Povše*

Torek, 19. dec: URBAN III., papež

7.00 am do 8.00 am spoved

8.00 am + Mimi Hudovernik, *Silva Hudovernik*

+ Ivan in Angela Horvat, *I.A.H.*

6.00 pm do 7.00 pm spoved

7.00 pm + Janez Letonja, *C. M.*

Sreda, 20. dec: EVGEN, mučenec

7.00 am do 8.00 am spoved

8.00 am + Peter in Ana Kotze, *hčerke*

+ Ignac Dejak – obl., *Marija in otroci*

8.30 – 6 pm Celodnevno češčenje - All day adoration

6.00 pm do 7.00 pm spoved

7.00 pm + Za duhovne poklice

Četrtek, 21. dec: PETER KANIZIJ, duhov.-cer. uči.

7.00 am do 8.00 am spoved

8.00 am + Konrad Žurbi – 17 obl., *družina*

+ Božo Kolenc, *družina Žurbi*

+ Francka Bergant, *družina Žurbi*

+ Franc in Julka Žurbi, *družina Žurbi*

+ Marija Kušljan, *družina Ponikvar*

+ Iz družine Ponikvar, *družina*

+ Frank Vičič, *žena z družino*

6.00 pm do 7.00 pm spoved

7.00 pm + John Platnar, *Nežka Kastelic*

Petek, 22. dec: FRANČIŠKA CABRINI, red. ust.

7.00 am do 8.00 am spoved

8.00 am + Jože Kure, *družina Yakobi*

+ Iz družine Štefan Kolenko, *Marija*

6.00 pm do 7.00 pm spoved

7.00 pm + Iz družine Pavelnovo, *družina J. & R. Berlec*

+ Jožica in Jože Novak, *otroci*

Sobota, 23. dec: JANEZ KANCIJ, duhovnik

7.00 am do 8.00 am spoved

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

4.00 pm do 5.00 pm spoved

5.00 pm + Jožef in Katarina Ščrbič, *Irena Ščrbič*

+ Ivanka in Janez Bančič, *družina*

+ Matilda Ludvik, *Vinko Ludvik in hčerke*

+ Starši Ludvik, *Vinko Ludvik in hčerke*

+ Starši Sedej, *Vinko Ludvik in hčerke*

+ Ančka Sedej, *Vinko Ludvik in hčerke*

+ Anica Balkovec, *Irena Chipping*

+ Mary Ann Simovič, *Irena Chipping*

+ Jože Kočev, *žena in otroci*

+ France Frankovič, *žena z družino*

Nedelja, 24. dec: 4. ADVEN. NED. – 4th SUNDAY OF ADV.

8.30 + Ani in Edi Ferkulj, *družina*

+ Mimi Hudovernik, *Silva Hudovernik*

+ France Marold, *Jože in Ana Bartol*

+ Iz družine Hočev, *družina Ivan Kodrič*

+ Starši Žužek, *Silvia Škrajnar*



- + John Tratnik, *Katica in Nikola Vrbos*
- + Justa in Maria Buhvald, *J. F. Dobrovnik*
- + Frank Dobrovnik, *J. F. Dobrovnik*
- + Iz družine Kotar, *J. F. Dobrovnik*
- + Štefan Nerad, *žena z družino*
- + Ivan Štiglic, *družina Štiglic*

10.00 For parishioners - za župljane

- + Lydia and Jože Jaklič, *family Jaklič*
- + Maria and Frank Mrač, *family Vitrih*
- + M. and R. Vitrih, *family Vitrih*
- + Jože Žagar, *family*
- + Parents Marija and Ivan Prešiček, *Justina Žagar*
- + Mara and Frank Osredkar, *Miriam and Tony Ferkul*

6.30 pm Božičnica - Christmas Carols

7.00 pm + Ignac, Victor in Danny Doma, *družina*

- + Marija in Frank Krmelj, *družina Krmelj*
- + Frank Kraljič, *H. in F. Hočevan*
- + Frank Hočevan, *H. in F. Hočevan*
- + Francka in Stane Ulčar, *otroci*
- + William in Betty Robertson, *S. Ludvik*
- + Iz družine Kastelic, *Iva in Tone Kastelic*
- + Maria in Stane Lamovšek, *otroci*
- + Janez in Ivanka Bančič, *Kromarjevi*
- + Ela in Stane Pahulje, *družina G. Lahey*
- + Štefan in Mary Žižek, *družine Babič in Žižek*
- + Marjan in Mihelca Sevšek, *otroci*
- + Frank Tomšič, *Mary in Bill Stajan*
- + Ludvik in Slavka Stajan, *Mary in Bill Stajan*
- + Robert Stajan, *Mary in Bill Stajan*
- + Joey Režek, *starši*
- + Lojze Svetina, *družina Svetina*
- + Stane in starši Konda, *družina Konda*
- + Tone in starši Stezinar, *družina Konda*
- + Marica in Frank Gagula, *Polde in Ivanka Jakopin*

