

BREZMADEŽNO SPOČETJE DEVICE MARIJE - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2. ADVENTNA NEDELJA – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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ODPEV: »Pojte Gospodu novo pesem!«

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

8.30 am + Peter in Ana Kotze, *hčerke*

+ Danica Ančimer, *Maria Žunič*

+ Joe Hozjan, *Joe in Rosemary Prša*

+ Marko Horvat, *Helena Horvat*

+ Alojziji Dejak, *Matjaž Obreza*

+ David Tkalčič, *Mrs. Ursola z družino*

+ Christopher Flegar, *staramama Dijak*

+ Brata in sestra od Olga Plut,

+ France Marold, *Jože in Ana Bartol*

+ Marija Runtič, *sestra Frances Movrin*

+ Rozalja Štrukelj, *J.A. Opresnik*

+ Tone Režek, *Cvetka in Mike Andrejaš*

+ Franc Lebar, *žena Vida*

+ Milka Volk, *sestrična Helena Horvat*

+ Jožica, Zilko in Ksenje, *Olga Debernardi*

10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Alois Edsid, *family Edsid*

+ Frank Kraljič, *Frank Hočevan*

+ Emily Ulčar, *children*

+ Anton and Ana Novak, *family Novak-Leger*

+ Milka and Frank Mate, *Ana Kure*

+ Urban Petrovič, *family Petrovič*

+ Marija Runtič, *Ana Fale*

+ Karl Vrdnik, *family Colnarič from Slov.*

+ Ivan Krivec, *Krivec family*

Ponedeljek, 9. dec: BERNARD JEZUSOV, redovnik

8.00 am + Alojziji Dejak – obl., *družina Obreza*

+ Rozalija Štrukelj, *družina*

+ Ivan Krivec, *družina Krivec*

+ Marija Godina, *sestra Tereza*

Torek, 10. dec: JUDITA, svetopisemska

8.00 am + Joe Hozjan, *Maria Prša*

+ Frances Kus, *družina*

6.30 pm *Molitev v cerkvi pred Najsvetejšim.*

Sreda, 11. dec: DAMAZ I., papež

8.00 am + Viktor Podmiljšak, *hčerka*

+ Maria Medved – 1 obl., *sinovi*

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

Četrtek, 12. dec: DEVICE MARIJE IZ GUADALUPE

8.00 am + Stan Jelen Sr., *družina Jelen*

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



Petek, 13. dec: LUCIJA, devica-mučenka

8.00 am + Anton Preželj, *družina*

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

Sobota, 14. dec: JANEZ OD KRIŽA, duh-cerk. učitelj

8.00 am + Anton in Alojzija Skubic, *A.A.S.*

5.00 pm + Danica Ančimer, *D.A.*

+ Frank Tomšič – obl., *Marta in Anita*

+ Ivanka in Janez Bančič, *otroci*

+ Frank in Ivana Tomšič, *sin*

+ Iz družine Frankovič, *Ivanka in Ivan Papa*

+ Marija, Jože in Joško Jereb, *Marinka in Al Lahey*

+ Maria Bucik – obl., *Patrica Bucik*

+ Iz družine Perko, *R.C. Perko*

+ Ludvik Renner, *družina Sluban*

Nedelja, 15. dec: 3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

8.30 am + Iz družine Marn in Tomšič, *družina Jože Marn*

+ Ernest Vrečič Sr. & Jr., *družina Vrečič*

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

+ Mihael in Antonija Prokšer, *družina Prokšer*

+ Anton Režek, *J.A. Opresnik*

+ Steve Malič, *žena*

+ Franc Lebar, *sin Branko z družino*

+ Valentin Končan Sr., *Helen Lavriša*

Na čast sv. Družini, *K. Sterle*

10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Terezika Serec, *family Edsid*

+ Maria and Stane Lamovšek, *children*

+ Emily Ulčar, *children*

+ Antonija Kern, *family Ferkul*

+ Frank Mate, *Mary and Rob Kure*

+ Rozalija Štrukelj, *family Hanna*

+ Jože and Francka Petkovšek, *daughters*

+ Deceased from family Banovec, *Ana Kure*

ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ:

Nedelja, 8. dec: BREZMADEŽNO SPOČETJE DEVICE MARIJE - 2. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

