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JESUS HEALS



CALIFORNIA / FEBRUARY 2012

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

When Jesus lived on earth, with love he was healing anyone who came to him with illness. Neither does he forget about the sick of our time. He established the sacrament of the sick, a sacrament which brings hope and healing to those who suffer. In this sacrament he forgives our sins, our temporal punishment, and when it is good for the soul of the sick person, he may return him to health again. With gladness and gratitude, receive then this great gift from God and by prayer, get ready for the reception of this sacrament when you come to our February Masses in all three places. Feel free to bring relatives or friends who are ill or who care for those who are ill that they may participate in this ceremony.



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A reading from the apostle James 5:13-16:

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

A Prayer for the Sick

Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, you healed the sick. Care for our suffering brothers and sisters who look to you with faith and hope that you will bring healing to their spirit and their bodies. Give them vitality and strength so that they may overcome their illness and, with your help, be restored to a productive and joyful life. You call them to participate in your suffering; give them strength and hope that their pain will not be meaningless. Amen

When the priest anoints the sick person in the form of a cross on his or her forehead, he says: ***Through this holy anointing and through His immense mercy, may God free you from sin and strengthen you. Amen.***

JANUARY 2012

Total collections for operation of the California missions: \$2,223.00

SD collection \$201.00, for *Velehrad* \$.00 LA collection \$630.00, meal \$457.00, for *Velehrad* \$.00; SF collection: \$935.00; for *Velehrad* \$360.00 .

Mission Expenses: \$2,504.00

\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; 250.00 (rent for Polish Center (200) and the hall in San Diego (50)); 323.00 (travel to SF, gas, car maintenance); *Věstník* publication : \$117.00 +264.00 (postage).

May God reward you for your generosity.

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FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA

Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California



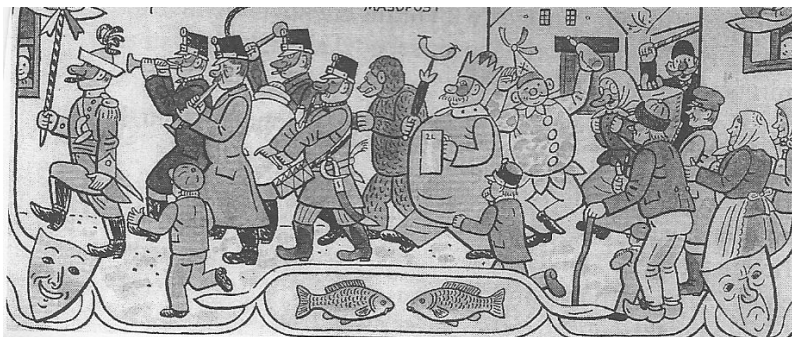
This month, the month of February, we focus on those who are sick and suffering as Christ's community. He always helped the needy and suffering people who came to Him, and we, the members of his Mystical Body, the Church, are caring and helping the needy and suffering among our brothers and sisters. This category also includes those who are old and often in the past were alone and isolated. We can find many cases of this forgetfulness. Surely you remember the Czech fable about the father, who divided the entire estate among his children, and called his son who had received the most to care for him before he died. But then he was upset to find his son carving a wooden spoon for him. And when his son asked what he was doing, he asked, "and why do you care?" His son replied, "I know you did it for your father. When you are old, I I will make one for you." This comment changed the father's attitude and made him act differently. People deserve to be treated with dignity .

Here, we should all look at our situation and ask " Do I know someone who's forgotten, the fellow who is without friends and relatives, who needs support? And what should I do for him or her?" Insult him? Give him a wooden spoon? We should not forget the words of Christ: "What you have done for the least of these, you did for me."

● On the second page of this *Vestník* is the text of the Sacrament of the sick. At our next Mass we offer this sacrament of anointing to who are feeling ill. It is NOT meant to be received only once in a lifetime, but once in an illness. Recently, not only here in America but in Europe there is more and more talk about the process of healing. It is a very popular phenomenon today. Often this process is associated with human psychology, but especially for religious people, the process of healing is also seen as the intent of the Sacrament of anointing and happens more frequently in patients. Read to get more information before presenting yourself to receive this sacrament in the church. Invite your neighbors or family members as well.

