

NEDELJA, 21. februar: – V postmen času nas Cerkev z Božjo besedo pripravlja na obhajanje Jezusove zmage nad grehom in smrtjo, na njegovo vstajenje.

Jezus je svoje učence pripravljaj na zaključno dejanje za naše odrešenje, na trpljenje in smrt na križu in na vstajenje; pripravljaj jih je tudi na poslanstvo oznanjevanja evangelija.

Ko jim je govoril o svojem trpljenju in smrti, tega niso mogli razumeti in sprejeti. Sedaj na gori jim je kot v odgovor spregovoril Bog Oče: “Ta je moj Sin, moj Izvoljenec, njega poslušajte!” Bog Oče je opomnil učence in po njih tudi nas, da naj poslušamo Jezusa, kajti Jezus “ima besede večnega življenja”, Jezus je “pot, resnica in življenje”. Tudi če so Jezusove besede kdaj težje razumljive ali imamo občutek, da so zahtevne, jih ne smemo poriti ob stran, sprejeti jih moramo in uresničevati, da bomo tako hodili po pravi poti življenja vere.

POSTNI ČAS: – Postni čas je spokorni čas in čas priprave na veliko noč. Kristjani bi se naj odpovedali stvarem in z dobrimi deli pomagali pomoči potrebnim. Tudi molili bi naj več in v postu opravili dobro spoved, da bo milost, ki nam jo je Jezus uaslužil s trpljenjem in smrtjo na križu ter slavnim vstajenjem, obrodila sad v poživljeni veri in našem prizadevanju, da bi postali “usmiljeni kakor Oče”.

LENT: – Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. ... “Two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent – the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance – should be given greater emphasis in the liturgical catechesis. It is by means of them that the Church prepares the faithful for the celebration of Easter, while they hear God’s word more frequently and devote more time to prayer.”

“Christians around the world mark the beginning of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This ancient day and season has a surprising modern appeal. Priests and pastors often tell you that outside of Christmas, more people show up to church on Ash Wednesday than any other day of the year—including Easter. No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting... if you do no good to others, you do nothing great.” – Pope Francis

DIOCESAN-WIDE LENTEN MISSION March 1-2-3 - Our Lenten journey to Easter has begun! Why not plan to include the diocesan-wide Lenten Mission about *Mercy* led by Bishop Thomas Dowd? It takes place March 1st, 2nd and 3rd at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish (105 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield H9W 3Z8). All evenings begin at 7:00 p.m. Come for one, two or, better yet, all three evenings and bring a friend. For more information: www.lent2016.com or contact Fr. Gerry Martineau at 514-366-0131 ext. 225.