9.30 pm Božičnica - Christmas Carols

10.00 pm + Iz družine Kus, *družina*

- + Iz družine Volk, *družina Volk*
- + Marija Lavriša, Francka Kramar & Marija Ludvik, *K Podobnik*
- + John Tratnik, *družina Volk*
- + Mici in Andrej Kravanka, *družina Volk*
- + Iz družine Križman, *otroci*
- + Kristina in Franc Bergoč, *družina*
- + Katarina in Ernest Žilavec, *družina*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

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9.00 am do 10.00 am spoved

10.00 For parishioners - za župljane

- + Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*
- + Jože in Minka Hace, *hčerke z družino*
- + Lojze Petrovčič, *M. Petrovčič*

- + Matthew Antolin – obl., *Agata Žoldoš*
- + Bela Franc, *hčerka Slavica*
- + Ludvik Franc, *družina Olga*
- + Silvi Kolarič, *družina*
- + Ignac Skalič, *družina Milan Gruškovnjak*
- + Paula in Jože Zrnec, *Marta Bratina*
- + Matilda Ritlop, *družina Frank Hozjan*
- + Štefan Kelenc, *družina Kelenc*
- + Ivan Zakrajšek, *A. Zakrajšek*
- + Starše Kranjec, *Ignac in Matilda Kranjec*
- + Za svake, *Matilda in Ignac Kranjec*
- + Jerica Marinic, *Mary Sirk*

Petek, 22. dec: FRANČIŠKA CABRINI, red. ust.

10.00 am + Zdene Vižintin, *Anne z družino*

- + Janez in Terezija Gornik, *družina*
- + Ivan in Frančiška Preželj, *oporoka*

Nedelja, 24. dec: 4. ADVEN. NED. -4th SUNDAY OF ADV.

10.00 For parishioners - za župljane

- + Vinko Levstik, *Slavka Levstik*
- + Janez in Terezija Gornik, *družina*
- + Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*
- + Iz družine Kastelic, *J. Kastelic z družino*
- + Rudy in Anica Resnik, *Marjan Resnik*
- + Jože Žoldoš, *Agata Žoldoš*

7.00 pm + Matija in Marjanca Bajt, *otroci*

- + Janez in Mara Muhič, *družina*
- + Stric Simon Sedej, *Matija Sedej*

ENGLISH CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Fr. Peter Nobili will be here today **Sunday, Dec. 17th** from 9:30 to 10 am for confessions. We thank him for taking time to help spiritually prepare us for Christmas.

OLMM DUHOVNA OBNOVA –

Ponedeljek, Torek, Sredo, Četrtek in Petek:

Eno uro pred Sv. Mašo zjutraj 7-8 am / zvečer 6-7 pm

Soboto Dec. 23 zjutraj 7-8 am / zvečer 4-5 pm

CASH DONATIONS will be accepted till **Dec. 27th**. Donations after December 28th will be registered for 2024. For further information call the parish office.

SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS NEEDED -

We are looking for any children to be shepherds and angels for the Christmas Eve Mass Sunday December 24th at 7 pm. We would need the children to come for 6:15pm to get ready. Please call 647-267-1755 or email laurie.letnik@gmail.com Laurie Letnik if you are interested.

NEW MISSALS available in the office for \$5.

MARIJANSKI KOLEDAR 2024 iz Slovenije dobite po \$5 v cerveni veži.

CALENDARS - Ridley Funeral Home is giving our parishioners free 2024 calendars. We appreciate their generosity.



ŽAREK - THE RAY

INSERT TO THE PARISH BULLETIN

ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNA S ČUDODELNO
SVETINJO
ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ



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NEDELJA VESELJA - GAUDETE

Na adventnem vencu smo prižgali tretjo svečko. Vedno bolj svetlo postaja in to nam zbuja upanje. Ne neko prazno upanje, kot smo ga vajeni od vladarjev tega sveta, ampak upanje na odrešitev. Vedno potrebujemo upanje, še posebej v tem času, ko smo kot narod in družba v hudi svetovni in moralni krizi. »Kaj naj storimo?« so množice spraševale Janeza Krstnika, ki je oznanil upanje za človeštvo. Moramo biti budni in pozorni. O tem nas bo nagovoril v tej številki Žarka naš župljan in cerkveni sodelavec Milan Vinčec.

Nedelja veselja (lat. gaudete) nas tako na poseben način vabi, da se v sebi razveselimo in zahvalimo za neizrekljivi dar našega odrešenja.