● On page 7 you can become familiar with the financial report for 2011. The report will be presented and discussed after Mass.

● The government approved a property settlement with 17 churches, article on page 9. As you can see from this report I would say again that only 56 percent of the church property which was taken in February 1948 by the communist regime is being returned.



MASOPUST

KARICKA

The folklore group "Karicka" would like to invite all of you to a

Carnival Ball

18th February 2012 starting at 6:30p.m.

dancing with folk music and a DJ

At 7:30 a Czechoslovakian dinner with a toast.

The price of \$20 includes dinner, coffee and toast (in addition, everyone can bring their favorite beverages).



Reservations will be accepted until February 10. Space is limited so do not hesitate.

Book now.

Venue: Parish Hall, St John's
4005 Normal Street, San Diego CA 92103

Contact: anhrab@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you,

Vasa Karicka

Facebook: *Česko-Moravsko-Slovenský folklor v San Diego*

*The Congregation for canonizations in Rome announced in April 2011 that a diocesan beatification procedure of Father **Václav Drbola (1912-1951)** may go forward. During the investigation on the martyrdom of Servant of God Jan Bula of Brno, some materials on the martyrdom of Father Drbola were found as well. Both the priests were tortured and executed by the communist regime in 1950s.*



Born 16. October 1912 in Starovičákách ●

After seminary he was ordained a priest in Brno on 5. July, 1938 ● During the years 1938-1951 he served as a priest in Slavkově u Brne, in Čučicích, Bučovicích and Babičích u Lesonic ● 14. July, 1951, he was illegally sentenced to death ● On August 3, 1951, he was executed in Jihlava ● The year 2011 saw his beatification process undertaken along with that of Fr. Jan Bula.

The government approved a property settlement with churches

The Catholic Weekly 03/2012



Calling it an historic agreement between the state and churches in the nation, the Czech government under the leadership of Prime Minister Petr Necas last Wednesday unanimously endorsed a bill on property settlement with the churches, which will start a new era in the financing of the churches.

"The Czech Bishops' Conference is proud that the coalition respected the word of the 17 churches and religious communities," commented the Czech and Moravian bishops' spokeswoman Monica Power about the government proposal. CBK also hoped that the law would be approved by both Houses of Parliament of the Czech Republic. This is needed, along with the signature of the President, for the act to take effect.

The proposal could take effect by early February. However, problems can be expected, especially in the Senate, where most of the Social Democrats oppose the measure. Even then the opposition would not prevail because of a possible veto by the Chamber of Deputies, in which the government of ODS, TOP 09 and Public Affairs has the majority.

Among the government coalition parties, however, agreement on the bill is uneasy. Some wanted a property settlement with churches to wait for a period of economic growth. Finally, they may be satisfied with the guarantees of the Prime Minister Petr Necas. "Prime Minister pledged that the transfer of property will be transparent; further, that coalition will find savings in the state budget, and finally, that the settlement will not be at the expense of other objectives of this government," said an official statement in the press department of public affairs.

The bill allows for thirty years from 2013 to pay the churches 59 billion crowns. At the same time inflation will be taken into account. Churches also expect to get back 56 percent of the property, which was taken over in February 1948 by the communist regime. The property value is estimated at 75 billion crowns.



*Dear Frank,
For your 96th birthday
(February 13, 1916),
with my whole heart,
I wish you health
and God's abundant blessing.*

P. S. I do not know how to celebrate this 96th birthday of my husband Frank, who has kept his firm belief in God, our Creator, as he constantly emphasizes. I am grateful for his generosity towards his neighbors and family. My wish for us is that we may have many more beautiful days together on this troubled planet.

Věra Rychecká.

Frank Rychecký-wife Vera.

DOMINIK DUKA APPOINTED AS CARDINAL

Vatican/Prague: The Archbishop of Prague Dominik Duka is the 11th Cardinal among the Prague Archbishops and the 22nd Cardinal in the Czech and Moravian dioceses.