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

+ Anton Žižek, *Marija Žižek z družino*

+ Ivana Gartner –obl., *Jože Gortnar*

+ Cecilija Žižek, *Marjan Žejn*

+ Alexander Kokal, *družina*

+ Marija in Ignac Horvat, *družina Frank Hozjan*

+ Maria in Stane Lamovšek, *otroci*

+ Vili Čekuth, *Slovenska Šola*

+ Peter Urbanc, *Sonya*

+ Iz družine Bric, *Milka Bric*

+ Cilka Pleško, *sinovi*

+ Jože Žoldoš, *Agata Žoldoš*

+ Anton Režek, *Mary Sirk*

+ Nikolaj in Katarina Marentič, *hčerka Ann Štaudohar*



+ John Kolenko, *Kristina Kolenko*

+ Angela Genorja, *družina*

+ Barbara Berkopec, *družina*

+ Frank Koščak, *M. Ulčar*

V zahvalo za zdravje sestri, *Lucas Kumprej*

Petek, 13. dec: LUCIJA, devica-mučenka

10.00 am + Zdene Vižintin, *Anne z družino*

+ Janez in Mara Muhič, *oporoka*

Po namenu, *J. Gruškovnjak*

Nedelja, 15. dec: 3. ADVENTNA NEDELJA

10.00 am *For parishioners - za župljane*

+ Matthew Antolin – obl., *Agata Žoldoš*

+ Terezija in Karel Kromar, *otroci*

+ Iz družine Kastelic, *Marija Kastelic z družino*

+ Lojze Petrovčič, *M. Petrovčič*

+ Alojzij Dejak, *Anica Bajt-Kranjec*

+ John in Mary Ljubič, *družina Joe Levstik*

+ Ciril Markelj – obl., *otroci in družina*

+ Jože Žoldoš, *Agata Žoldoš*

MARIJA POMAGAJ DUHOVNA OBNOVA pred božičem spored, spovedovanje:

Petek, 20. dec. eno uro pred sv. mašo 9 – 10 am

Sob., 21. dec. eno uro pred sv. mašo 9 -10 am

Srečanje z misijonarjem bo v soboto 21. decembra po maši v dvorani.

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA prodaja Božične rože (Poinsetteas) v **soboto 7. Decembra in v nedeljo 8. decembra**. Vabimo vse župljane, da se nam pridružite in počastite svoje pokojne družinske člane. Rože in zvezde bodo krasile našo cerkev za Božič.

SLOVENIAN SCHOOL will be selling Poinsettias on **Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th** after mass, in remembrance of deceased family members and parishioners. These flowers, along with the stars, will decorate our church for Christmas.



*Molimo za naše družine,
župnijo in druge potrebe!*
**TUESDAY - TOREK
DEC. 10. DECEMBRA
6.30 pm.**

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

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS - There will be NO CONFESSIONS on December 24th and 25th (except in case of emergency). Please do not wait until the last minute to celebrate the sacrament. Reconciliation is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord. In order to prepare yourself properly, brochures in Slovenian and English are available at the confessional.

- **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church**

IN ENGLISH: Fr. Matt McCarthy will be here on Sunday, December 8th from 9:30 am to 10 am. Saying Mass 10 am. Fr. Luigino Santi, CPPS will be here Sunday December 15th

and 22nd from 9:30 am to 10 am. Saying Mass at 10 am.

We thank them both for taking time to help spiritually prepare us for Christmas!

Take time to spiritually prepare yourselves for Christ's Birthday.

OLMM DUHOVNA OBNOVA pred božičem spored, spovedovanje:

Sredo 18. dec, Četrtek 19. dec in Petek 20. dec:

Eno uro pred Sv. Mašo zjutraj 7-8 am, maša ob 8 am / zvečer 6-7 pm, masa ob 7 pm

Soboto 21. dec zvečer 4-5 pm, masa ob 5 pm

Priprava za Slovence iz Pickeringa, Ajaxa, Whitbija in Oshawa bo v nedeljo, 22. dec. ob 12.30 pm.

CLEANING THE CHURCH for Christmas is on **Monday, December 23rd** from 9 am. Volunteers needed to help clean the church.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION: Join us on **Tuesday, December 31st** for our New Year's Eve celebration in our parish hall, 739 Browns Line. Music by Ansambel Šibaj. Dinner served at 6.30 pm, prepared by Nancy Dundek. Tickets \$120 are available in the parish office 416-255-2721. Support your parish and make your reservations so we can prepare in time!

TAKE OUT LUNCH at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on **December 15th** after Masses. Orders must be placed by **December 10th** Meals are \$22.

MENU will be

Chicken schnitzel with tenstan krompir and coleslaw or Pork roast with tenstan krompir and coleslaw. Please call the office 416-255-2721 to order so we can prepare. All funds raised will go towards our Church Building Fund.

