

F. Gnidovec je bil prvi director (ravnatelj) prve slovenske gimnazije v Šentvidu nad Ljubljano. Po nekaj letih te službe je vtopil v Misijonsko družbo. 29. oktobra 1924 je bil imenovan za škofa v Skopju. To težko in odgovorno nalogo je sprejel in jo zvesto izpolnjeval. Bil je duhovnik in škof po Jezusovem Srcu. Njegovo življenje in delo sta odlikovali dobrota in ljubezen. Mnogim revnim in preizkušanim je pomagal. – Gnidovčeve zemeljske ostanke so slovesno prenesli s pokopališča v cerkev Srca Jezusovega v Ljubljani.

»Naš škof Gnidovec je bil svetnik. Vsi smo ga klicali s tem imenom. Bil je pravi duhovnik po Jezusovem Srcu; blagega in ponižnega srca. Ko sem odhajala v misijone, je zame maševal, obhajal me je, me blagoslovil in rekel: 'V misijone greste. Dajte Jezusu vse, samo Zanj živite, bodite samo Njegova, samo Njega ljubite, samo Zanj se žrtvujte. Naj vam bo Jezus vse v vašem življenju'. – Prepričana sem, da prosi zame in da imam v njem pri Jezusu zaščitnika«(sv. Mati Terezija).

When he was home, he said Mass for the faithful every day and heard confessions. When visiting a parish, his first stop was at the parish church or chapel. Although tired from travelling far, he spent hours in the confessional.... Devotion of first Fridays and first Saturdays was very dear to his heart. The Bishop wanted families to accept that devotion to model themselves on the Holy Family. He knew that a life of faith would grow only in good and devoted families... When news of his death reached his diocese (Gnidovec died on February 3, 1939, which was a first Friday, in Ljubljana in the hospital), the priests and people were deeply saddened. Ordinary people, even Orthodox and Muslims said, »A saint has died.«

Nedelja, 3. februar: – Evangelist predstavi Jezusa v shodnici, v hiši molitve. Ker je zbranim govoril o dobroti, ljubezni in usmiljenju do drugih in storil nobenega znamenja, so se njegovi rojaki obrnili proti njemu.

Ker jih je opomnil z besedami preroka Elija, da so trdosrčni in mislijo le nase, so ga hoteli vreči v prepad. Jezus ni pokazal strahu, ampak je šel od njih, da bi oznanjal in prinašal veselo novico o odrešju vsem, ki sprejmejo njega in njegov nauk, njegovo dobroto in usmiljenje do vsakega človeka.

Jesus had presented His program in the synagogue of Nazareth, using a text from Isaiah which spoke about the poor, the prisoners, the blind and the oppressed... The

people in the synagogue were scandalized and did not want to know anything about Jesus. They said, "Is He not the son of Joseph?"... No prophet is ever accepted in his own country. Jesus answers, "No prophet is ever accepted in his own country!"... They intended to throw Him off the cliff, but He passed straight through the crowd and walked away.... And thus, at the moment in which He presented His plan to accept the excluded, Jesus Himself was excluded! But He remained calm! The anger of the others did not make Him change His mind.

KOSILO – Cerkveni obdor vabi na kosilo v dvorano, v nedeljo 3. marca po drugi maši.

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