



*ShareLent*), da bi tako pokazali hvaležno ljubezen do Boga za delo odrešenja ter dobroto in ljubezen do sočloveka.

Na pepelnično sredo ste lepo povabljeni k sveti maši, da bomo s skupno molitvijo in najsvetejšo daritvijo začeli sveti postni čas. Cerkev nas z obredom pepeljenja opomni in povabi k veri in spreobrnjenju, k odpovedi in dobrim delom, da bi tako odprli svoja srca božji milosti in bi sebi in svojim bližnjim pomagali na poti k Jezusu..

**LENT:** – *Lent has two major purposes. It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social.*

**Nedelja, 23. februar:** – Danes, na nedeljo pred začetkom postnega časa nam Jezus naroča: “Bodite torej popolni, kakor je popoln vaš nebeški Oče.” Biti popoln pomeni biti vedno bolj podoben Bogu v svojem mišljenju, govorjenju in dejanjih.

Postni čas, ki je pred nami, je za nas priložnost, da pogledamo v svoje življenje, na svoj odnos do Boga in do bližnjega. Kdor zares iskreno pogleda, bo videl stvari, ki jih je morda treba odstraniti ali spremeniti. Zato nas Cerkev v postmen času vabi, naj molimo, se tudi med tednom udeležimo svete maše in opravimo dobro spoved, da nas bo Bog objel z odpuščajočo milostjo.

The living Word proclaimed in today’s liturgy continues to challenge the faith community about the demands of Christian discipleship. The message of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount echoes with greater intensity and transforming power. Today’s Gospel reading contains the Divine Master’s radical teaching on holiness, expressed in non-resistance to injury and magnanimous love even of enemies.

The Old Testament reading reinforces Jesus’ call to holiness that is linked to love of neighbors. True holiness demands that we be holy as God is holy by loving our neighbors in his “magnanimous” way. Listening to the voice of the Lord, we thus realize what holiness entails: overcoming hatred, wholesome fraternal correction, taking no revenge, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Indeed, the merciful God gently guides his chosen people on the path of holiness.

Saint Paul motivates the Corinthian community to follow their Christian call to holiness: “For the temple of God, which you are, is holy ... You belong to Christ, and Christ to God.” We are “holy” because we belong to Christ, and through him, to God. Our vocation to holiness moves us to overcome trials, divisions and difficulties. Holiness integrates the life of believers by focusing it on Jesus Christ and enabling it to rise above the vanity and wisdom of today’s world.

*- V nedeljo, 1. mrca, bo druga nedeljska maša v angleščini. Obvestite in povabite predvsem mlajše!*

*- On Sunday, March 1, second Mass in English. Please, notify and invite younger members and encourage them to come to take part at least at the English Mass.*