C.W.L. POTICA AND COOKIE BAKE SALE is on **December 22nd** from 8.30 - 11 am. Walnut Potica \$40, Walnut with raisins \$45, Cookies \$15. To order please call 416-255- 2721 or email general@ourladyofmm.com. Orders must be placed by Dec. 12th.



NEW MISSALS available in the office for \$7.

MARIJANSKI KOLEDAR 2025 is Slovenije dobite po \$5 v cerkveni veži.

ALL YEAR END CHEQUES AND MAJOR DONATIONS - must be brought to the church office before December 15th, 2024 if you want a tax receipt for 2024. Note cheques have to be cleared at the bank before the donation receipt can be issued. Cash donation will be accepted till Dec. 27th. Donations after December 28th will be registered for 2025. For further information call the parish office 416-255-2721.

CALENDARS - Ridley Funeral Home is giving our parishioners free 2025 calendars. We appreciate their generosity.

PLEASE NOTIFY the parish office if a family member is in a hospital or confined to the home due to sickness or old age. Anointing of the sick and Reconciliation and Communion is also available upon request. Please do not wait until dire situation.

ŽAREK - THE RAY

INSERT TO THE PARISH BULLETIN

ŽUPNIJA BREZMADEŽNA S ČUDODELNO SVETINJO
ŽUPNIJA MARIJA POMAGAJ



*Brezmadežno spočetje
Device Marije*

HAIL, MARY! by Shane Byrne



Shane Byrne is a parishioner of 2 parishes on Browns Line: St. Ambrose and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish. We know him also for his dedication for the liturgy at the Slovenian Summer camp. He married Berta Milavec and has 3 children. He is a chaplaincy team leader for over 25 years serving thousands of students.

When we pray the Rosary the beads between the "Our Father" and the "Glory Be" are dedicated to Mary, and begin with, "Hail Mary, full of Grace, The Lord is with you." Where do these words come from? They come from the Gospel of Luke (1:26-28). The same words that we recite over and over again during the Rosary are Biblical and have profound meaning. "Hail" was a normal greeting in Luke's time; it is from the Greek and means "Rejoice." Can you imagine our Holy Mother being in the presence of the Angel Gabriel and being told to rejoice? Luke tells us that she was, "troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be." (1:29) Mary is told by the angel Gabriel, "do not be afraid



Rome - The Immaculate Conception painting in church Chiesa di San Silvestro in Capite by Lucovico Gimignani (1695 - 1696).

Mary; you have found favour with God." Mary is full of grace! Grace is God's abundant love that He pours out on us to transform us into his sons and daughters. Grace rid us of fear and enables us to be able to rejoice in the presence of God's majesty. "The Lord is with you," is also a significant part of the angel's greeting, for where Grace abounds, God is present. The Annunciation, therefore, reminds us to rejoice, to have no fear, and to draw close to God.

The Annunciation is an announcement, however, it is quite different from the announcements that fill our

secular world. The announcements of this world are often contradictory to the Sacred and create a sense of despair, anguish and distance from God. Sudden announcements at the shopping mall can be unsettling, and do not fill us with grace! Rather, there is usually a false message of joy that leads to despair. How often have we heard when shopping, "buy now, pay later!" to entice us into a consumer mindset that leads to debt and misery. What about announcements that do not value life and encourage those who are depressed or lonely to take their own lives through Euthanasia? Such announcements distance us from God and from each other.

Mary reminds us that it is important to open ourselves to the great gift of God's grace. How do we go about doing this? This Advent season gives us many opportunities to experience and share grace. Advent is a penitential season; a time to make sacrifices and offer them up to the Christ child. How about donating some formula or diapers to new mothers who are in need? Our Holy Mother greatly benefitted from the Wise Men who brought gifts for her impoverished son. What about stopping by Dom Lipa to visit the elderly? Or perhaps take some time mid-week to pray for a loved one at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal - the Jesus who was found by the shepherds in the little box (the manger) in the stable, is the same Jesus who is found in the little box (the tabernacle) at church. He waited for the shepherds and the Magi, and he will wait for you. His outpouring of grace has no end.

DIALOG MED MARIJO IN ANGELOM

by Pavle Jakop OFM

Luke 1:32



Dialog med Marijo in angelom, kot ga danes pred nas postavlja evangelist Luka, je tudi prispodoba za to, kako lahko pogovor med dvema človekoma, prijateljema, partnerjema ali v poklicnih situacijah uspe.

