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CHURCH BULLETIN

Number 47 – Our Lord Christ the King - November 23, 2008

Christ the King, November 23, 2008.

Readings: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17;
1 Chor 15:20-26, 28; Mk 11:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: „The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ☩ Mónika születésnapjára, halából – Farkas László és családja
☩ +Bernád Lajosért – felesége
☩ +Kovács Lászlóért – barátai, Laci és Ági

10:30 ☩ Mónika 22. születésnapjára - édesanyja
☩ négy gyermekük házassági évfordulójára – Bonnay László és Erzsébet
☩ 44. házassági évfordulóra – Magdolna és János
☩ édesanya felgyógyulásáért – Laci és Tomi
☩ 40. házassági évfordulóra, halából – Inokai Péter és Beáta

- ☩ +Kósa és +Szilárd családtagokért
- ☩ +Zsuzsannáért - szülei
- ☩ +Szele Lászlóért – felesége és családja
- ☩ +Fazekas Zsuzsannáért – Szele család
- ☩ +Kovács Lászlóért - családja
- ☩ + Molnár Erzsébetért és +Edna Joseph-ért –cs.
- ☩ +Léka Andorné Báthori Kláráért – Ferenc és cs.
- ☩ + Kiszler Ádámért - családja
- ☩ +Smagin Katalinért – Radocsay család
- ☩ + Solymár János SJ atyáért – Juhász család
- ☩ +Padányi Istvánért, +Ernöért, +szülőkért és +szeretteiért - család
- ☩ +Krajcsovics Annáért – Padányi Karolina
- ☩ +Berger Andrásért és +Nopper és +Berger szülőkért – Berger Mária
- ☩ +Péchy Magdolnáért – Koller család
- ☩ +Pálincás Annáért - családja

12:00 ☩ Brother Feigl születésnapjára – Piri
☩ +Rakaczky Lajosért – leánya és családja
☩ +Kádár Katalinért – leánya és családja
☩ +szülőkért - Stefánia

24. Monday; *St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions*

7.30 for +László Tamási - wife
8.00 +Molnár Erzsébetért – férje és fia
19.00 bérmálkozóiért

25. Tuesday; *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

7.30 for the repentance of the sinful
8.00 Pálért – Etelka
19.00 az alakuló KNTért

26. Wednesday;

7.30 for world peace
8.00 +Ödönért - felesége
19.00 az egyházközség lelki megújulásáért

27. Thursday;

7.30 for father's intention
8.00 Erika felgyógyulásáért – édesanyja
16.00 +Dörnyei Róza gyászmiséje

28. Friday;

7.30 for father's intention
8.00 +Tivadarért, +Nándorért és+Józsefért - Erzsébet
15.00 +Harmath Mihály temetési miséje
19.00 a magyar Pax Romanaért

29. Saturday;

7.30 for +Carl Bartholomeuz
8.00 +Galambos Magdolnáért és +Andrásért - Margit
11.00 +Pálincás Anna temetési miséje

Funeral: Anna Pálincás (73)

Bottom line: God invites us to accept Jesus as "the first fruits."

by Fr. Phil Bloom

Many stories are told about Fr. Richard Roach - a Jesuit priest who died on November 7. Fr. Roach spent most of his life as a university professor before becoming pastor of one of the islands in Puget Sound - Vashon Island. His homilies were like condensed university lectures. Using the Bible and human reason, he helped people understand God, Christ, the sacraments and the Church. He drew Catholics, others Christians - and the plain curious.

One was a lawyer who grew up believing all religions were fables and Catholicism was the worst of all. The lawyer listened intently and met privately with Fr. Roach. After much study, he told Fr. Roach, "what you say attracts me a lot, but I just can't decide." Fr. Roach looked at him and said, "You are a lawyer. Why don't you ask yourself where the preponderance of evidence leads you?" The man soon accepted baptism and received confirmation and Communion. He is now an active member of the parish.

I tell this story because today is Christ the King Sunday. For an entire liturgical year you have heard Jesus' teaching and miracles. Now on this final Sunday of the Church year, you are asked to make a decision: Where does this evidence lead you? For me the preponderance of evidence is this: God exists; Jesus is God and he founded the Catholic Church.