“Kristjanova osebna izkaznica je veselje, veselje evangelija, veselje, da nas je Jezus izvolil, da nas je Jezus rešil, da nas je Jezus prerodil; veselje tistega upanja, da nas Jezus pričakuje, veselje, ki se tudi v križih in trpljenju tega življenja izraža na nek drugačen način, ki je mir v gotovosti, da nas Jezus spremlja, da je z nami,” pravi papež Frančišek.

Veselimo se, ne le, ker je blizu božič, ampak, ker je sam Božji Sin s svojo smrtjo na križu in vstajenjem vse človeštvo odrešil večne smrti in greha ter nam s svojim vstajenjem odprl vrata večnega življenja. Veselimo se, ker nam je Gospod blizu. Ne le časovno, ker je blizu božič, ampak nam ostaja neizmerno blizu po sveti evharistiji in svoji Cerkvi, ki se je rodila z njegove strani, ki je bila prebodena na križu. Gospod je blizu, dokler ga le iščemo.

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Dear parishioners,
I would like to use *The Ray-Žarek* as a way to share spiritual thoughts or testimonies from our parishioners. In this edition we will read a beautiful reflection for advent written by Milan Vinčec, our parish musician and active member of our community. Thank you to Milan and to all those who will participate in the future. Fr. Leopold



BE WATCHFUL AND ALERT!

With the start of Advent, we cross the threshold of a new liturgical year. It is a time of reflection on a personal level, and collectively as a church community. Advent is a season of hopeful waiting, where we **actively prepare** to welcome Jesus into our world.

It is becoming increasingly difficult in our modern times to stay focused, and on the right spiritual path. There are many things vying for our attention during this season. All around us we see the crass commercialization, rampant consumerism, and the increasing erosion of traditional spiritual values. All this diminishes the true meaning of Christmas. Destructive forces seek to control our hearts and minds. False prophets try to trick us into thinking that happiness, and fulfillment can only be attained in the secular world.

In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts his contemporaries not to “**slumber**”. He emphasized how **spiritually important it was to stay awake**. His warning was quite clear: **Be Watchful and Alert!** Jesus warned that our spiritual “*enemies*” are all around us, approaching with stealth like “thieves in the night”.

What can we do?

St. Paul likens us Catholics to being a “*good soldier*”, who is vigilant and keenly aware. His advice is simple:

be alert and...awake from your slumber.

Advent is a time to be **attentive** to the workings of the Spirit. St. John the Baptist also echoes Jesus’ call to a fundamental **conversion of heart and mind (Metanoia)**. We *allow* God to do His transformative work, even though it can be challenging and painful at times. He is the heavenly Potter, and in His hands, we are like clay, constantly being molded and fashioned whether we *realize it or not*. To become a stronger piece of clay requires constant reshaping and reforming at His hands. At Advent, our *hearts and minds are most pliable* to be fashioned by the Potter.

Pope Francis writes that God reveals Himself in the “*littleness*” of things. We will overlook these “*little*” things if we are distracted by trivial matters that focus on things that turn our attention away from the *Beauty and Mystery of the season*. During Advent, we ask God to reveal Himself in the intimacy of our family circles, in our friends, and in the close-knit faith communities where we worship together.

St. Paul writes that we are protected by the “*shield of faith and love,*” and that “*our helmet is hope*”. Through the gift of **Faith** we believe and know with absolute certainty that God has kept His promise. We do not place our ultimate **Hope** in worldly things, as the philosophies of modern times would have us do. Mankind’s redemption comes from a higher power, and paradoxically in the “*smallness*” of a baby swaddled in the manger. The gift of **Love** propels us to act, to get our spiritual boots dirty, and to crawl through the mud as we combat the forces of darkness that try to turn us away from God during Advent.

Here are some possible ways we can become more alert and vigilant.

We must slow down. We are very often caught up in the fast pace of daily life. We hardly find time for **reflection**. Advent gives us the opportunity to focus on what is important. In the calmness of a slower pace, *we feel His presence*.

We must listen. Our modern world fears silence. So we fill our lives with distracting din. We are overwhelmed by the unholy noises that draw us away from the sacred. *God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts*. His voice resounds in an acceptive and *listening* heart.

We must pray. Prayer is indispensable! To pray is to listen to what God is trying to tell us. This brings one ever closer to God. Prayer offers absolute clarity!

We must act. We see the necessity of concrete and decisive action. Complacency, indifference, and inefficacy will not win us the battle at the end of the day. On the day of our *Confirmation we became "soldiers of Christ"*. Our Father is counting on us to do our part. As soldiers we will do what He asks without fear, hesitation, and fully trusting in Him!

Let us remember that God has kept His promise! His Son will be born and become one of us! This Advent, we will once again stand on the road that we have helped prepare, and watch and wait with unspeakable joy for His arrival!

