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CHURCH BULLETIN

Number 3 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 18, 2009

Readings: 1 Sam 3.3-10,19; 1 Cor 6.13-15,17-20;
Jn 1.35-42.

Responsorial Psalm: „*Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ Mariannért – Luttor Mária
☩ +Bernád Lajosért - felesége
☩ +Ernö nagypapáért – unokája
☩ +Ernö nagybácsiért -unokahúga
- 10:30** ☩ a Házások Klubja élő és elhunyt tagjaiért
☩ +Tóth Antalért - felesége
☩ +Gugg Erzsébetért – leánya és családja
☩ +Bródy Józsefért – De Souza család
☩ +Gugg Erzsébetért – Bródy Júlia és cs.
☩ +Tóth Sándorért – Skobic Rózi és cs.
☩ +Csapody Dusiért – Kocsis Éva
- 12:00** ☩ Farkas László és Ágnes házassági
évfordulójára - családjuk
☩ +Balatoni nagymamáért - családjuk

Monday, January 19;

- 7.30 for +John Incoldsby
8.00 for unification of the Christian churches

Tuesday, January 20; *St. Fabian and St. Sebastian*

- 7.30 for the new US president, that God will guide
him every day
8.00 for father's intention

Wednesday, January 21; *St. Agnes*

- 7.30 for father's intention
8.00 for +János Fodor - family

Thursday, January 22; Day of Penance / Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

- 7.30 for the Holy Father's general intention
8.00 for unification of the Christian churches

Friday, January 23;

- 7.30 for father's intention
8.00 for purification of Hungarian politics
19.00 for unification of the Christian churches

Saturday, January 24; *St. Francis de Salles*

- 7.30 for +Gilbert Tellis
8.00 for father's intention

Chosen with Care

Fr. Phil Bloom

Bottom line: Like a great director, selecting exactly the right person for a part, God chooses you or me.

I imagine most of you have seen the film, "Gone with the Wind." If not, you have a treat waiting for you. It is interesting how Director David Selznick chose the leading lady. Everyone knew that no one but Clark Gable could be Rhett Butler, but who should play Scarlett O'Hara? David Selznick considered a few dozen actresses to perform the Southern belle. Finally he made a surprising selection: not a girl born in the South or even in America. She was born in India of British parents: Vivien Leigh. Almost everyone agrees that she played a superb, unforgettable Scarlett O'Hara.

David Selznick took great care in picking just the right person for that famous role. Similarly - but with infinitely greater care - God selects us for a part in the divine drama. We see it today in the call of the prophet, Samuel. When he was a boy, sleeping near the ark in the temple, Samuel heard a voice. He went to the priest, Eli, and said, "Here I am." But Eli said, "I did not call you, my son, go back to sleep." This happened two more times and finally Eli told the boy that if he heard the voice again, say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Of all the children in Israel, God had selected Samuel for a vital role.

Samuel did not have an easy time of it. If you read the two books named for him, you will see that he faced enormous struggles. But God had chosen him and Samuel never wavered.

God continues to call people today - sometimes in very unlikely circumstances. At the beginning of the twentieth century, an Italian boy heard God's call. He

was an unlikely choice because his father was quite anti-Catholic. A member of the Italian Socialist Party, he constantly mocked the Church. His son, Albino, heard a Franciscan preacher and felt himself called to the priesthood. Albino's dad was working in another city so - with great trepidation - he wrote him a letter. It took some time for the response. Trembling, Albino opened the letter. It contained a small piece of paper, on which his father wrote, "If that is what you wish, do it." Eventually his dad was reconciled with the Church. Albino kept the note all his life - and he still had it in 1978, when as Bishop of Venice, he entered the papal conclave. Against everyone's expectations, the Cardinals elected him. He became known as "the smiling pope," Pope John Paul I. His papacy lasted only thirty-three days, but it made a deep impression. Today Albino Luciani - Pope John Paul I - is on the path to beatification and sainthood.

Now God does not only chooses famous people like Pope John Paul I or Samuel. He chooses folks like you and me. And what appears to be a humble role might be a hinge in his plan of redemption. In one of C.S. Lewis' books, a working woman with no children - and a mean-spirited husband - shines as a great saint, important for the salvation of many souls.* In God's drama, we do not know who are the leading actors. We will find out on the final judgment day. What we do know is that God chooses us with care for our role in his drama. Like a great director, selecting exactly the right person for a part, God chooses you or me.

Today Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" Do not be afraid to tell him. And you may hear those beautiful words, "Come, and you will see."

*See *The Great Divorce*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Worship services and other events are scheduled across Canada and around the world during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In order to unite with one another, we must love one another;

in order to love one another, we must know one another;

in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another.

These words, known as the "Testament of Cardinal Mercier," are an impetus for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week (actually an octave, eight days) has been celebrated continuously since 1894. However, the Week was a dream of many Christian

leaders since the early years of the 19th century.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is now celebrated around the world in January. Since 1968, the theme and focus biblical texts have been prepared by a joint committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees January 18, 2009

Pope Benedict writes that "the theme of the message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees is St. Paul, migrant, apostle of the peoples. May this day be for all an incentive to live love to the full without making any kind of distinction, and without discrimination, in the conviction that anyone who needs us and whom we can help is our neighbour".

Archbishop Thomas Collins recently announced the creation of a new Diocesan office called the **Office for Refugees**. Part of its work will be to administer the refugee sponsorship program of the Archdiocese for parishes who wish to sponsor a refugee. For further information contact Nicole Desmarais at 416-644-0816

Invitation to become involved:

- Pray daily for the well-being of a refugee whom you know
- Volunteer with your parish refugee committee
- Encourage your parish to sponsor a refugee
- Extend hospitality to someone from another country