



## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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English masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 in the morning  
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# CHURCH BULLETIN

## Number 41 - October 12, 2008

28th Sunday of Ordinary time, Oct. 12, 2008.

### Readings:

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:10-14; Mt 22:1-14

### Responsorial Psalm:

„I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.”

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☛ +Bernád Lajosért – felesége  
**10:30** ☛ a KFT élő és elhunyt tagjaiért  
☛ Juhász családért – Sándor és Márta  
☛ Nagy Etusért – férje és családja  
☛ élő családtagokért  
☛ Szent Antal tiszteletére  
☛ Jutka és Annie felgyógyulásáért - Mária  
☛ +Szilárd Istvánért (Steven)  
☛ +Vaskó Istvánért – testvére, Margit  
☛ +feleségéért, Margitért - Feri  
☛ +Cservenkáné M. Sáraért és +Jakus Lászlóért – Kovács Kálmán és Ildikó  
☛ +Pétery Hunt Dóraért és +Malonyay Maricáért – Padányi Karolina  
**12:00** ☛ Balatoni Feri születésnapjára  
☛ +Staffer Máriáért - Forrai család  
☛ for +Vilma Puzavov – daughter, Eleonora  
☛ +Dénesért - Zia

### 13. Monday; *Thanksgiving day*

- 7.30 for Hungary's spiritual renewal  
8.00 for reconciliation in Central Europe

### 14. Tuesday; *Callistus I., pope, martyr*

- 7.30 for +Sándor Kálmán - family  
8.00 for +Margit Dencsházi – family  
7 p.m. for the Cursillo members

### 15. Wednesday; *St. Theresa of Avila*

- 7.30 to stop the practice of abortion  
8.00 for Paul - Etelka  
19.00 for Teréz Szőke – grandson and family

### 16. Thursday; *St. Hedvig, St. Margaret Marie Alacoque*

- 7.30 for the homeless  
8.00 for +Harvey - Lisa

### 17. Friday; *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

- 7.30 for the intention of the celebrant  
8.00 for +Klára Lendvay

### 18. Saturday; *Luke the evangelist*

- 7.30 for the conversion of the political establishment in Hungary  
8.00 for world peace

### *Homily by Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, csso*

At a church conference in Omaha, people were given helium-filled balloons and told to release them at some point in the service when they felt joy in their hearts. All through the service worshippers kept releasing balloons. At the end of the service it was discovered that most of them still had their balloons unreleased. If this experiment were repeated in our church today, how many of us would still have our balloons unreleased at the end of the service? Many of us think of God's house as a place for seriousness, a place to close one's eyes and pray, but not a place of celebration, a place where we can have fun. The parable of the Great Supper in today's gospel paints a different picture. The Christian assembly is a gathering of those who are called to the Lord's party. In the Eucharist we say of ourselves, "Happy are those who are called to his supper." The Lord invites us to a supper, a banquet, a feast. Can you imagine a wedding feast in which everyone sits stone-faced, cold and quiet?

The parable shows us three possible kinds of guests. There are the absentee guests who initially accepted the invitation, but when the time came to honour the invitation they drew back. There are the guests without wedding garments who attend the feast but do not take the trouble to prepare adequately for it, as the occasion deserves. And then there are the guests with wedding garments who make the necessary preparation to present themselves fit for the banquet of the King.

The scary thing about the absentee guests is that they are not sinners. They were not engaged in sinful activity. One went to his farm, another to his business. These are gainful and noble employments. Sometimes what keep us away from the joy of the kingdom is not sin but preoccupation with the necessities of life. To be serious with your job is a good thing, but when your job keeps you away from attending the Lord's Supper, then

it becomes an obstacle that hinders you from experiencing the joy of the Lord in your life. There is a saying that the good is the enemy of the best. If only those absentee guests knew what they were missing by not attending the feast! It used to be that people attended church service to fulfill a "Sunday obligation," otherwise it would be counted against them as sin. This kind of fear no longer motivates young people today. More people would probably come to church if they knew they were missing out on the fun of celebrating and feasting with the Christian community.

On the guest without the wedding garment, to speculate on whether he had enough time to go home and put on his wedding garment is beside the point of the parable. The point of the parable is: if you must go the dance, you must wear your dancing shoes. If you must go to a wedding, you must wear your wedding garment. By not wearing a wedding garment, he was physically in the party, but his mind and spirit were not there. He was in the feast but he was not in the mood for feasting. Jesus hates this kind of hypocritical attitude. In fact, it is better not to attend at all than to be there and yet not there. The invitation is to all, the party is free for all, yet anyone who decides to attend has a responsibility to present himself or herself fit for the king's company. The kingdom of God is freely offered to us. Those of us on the way to the kingdom must spare no effort in acquiring the moral and spiritual character that is consonant with life in the kingdom.

Finally there are the guests who attend the wedding feast, taking care to appear in the proper wedding garment. They are the only ones who have fun and enjoy the party. They are the models whose example we should follow. Today's gospel sends a message to those who are keeping away from the Lord's Supper that they are missing out on the joy of life. To those of us who have accepted the invitation to come in, this parable warns us not to take God's grace for granted but to clean ourselves up and become the most beautiful person that we can be in God's sight. The message is the same as we have in Colossians 3:14: **"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."**

## NEWS

◆ **Celebrating the Richness of Humanae Vitae: A Buried Treasure: The Church's Teaching on Sexuality and Marriage:** to be held at the University of St. Michael's College, Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall at 81 St. Mary St. Toronto, on Saturday November 15, 2008. Speakers include: Archbishop Prendergast, Cale Clarke, Mark Mallett, Dr. Maria Draw, and Fr. Tom Lynch along with several witness couples. Archbishop Collins will celebrate the closing Mass at 5: 30. Registration starts at

8:00 am. Cost is \$5.00 – Lunch \$8:00 for those who preregister or bring your own lunch. Call 905-427-6137 or email [humanaevitae40@gmail.com](mailto:humanaevitae40@gmail.com) for tickets.



### **Statement from Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, on the October 10, 2008 ceremony formally recognizing Henry Morgentaler as a member of the Order of Canada**

October 9, 2008

Tomorrow, our Governor General will preside at a ceremony in which Henry Morgentaler will formally be received into the Order of Canada. This is a sad moment in Canadian history.

The Order of Canada was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of citizens who have desired and helped to create a better country. Is a country made better when those who are most vulnerable are not allowed to continue their brief experience of the precious gift of life itself?

He is being received into the Order of Canada despite the opposition of hundreds of thousands of Canadians. This action divides our country. It does not unite.

This ceremony is taking place as we are entering into the celebration of Thanksgiving, when loved ones will gather with their families across this nation. Around dining room tables this weekend, let us reflect deeply, and remember that while no one of us was ever a mere part of another's body, each one of us was, at one time, the precious unborn baby in our mother's womb. Let each of us thank God that our personal journey was not terminated. This is no abstract issue. Nothing affects you or me more profoundly. After all, you and I are here to give thanks on this Thanksgiving Day.

As I stated when this announcement was first made in July, I appeal to all of those who have suffered through an abortion, or who feel pressured to seek this path. The Archdiocese of Toronto website [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) continues to offer information which will guide you along a path that leads to life and inner peace. There are many people who are eager to listen to you, to love you, and to help you.

I ask that this Sunday be a day of special prayer throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. We will, once again, offer this prayer at every Sunday Mass:

*"That the scourge of abortion be lifted from our land, that those who promote it may be brought to a change of heart, that all who are tempted to abortion may be lovingly helped to protect the precious gift of life, and that all who have experienced an abortion may be comforted with the healing gift of love."*