Nadaljuje se le

v primeru, ko natančno prisluhnemo, kaj drugi pove, in ko ga vedno znova povabimo, naj pove še več tistega, kar v resnici misli.

Tedaj bo čutil, da ga jemljemo zares. Ne ugovarjamo, pač pa sprašujemo tako dolgo, da ga razumemo. V takšnem pogovoru ne gre za popuščanje, tudi ne za zmago ali poraz, pač pa za spraševanje in odgovarjanje, dokler sogovornika drug drugega popolnoma ne razumeta. Takrat v pogovoru naenkrat začutimo nekaj, kar je večje od nas samih.

Evangelist Luka o skrivnosti Božjega učlovečenja namreč ne govori zgolj teoretično, ampak tako, da prikaže dialog med Marijo in angelom. O Jezusovem Božjem sinovstvu tudi ne govori abstraktno, pač pa zelo skrbno, saj recimo opiše skrivnost njegovega spočetja in rojstva: »Sveti Duh bo prišel nadte ...«

Naj bo to spodbuda vsem nam, kadar stopamo v dialog: prisluhniti, nato pa jasno, skrbno in natančno izraziti sporočilo. Le tako bo namen sporočila dejansko dosežen.

NOVI KOPRSKI ŠKOF



Tiskovni urad Svetega sedeža je objavil novo imenovanje škofa ordinarija v Škofiji Koper. Sveti oče Frančišek je na to mesto imenoval dosedanjega soboškega škofa dr. Petra Štumpfa.

Umestitev novega koprškega škofa bo 1. februarja 2025. Do takrat škof Jurij Bizjak ostaja administrator Škofije Koper in opravlja tekoče posle, škof Peter Štumpf pa kot administrator vodi tekoče posle soboške škofije.

“O Marija, Pomočnica kristjanov, ti si mogočna
zaščitnica Cerkve in vseh vernikov.

Na tvojo priprošnjo so se zgodili nešteti čudeži in
zmage.

V tvojo oskrbo zaupamo sebe in svoje ljubljene.
Pridobi nam milost, da bomo ostali trdni v veri,
premagali vse težave in rasli v svetosti.

Pomagaj nam slediti tvojemu zgledu ponižnosti in
poslušnosti ter nas vodi vedno bliže k svojemu Sinu
Jezusu Kristusu.”

MARIJA POMAGAJ – TORONTO

70. OBLETNICA



IT BEGAN...

At the end of the Second World War, many Slovenians fled to Carinthia and Italy, fleeing Communist repression. In 1947, the first group of refugees arrived in Toronto, and more and more arrived in the following years. Men and boys left to work in the forests, on farms, on the railways, and wives and girls mostly as housekeepers in homes and hospitals. This work lasted at least a year or even longer to reimburse the government for their passage to Canada.

Many moved to Toronto to settle here, as Toronto was becoming a very important industrial centre. On December 8, 1948, Dr. Jakob Kolarič CM, a Vincentian priest (Lazarist), arrived in Toronto and took over the spiritual care of his Slovenian compatriots. In 1952, Jože Časl CM came and then Janez Kopač CM came to help him. Both were Vincentians.

On Sundays, services were held in various churches, including Mount Carmel, in the centre of the city. Soon they set themselves a goal: a Slovenian parish.

On February 10, 1953, they purchased a lot at 609 Manning Ave.

On February 10, 1953, Cardinal Archbishop McGuigan established the Slovenian parish of Our Lady Help of Christians. On November 27, 1953 a contract was signed with the builder Franc Stojec and on December 7, 1953 the excavation of the foundation began.

Bishop Dr. Gregorij Rožman visited the Slovenians in Toronto several times from Cleveland. His first visit was on July 30, 1949. He came again when the church was being built and from April 6 to 13, 1954 he led the spiritual retreat. On December 8, 1954, Bishop Rožman celebrated the conclusion of the Triduum with the first Holy Mass in the new church.

On December 12, 1954 he confirmed 22 children.

On December 19, 1954 the church was blessed by Cardinal James C. McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto.

To revitalize faith and religious life, spiritual renewal (missions) before Christmas and Easter, spiritual retreats and parish pilgrimages were introduced. In 1949, the first Church organizations were formed: the Society of St. Mary, the Holy Name of Jesus and the Parish Council. With the foundation of the parish, the following organisations were formed:

1. Catholic Women's League,
 2. Parish Conference of St. V. De Paul,
 3. Baraga Missionary Circle,
 4. Legion of Mary,
 5. Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts,
 6. Slovenian School (1953),
 7. Youth Club,
 8. Youth choirs,
 9. Church Choirs,
 10. Parish Pastoral Council.
- The cultural and social life of the parish was provided by choirs, theatre and dance groups...