On Christ the King Sunday we affirm that Jesus is the key to creation and human history. St. Francis de Sales makes a helpful comparison.* He writes about how a vineyard owner plants a vine and cares for it. The first things that appears on the vine are leaves and flowers, but the grower is not so concerned about them. He focuses his attention on what comes at the end: the grapes. Just so, observes St. Francis, when God created the universe, first came the stars, then life, animals and human beings. The final goal, however, is Christ. Many generations came before him, just like the leaves and flowers appeared before the grapes. Like the grapes, Christ is the goal of the entire process. He is, as St. Paul tells us, "the first fruits." When the first cluster of grapes appears, the owner knows that many more will follow.

As we conclude the liturgical year, we have a decision to make. God has placed a beautiful and awesome universe before us. He has filled our lives with mystery. He has left us a record of the words and acts of Jesus. He invites us to accept Jesus "the first fruits."

Sometimes you will hear a Protestant brother ask, "Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?" When we recognize him as the first fruits of redemption, we are doing that. We are acknowledging him as our Lord, our Savior, our King. When the first grapes appear on the vine, when the first apple forms on a tree, we know that many more will follow. Today we look to Jesus, we accept him as the first fruits of salvation. By doing so, our own redemption will follow.

Recognizing Christ as First Fruits - as the source of our redemption - is something you and I must "own." You know, one of the reasons communism failed was because it diminished the idea of ownership. If everyone owned the factories, well, it turned out nobody owned them. No one saw them as a personal possession. The same can happen to our faith. We can believe that Jesus died for all - but never apply it personally: Jesus died for me. He is my Savior. On today's Feast of Christ the King, let's "own" Jesus - just as he owns you and me. He belongs to me - not as some kind of toy - but like grapes on a vine. He is the first fruits of our redemption. He belongs to me - and to you. And you and I belong to him. He is my - and your - personal Savior and King.

Some EVENTS of interest

- ◆ Nov. 29 is the Hungarian Heritage School's Christmas Fair
- ◆ Nov. 30. First Sunday of Advent.
- ◆ Also on Nov. 30. you are able to buy Hungarian sausages sold by our Caritas group

For the calendar of our events please visit our homepage: szenterzsebet.org

NEWS

✠ **Advent day of retreat** at Queen Of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2008. This retreat is open to all. Consider this day as a prayerful preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Please call the Centre at 905-278-5229 to register and for any additional information.

✠ **Nov 28-30th 2008 - A second honeymoon** is a perfect way to celebrate a wedding anniversary. At Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre we offer married

couples the privacy, comfort, hospitality and inspiring program that encourages couples to continue exploring their lives together. For more information call: 905-278-5229.

✠ **MEDIA ADVISORY:** **Archdiocese of Toronto Launches "Office for Refugees" January 1, 2009**

TORONTO (November 21, 2008) Responding to the increasing number of refugees looking to call Canada and, specifically, the Greater Toronto Area home, the Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce the launch of a new pastoral ministry, the "Office for Refugees", effective January 1, 2009.

This diocesan office will be located at Catholic Crosscultural Services (CCS), a Catholic Charities agency with more than 50 years experience reaching out to immigrants and refugees, serving all those in need regardless of religious or political affiliation. The initiative will be led by Dr. Martin Mark, assisted by Yosief Araya and Nicole Desmarais, all of whom have worked extensively with CCS on issues related to uprooted people.

Archbishop Thomas Collins commented on the announcement of the new diocesan office:

"One of the greatest gifts of our Archdiocese is the unique blend of cultures and diversity of those who call our community home. We are called to extend the hand of friendship and care to those who need our assistance in their early days as our neighbours. This tangible sign of outreach will help our parish communities to mobilize and assist those who look to Canada for peace and prosperity."

The "Office for Refugees" will allow the Catholic community to:

- Strengthen its ability to link more than 220 Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto with refugee sponsorship through the Canadian Private Sponsorship Program.

- Focus efforts to assist the displaced as well as network and advocate on global social justice issues both regionally and internationally.

- Allow for an increase in capacity and resources to be used to respond better to refugee crises such as the one now being faced by Iraqi Christians. The crisis in Iraq has forced millions from their homes, leaving many in the small community of Iraqi Christians persecuted and targeted on the basis of their faith.

Over the past year, the Archdiocesan Refugee Sponsorship Program has tripled the number of sponsorships initiated by parishes and religious orders. Across the country, the Canadian Private Sponsorship Program has given faith and ethnic communities the opportunity to assist some 200,000 uprooted people in need of safe haven.

In addition to providing spiritual services in more than 30 languages each week for 1.7 million Catholics, the Archdiocese supports initiatives which benefit and strengthen the whole community. Churches serve a geographic area that stretch from Toronto to Midland and Oshawa to Mississauga.

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