Cardinal Dominik Duka was born on 26 April 1943 in Hradec Kralove to a family of an army officer who took part in the anti-Nazi resistance abroad. His father left for Italy in 1944 and later through Switzerland to England, where he fought in the Czechoslovakian army; in the 1950s he was imprisoned together with other officers from the Western Front.

In 1960, Jaroslav Duka finished the J. K. Tyl Grammar School in Hradec Kralove, he then worked in the factory for three years and was taught to be a locksmith. In 1962-1964 he did his compulsory military service. He entered the *Ss Cyril and Methodius' Faculty of Theology* in Litomerice in 1965. On 5 January 1968 he entered the secret novitiate of the Dominican order with the religious name Dominik and on 6 January 1969 he took his temporary vows. He was ordained priest on 22 June 1970 by Cardinal Stepan Trochta, bishop of Litomerice. For five years he worked in boundary parishes of the Archdiocese of Prague (Chlum svate Mari, Jachymov, Nove Mitrovice – all of them are part of the Diocese of Plzen today). On 7 January 1972 he took his solemn vows in the Dominican order.

For his activity in the Dominican order and secret publishing of books (so-called "samizdat"), he was arrested in 1981-1982 and imprisoned in Plzen-Bory. From 1986 to 1998 he was a provincial of the Czechoslovakian Dominican Province, in 1992-1996 president of the *Conference of Major Superiors of Men Religious in the Czech Republic* and vice-president of the *European Conference of Major Superiors of Men Religious*, in 1990-1998 member of the *Accreditation Commission at the Czech Government*, in 1990-1999 lecturer of Biblical Sciences at the *Ss Cyril and Methodius' Faculty of Theology* of the Palacky University in Olomouc.

On 6 June 1998, he was appointed bishop of Hradec Kralove by Pope John Paul II and on 13 February 2010 he was appointed 36th Archbishop of Prague by Pope Benedict XVI. Appointed cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on January 6, 2012, he will accept the insignia of the cardinalate in the Vatican on February 18 and 19, 2012.



San Diego Christmas: Left: Three generations. Right: Living nativity: Silhar family Lucia Lang, Olga Rajec, Elias Lang.



Right: Living nativity: Silhar family Vincent, Silvia, Petr.

You are invited to attend



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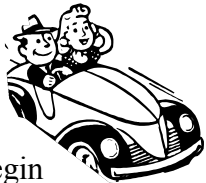
In SAN DIEGO our Mass will be on Saturday, February 11 at 4:00 in the afternoon at St. John's Church on the corner of Normal and Lincoln.

In LOS ANGELES our Mass will be on Sunday, February 12 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Immediately after Mass a meal will be served. A donation of \$10.00 is requested, \$5.00 for parky.

IN SAN FRANCISCO our Mass will be on Sunday, February 19 at 11:00 in the morning at Star of the Sea Church, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA.

For MARCH: SD 17, LA 18, SF 25.

Reminder . . .



Please try to arrive at our Masses before the time designated. If you are here early it is a good time to socialize. We would like to begin on time, and it seems that our starting times are getting later and later. This is an act of courtesy to others and a spiritual discipline for each of us. It is another way to show our respect for each other. Thanks!



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COLLECTIONS	26,500
MAIL	9,711
<u>TOTAL DONATIONS</u>	36,211
Interest income	8
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>36,219.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Rent for churches	3,270
Salary/medical for bishop	12,464
Velehrad household	8,055
Program Expenses	3,951
Office	2,040
Car and California air travel	4,004
Vestnik printing and mailing	4,539
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>38,323.00</u>
BALANCE 12/31/09	(2,112)
ASSETS	11,351.36
RC Czech Mission checking	9,001.31
Share	2,340.05
VELEHRAD CORPORATION	
DONATIONS Building Fund	7,516
EXPENSES	13,488.62
County assessments	526.50
Loan payments	12,000.00
Insurance	962.12
Balance	(5,973)
ASSETS	
Building Fund checking	12,306.20
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Remaining balance on loan (12.31.11)	(373,326)