

Nedelja, 19. januar: – Janez Krstnik izpove, da je Jezus tisto jagnje, o katerem so govorili preroki, ki bo odvezlo greh sveta. Sveti Duh, ki je ob krstu prišel nad Jezusa, je znamenje, da je Jezus Bog, ki je od vekomaj. Jezus je tisti, ki nam podarja Svetega Duha, nas z njim krščuje. Po delovanju Svetega Duha smo pri krstu postali nova stvar, Božji otroci. Kot Božji otroci moramo živeti kot priče Božje ljubezni, biti kot luč, ki sveti in kaže drugim pot k Bogu, viru milosti.

John the Baptist points at Jesus as the Lamb of God. John quotes the Old Testament which reveal the identity of Jesus of Nazareth - Lamb of God. This title brings to mind the Exodus and the night of the first Passover. The blood of the Paschal Lamb, with which the doors of the houses were signed, was a sign of liberation. Jesus is the new Paschal Lamb who liberates His people.

John professes that Jesus “existed before me”. This recalls several texts of the Books of Wisdom, in which God’s Wisdom, which existed before all the other creatures and which was with God, fixed her dwelling among the people of God.

BARAGOVA NEDELJA, 19. januar: – Božji služabnik škof Friderik Irenej Baraga je umrl 19. januarja 1868 v Marquettu, kamor je leta 1854 prenesel škofijski sedež iz Saul-Sainte-Marie. Umrl je v sluhu svetosti. Kljub hudi zimi, so množice prihajale in so se z molitvijo in dotikom ljubljenega škofa od njega poslavljal in se mu priporočale.

Za verne je smrt prehod iz sedanjega v večno življenje, je kot rojstvo za nebesa. Zato je nedelja, ki je blizu datuma smrti škofa Baraga, posvečena njemu. Ta spomin je za nas vabilo in vzpodbuda, da bi ga spoznavali, spoznavali njegovo herojsko ljubezen do Boga in do bližnjega, se mu tudi priporočali v potrebah in molili, da bi Bog potrdil s čudežem njegov junaški zgled vere. Friderik Baraga je bil goreč misijonar in zavzet kulturni delavec, saj je Indijancem pripravil slovar in slovnico in tako omogočil, da so začeli pisati v svojem jeziku in tako ohranjati svojo kulturo. Baraga je v Indijaskem jeziku pripravil katekizem, mašno knjigo in tudi cerkvene pesmi.

Bishop Baraga was born 1779, 1823 he was ordained as priest, and on Dec. 31, 1830 he stepped to the American soil to work as missionary. On July 29, 1853 he was named bishop of Sault Sainte Marie, died on January 19, 1868 in Marquette. He worked tireless among the Native people in the Great Lakes Region first as missionary priest and as bishop. Because of his heroic love for God and people he is a model and inspiration for us to follow Jesus and his teaching faithfully. As we remember him we are invited to follow his example and pray that he would be officially recognised as blessed and saint to be our inspiration and sign of love, compassion and generosity.

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