

BOŽIČ - maša polmočnice : Danes smo pred vrati božičnega praznika. Kot v minulih letih bomo tudi letos imeli mašo polnočnice ob 10 uri zvečer, jutri, v ponedeljek, 24. decembra. Lepo vabljeni k tej maši, ki se obhaja v spomin na Jezusovo rojstvo. Prav tako ste lepo vabljeni k svetim mašam na sam božični dan. – Gospodov angel bo tudi nam spregovoril: “Oznanjam vam veliko veselje, ki bo za vse ljudstvo: rodil se je Odrešenik, ki je Kristus, Gospod... našli boste dete... položeno v jasli.” To dete prinaša “mir ljudem, ki so mu po volji.”

Nedelja, 23. december – V vsakdanjem življenju doživimo različna srečanja; nekatera so bežna in hitro zapustijo spomin, druga se nam vtisnejo globlje in ostanejo z nami. Tudi ta so različna: nekatera nas razveselijo in spodbudijo, druga morda prinesejo žalost.

Današnji evangelij nam predstavi srečanje dveh žena, dveh mater, ki sta še v pričakovanju rojstva otroka. Njuno srečanje je izraz globoke hvaležnosti do Boga, izraz vere in hvaležnosti, ker se je Bog z usmiljenjem ozrl na zaupno prošnjo in molitev. “Blagor ji, ki je verovala,” je rekla Elizabeta o Mariji. Ker je verovala tudi Elizabeta, se je z njo veselilo dete, ki ga je nosila.

Bog se bo ozrl na nas in na naše prošnje in molitve, če bomo redno, vztrajno in zaupno molili, če bomo Jezusa prejemali s čistim srcem, z iskreno ljubeznijo in hvaležnostjo. – Ko obiščemo Jezusa (pri sveti maši), nas Jezus blagoslavlja in daje moč za življenje po veri! – Adventna pesem nas je ob nedeljah spomnila, da *Jezus in Marija čakata na nas, da z njima* in prav gotovo tudi s sv. Jožefom, *preživimo ta adventni čas*.

Luke stresses the readiness of Mary in serving, in being a handmaid. The angel speaks about the pregnancy of Elizabeth, and immediately Mary rises and sets out as quickly as she can to go and help her... Elizabeth represents the Old Testament, which was about to end. Mary represents the New Testament. The Old Testament accepts the New one with gratitude and trust, recognizing in it God's gift... In the encounter of the two women the gift of the Spirit is manifested. The child leapt with joy in Elizabeth's womb. This is Elizabeth's faith-filled reading of things... The Good News of God reveals His (Jesus) presence in the most common things of human life: two

housewives who visit each other to help one another. Visit, joy, pregnancy, children, mutual help, house, family: Luke wants us and the community to see precisely this, and to discover in this, God's presence....

Mary brought God to Elizabeth in her heart and in her womb. We bring God to everyone we meet, and everyone we meet brings God to us.

Mary was called to cooperate in the salvation of the world. Her first thought was to go and visit her older cousin, who was in need. Is there anyone who needs me today?

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