

rector of the College in Ljubljana and second, to be bishop of Skopje. Gnidovec had two difficult beginnings.

He did not want to be a public figure. He entered the Congregation to become an ordinary missionary. But he could not hide from God. As bishop, he accepted a new field with fervor and zeal. Again, he worked tirelessly as a real shepherd for 14 years. In spite of all the difficulties he was true to his motto: "I became all things to all men." He remained a real Vincentian. - When news of his death reached his diocese, the priests and people were deeply saddened. Ordinary people, even Muslims said: "A saint has died."

NEDELJA, 1. februar: – Danes srečamo Jezusa v shodnici v Kafarnaumu, ko je učil. Ljudje v tem kraju so že veliko slišali o Jezusu, kako je učil drugod, ozdravljaj bolne in izganjal hude duhove.

Jezus je z besedo, naukom in mogočnimi dejanji, čudeži razodeval Očeto ljubezen do nas in svojo ljubečo zvestoba do Očeta in ljubzen do nas ljudi. Prav zaradi tega so se množice zgrinjale okrog njega in ga poslušale. Tisti, ki so imeli svojo podobo o Odrešeniku, so mu nasprotovali. Hudi duhovi so se ga bali in prosili, naj jih ne muči, naj jih ne izganja.

Jezus ni prišel nikogar mučit. Njegova beseda in milost prinašata veselje, upanje in pomagata k bolj srečnemu in zadovoljnemu življenju.

SVEČNICA: – Jutri, v ponedeljek, 2. februarja, obhajamo Jezusovo darovanje. Na ta praznik se opravi blagoslov sveč. Sveča je simbol darovanja. Sveča na simboličen način predstavlja Jezusa – velikonočna sveča.

Pri vsakem verskem obredu so prižgane sveče, ki nas usmerjajo k Bogu, ki je prava luč. Blagoslovljena sveča nas spomni, naj zaupamo v Boga, ki je vir milosti in blagoslova.

Sv. Blaž: – V torek obhajamo god sv. Blaža, škofa in cerkvenega učitelja. Ta dan Cerkev s prošnjo k Bogu deli blagoslov vernim, da bi bili obvarovani bolezni in vsakega drugega zla.

"A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it. The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open." – Pope Francis