Come Lord Jesus!

Milan Vinčec

GLAS VPIJOČEGA V PUŠČAVI



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Okoli leta 28, pred 1.995 leti, je postal glas Janeza Krstnika glasen. Nikoli ni postal hripav; nikoli ni utihnil, tudi če je le začasno zazvenel. To je bil glas samozavestne osebnosti, ki je vedela, kaj hoče. Velika osebnost, a brez kake posebne privlačnosti, ki ve, kaj je (in kaj ni). Svoboden mož, ki je imel edinstveno poslanstvo.

Glas, ki je morda s svojo brezkompromisno jasnostjo včasih živciraj, živcira vsako leto znova.

Glas kot rdeča luč: Do sem in ne naprej, dober človek! Ali te je mogoče še rešiti? Obrni se, saj po starih tirih ni več poti naprej. Janez resno razmišlja o nas: z vami bi se dalo še kaj narediti...

JOY

Now the God of hope
fill you with all JOY
and peace in believing.

ROMANS 15:13, KJV

The Psalms are prayers which express a wide variety of emotions and which can be used to inspire our own prayers. This prayer of trust in God is based on Psalm 146, which speaks of depending on God about all other things.

Prayer of Trust in God

I will praise you forever my Lord!

There is nobody else whom I trust like you.

I love my family and friends

But even they make mistakes.

I trust you more than them.

Through the years you have shown

How very trustworthy you are.

You created this beautiful world.

You always care for your people.

You send help when I am hurting.

You provide me with everything I need.

You free me from my sins.

You show me the right way.

You give me strength when I feel weak.

You protect me and keep evil away from me.

I am so grateful for your love.

I will praise you forever my Lord!

Alleluia! Amen.

From: young-catholics.com



TUDI STARO DREVO JE ŠE UPORABNO

Stari hrast se je zavedal, da so njegovi dnevi šteti ... Še en vihar in prelomil se bo, kot vžigalica. Kako rad bi bil še za kaj koristen ... Nekega dne je nastala divja gonja: Nujno je treba postaviti velik hlev za jaslice pri farni cerkvi. Prihitei so ljudje, tolkli po sosednjih drevesih, potem so zapele sekire in žage ... drevesa so padala ... oklestili so jih in odpeljali. Nihče pa se ni niti ozrl na stari hrast ... nobene deske ne moreš dobiti iz njega, niti trama za ostrešje ... še letve ne za ograjo. Tedaj je hrast izravnal svoje upognjeno deblo, kolikor je le mogel. Žalosten in brez moči je obstal kot okamnel. Ponoči ga je silna nevihta zlomila ... Naslednje jutro je prišel neki mož. Z vseh

strani, si je skrbno ogledal podrto drevo. Vzel je žago in ločil deblo od korenin in krošnje. Potem je vzel v roke ostro sekuro in spretno naredil iz debla priročne jasli. Napolnil jih je z dišečim senom ... Na sveti večer je pripeljal te jasli in jih postavil v velik hlev pri cerkvi. Stari hrast je bil ves srečen ... končno je le uporaben še za nekaj koristnega ... in doživel je celo nekaj najlepšega, kar se je sploh moglo zgoditi ... Božjemu Detetu je poklonil ležišče, varnost in udobnost ...

Nikoli nismo prestari, da ne bi mogli biti koristni ...



GOSPOD JE BLIZU

Nekateri rečemo: »Končno!« Drugi rečejo: »Že?« Včasih se četrta adventna nedelja komaj začne teden pred božičem, letos celo na isti dan kot prvi sveti večer. Zato: »Pripravite svoja srca!« Današnji evangelij nas spominja na Marijin obisk pri Elizabeti. Marija je šla Elizabeti pomagat, a kljub temu je Elizabeta Marijo blagoslovila in jo potolažila! To se pogosto zgodi, ko obiščemo nekoga v potrebi – v zameno prejmemo nepričakovane blagoslove. Z družino naredite načrt, koga boste v tem tednu obiskali! bodisi pred božičem ali po njem. Morda bo to sosed, starejša oseba, ki biva v domu za starejše ali nekdo, ki vam ga bo priporočil župnik. S seboj vzemite božično voščilnico, ki jo bodo podpisali vsi člani družine. Vzpostavite božično povezanost z nekom, ki morda v tem tednu potrebuje družbo. Stopite na pot vere, kot je Marija, in prejmite blagoslov!

Obiskovalci so blagoslov. Sveti Benedikt je v svoje Pravilu zapisal: »Vsak gost naj bo sprejet kot Kristus.« Kako mi svojim obiskovalcem pokažemo, da so za nas blagoslov?« Kako smo mi lahko v blagoslov drugim, ko jih obiščemo?