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CHURCH BULLETIN

Number 39 - September 28, 2008

Sept. 28, 2008. 26th Sunday of Ordinary time

Readings::

Ez 18,25-28; Fil 2,1-11; Mt 21,28-32

Responsorial Psalm:

„Remember your mercies, O Lord.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** (1) Ibolya és Kinga születésnapjára – Sztanyó László és Marika
(2) +Fogarasi Lászlóért – özvegye és családja
(3) +Köteles Mihályért és +Máriáért – Marika és József
(4) +Gerencsér Józsefért és +Annáért – Marika és József
- 10:30** (1) Nóra születésnapjára – Sztanyó L. és M.
(2) Szegváry Magda felgyógyulásáért – Juliska
(3) Rotár Ilona felgyógyulásáért - férje
(4) Szakál Ferenc és Margit felgyógyulásáért – Rotár Z. és I.
(5) Horváth Imre felgyógyulásáért – Rotár Zoltán és Ilona
(6) +édesanyjáért - Annamária
(7) +Palatics Olgáért – férje és családja
(8) + Molnár Erzsébetért – leánya és családja
(9) +Fritz Mariánáért – Molnár Mária
(10) +Árpád Terézért és +Szabó Tiborért – Rotár Z. és I.
(11) +Lukovits Jánosért – leánya és családja
(12) +Pécsy Józsefért – unokahúga és gyermekei
(13) +Szűsz Béláért – Radocsay család
(14) +Békési atyáért – Mária Kongregáció
(15) Skerlán Ernesztina 80. születésnapjára – Mária Kongregáció
(16) +Jakus Lászlóért – Koszonits Imre és Ilona
- 12:00** (1) +Máriáért – testvére, Tamás
(2) +Nagy Erzsébetért és +Domokos Antalért
- 29. Monday; Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**
7.30 for +George Rose - Csányi Margit
8.00 (1) Molnár Nóra születésnapjára, hálából- Nusi
(2) Szt. Mihály, Gábor, Rafael főangyalokhoz, hálából
19.00 egyházunk Képviselő Testületéért
- 30. Tuesday; Saint. Jerome**
7.30 for Patrick Jeganathan and family
8.00 (1) +férjéért – özvegye és családja
(2) +Békési atyáért – Ili
(3) Kinga születésnapjára – édesanyja
19.00 egyházközségünk nőtagjaiért
- October 1. Wednesday; St. Térèse of Lisieux**
7.30 atyák szándékaira
8.00 Szt. József tiszteletére – Csányi Margit
19.00 +Hein Mária gyászmiséje – férje és családja

2. Thursday; Guardian Angels

7.30 atyák szándékaira

8.00 Pálért – Etelka

3. Friday; First Friday

7.30 atyák szándékaira

8.00 atyák szándékaira

19.00 (1) +Kovács Lászlóért – családja

(2) +Szendi Lajosért – családja

(3) +Erős Istvánért - húga

4. Saturday; Saint Francis of Assisi

7.30 for +Galambos László – Csányi Margit

8.00 (1) +Nagy családtagokért – Zoli

(2) a tisztítóűzben szenvedő lelkekért – Szendi Ilona

Funeral: Dávid Mária (72), Kémenczy Éva (46)

Fine Words and Good Deeds

Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.

An associate pastor, new to the parish, sees the need to start a Bible study group where people could learn to read the word of God and deepen their faith. After service one morning, he presents the idea to the people and receives a unanimous and enthusiastic feedback. “It is a wonderful idea,” they all say. Then the young associate pastor goes and tells the pastor that the people are happy with the idea of starting a Bible class. The older and more experienced pastor tells the associate to rephrase the question and consult the people again. The following day the young priest asks the same congregation, “Who would like to sign up for the Bible study group? Only four hands go up. Then it dawns on the young man that saying yes to an idea is one thing and doing what is required is another.

In today's gospel Jesus tells the parable of two sons who say one thing and do another. Asked by the father to go and work in the vineyard the first son says no but later reconsiders his decision and does the work. The second son, on the other hand, courteously says yes to the father but fails to do the work. Who actually did

what his father wanted? Clearly it is the first son, the same one who had earlier said no to him.

Jesus told this parable in the temple in Jerusalem just days before they would arrest him and put him to death. For three years he had been preaching to the people, inviting them to repent and believe the Good News. He had discovered that, in fact, it was public sinners like the tax-collectors and prostitutes who responded to his invitation. The religious leaders, the scribes and Pharisees, even after they perceived the divine origin of the message of Jesus, still opposed it instead of accepting it. They had greeted John the Baptist with the same attitude. They knew John's teaching was from God but they would not admit it. As Jesus said to them, **"even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him"** (Matthew 21:32). Religious people are sometimes so bent on proving that they are right that they fail to hear the voice of reason and the voice of God.

The parable likens the tax-collectors and prostitutes to the son who first said no but later did what the father wanted, and the Pharisees and scribes to the son who enthusiastically said yes but did not go. One group has no fine words but they have good deeds. The other group has fine words but no corresponding good deeds. They represent two kinds of people and the different ways they try to relate to God. There are those who have no fine words: like those who profess no faith, who do not go to church, who do not pray. But sometimes when there is injustice in the city they will be the first to rise up and condemn it. When there are people out in the cold they will be the first to donate a blanket. Wherever there is famine or earthquake or hurricane disaster they will deny themselves a packet of cigarettes to contribute to help the victims. These people have no fine words to say to God or about God but when they do things such as these, they are doing what God has commanded us all to do.

Then there are those of us who have the fine words: who come to church every Sunday and say to God "Amen! We believe." We wear badges and medals as ways of professing our faith. But sometimes when it comes to concrete action in support of what we know to be the will of God, we are found wanting. If we carry on like this, then we should heed the warning that those other folks are going into the kingdom of God ahead of us.

To conclude, we need to point out that today's parable is really the parable of two bad sons. Which of the two

boys would you have as an ideal son: the one who bluntly says no to his father's face or the one who says yes and does not follow up on it? The answer is none of the above. Ideal sons and daughters are those who say yes to their parents and then go on to do what is commanded. This is what we should aim to be -- men and women who profess our faith in word and deed -- knowing that **"Not all those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven"** (Matthew 7:21).

NEWS

Life Chain, Sunday, October 5, 2 p.m.

The annual **Life Chain**, a pro-life prayer and witness event, will take place this year in cities across the United States and Canada on Sunday October 5. Life Chain involves an hour of silent prayer and public witness and will take place from **2 to 3 p.m.** In Canada approximately 30,000 people participate each year, carrying signs that say, "Abortion harms women," "Abortion kills children" and "Adoption, the loving option."

The official Life Chain website describes the pro-life event, "LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life persons standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception." It is also an act of loving response to Christ's plea, "Will you not watch one hour with me?" (Mark 14:37)

Closest Location to us: Bayview /Finch corner

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

Upcoming Weekend Date: October 24-26, 2008

For further information or registration please contact:

David and Lucy Adams 905-470-9590 or emailadamsffirogers.com

This is a reminder that the **19th International Festival of Religious Song** will take place November 15-16, 2008, at the John Paul II Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Road, Mississauga. The Festival will feature two evenings of quality music, song and a joyful celebration of faith, including multimedia effects. The registration deadline is September 30th, 2008. Registration forms are available online at <http://catholicradio.ca/festival>. We encourage all applicants to write their own lyrics and music, taking particular inspiration from the Acts of the Apostles written by St. Luke, the Holy Father's message to the youth for World Youth Day and any other parts of Scripture that speak to the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and the faithful.