Dear friends,

Unfortunately, these few words cannot sum up the life of our Parish, but they can maybe help us to remember the beginning, not dates or events, but the people who built, sustained and maintained our Church until now. This remembrance can in a very simple but sincere way show our gratitude for all the years that followed, for all the people who were able to join the parish and our community, even if it was only for an occasion. God's graces are infinite. No one, only Him will ever know for the number of souls who were able to find peace, courage, comfort and strength.

The life of the parish is the total sum of the lives of each of its members... Our words, even our memories, are often weak and incomplete. Despite everything, those words are important. They tell us it was worthy and it's still worthy to continue and persevere. It is not about numbers and dates that we're talking about, but about the salvation and peace of our souls!

Fr Leopold Valant CM - pastor

NEKAJ POSTATI

by F. SODJA

Vsakdo od vas si želi nekaj postati. Nekateri imajo že v mislih svoj poklic. Ta bi bil rad zdravnik, oni inženir, dekleta morda učiteljice, bolničarke. Vsak človek ima svoj poklic. Sami veste, kako se danes pogosto moli še za posebne poklice: duhovniške, redovniške, misijonarske.

Vsak misli, da so samo ti zadnji poklici tako nekaj posebnega, da je treba biti čisto gotov, da imam poklic. Toda vsak poklic zahteva odgovornost. To pomeni: vsak poklic moramo vzeti zares. Posebej pa moramo vzeti zares naš skupni poklic: poklic kristjana.

Ko je k Mariji prišel angel in ji naznanil, da je izbrana za božjo mater, je nastal molk. Angel je čakal. Kakor bi čakala nebo in zemlja, kaj bo odgovorila Marija. Lahko bi rekla ne, kakor marsikakšen fant reče ne, ko ga Bog kliče v duhovništvo, ali dekle reče ne, ko čuti v sebi poklic za redovnico. Marija je imela samo pomislek: kako naj postane mati, ko ne živi z Jožefom, s katerim je že bila poročena. Ko ji je angel ta pomislek pojasnil s tem, da bo spočela Jezusovo življenje v moči Svetega Duha, potem je Marija brez pomišljanja rekla: »Da.« Njene besede so bile: »Glej dekla sem Gospodova, zgodi se mi po tvoji besedi.«

Kot bi se oddahnila nebo in zemlja. Kaj ni čudovito, da Bog čaka na naš odgovor. Pusti nam svobodo, da rečemo da ali ne.

Tako je z vsakim poklicem. Mnogi ljudje ga napravijo in ne postanejo tisto, kar bi lahko. Posebno je hudo, če napravimo svoj krščanski poklic. Vrata našega pravega doma, vrata nebes so nam zaprta. Četudi smo bogati, imenitni, učeni, nam nič ne pomaga. Če ne umrjemo kot božji otroci, je vse izgubljeno. In dobro veste, da nam smrtni greh ubije božje otroštvo, ki smo ga prejeli pri krstu. S tem smo se izneverili Kristusu. On nas čaka in nas rad sprejme v svojo božjo družino, če se skesamo in izpovemo greha.



Presveta Devica Marija!

Ti si Jezusova mati:
ti si ga pod srcem nosila,
ga rodila in z njim
pod križem trpela.

Ti si tudi naša mati:
tvoja materinska roka
nas je varovala skozi
vso zgodovino.

Tebi izročamo sami sebe,
da bi v molitvi in pokori
spreminjali svoja srca.
Tebi izročamo naše družine,
da bi bile odprte za življenje
in bi mladim odkrivala
duhovne vrednote.

Tebi izročamo
Cerkev na Slovenskem
in v Kanadi, da bi
v zvestobi evangeliju
gradila edinstvo.

Tebi izročamo
slovensko in kanadsko
domovino, da bi
napredovali v luči vere
krščanskega izročila.

Tebi izročamo
naše rojake po svetu,
da bi ostali zvesti Bogu
in svoji domovini.

Tebi, naša Mati,
se danes vsi skupaj posvetimo.
Sprejmi nas v svoje varstvo
in nas izroči svojemu Sinu
Jezusu, našemu Odrešeniku,
ki živi in kraljuje vekomaj.
Amen.

»SING THE LORD A NEW SONG, FOR HE HAS DONE
MARVELLOUS THINGS« (PS 98)



Sveti Jakob (807m) - Slovenija