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Number 5 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 1, 2009

CHURCH BULLETIN

Sixty years in the service of the Hungarians in Toronto
The Hungarian Jesuits

Readings: Deut 18.15-20; 1 Cor 7.32-35; Mk 1.21-28

Responsorial Psalm: *O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!*

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ✠ Varga Jánosért – családja

☛ élő és elhunyt Seidl és Fodor családtagokért

☛ +Fodor Katharináért – férje és cs.

☛ +Gál Tiborért – leánya és családja

☛ +Bernád Lajosért - felesége

10:30 ✠ az egyházközségünkért

☛ a KNT tagjaiért

☛ Jaschkó atya születésnapjára – Brunczlik család

☛ John de Sousa felgyógyulásáért – Engyel család

☛ Vulevic családjáért – Marika

☛ Szárics Márton felgyógyulásáért – Farkas család

☛ +Tóth Antalért - felesége

☛ +Fodor Jánosért - családja

☛ +Molnár Lajosért – Molnár Mária

☛ +Beliczay házaspárért – Bonnay család

☛ +Biczó Istvánért és +szülőkért - családjuk

☛ +Ferencért és +Veronáért – Engyel család

☛ +Hein Máriaért – Bartha Marika

☛ +Molnár Erzsébetért és +Molnár nagyszülőkért

12:00 ☛ +Demeter Miklósért – leánya, Ibolya és cs.

☛ for +John and +Magda Berki

☛ for +Guilhermina Martins da Silva

☛ for +Benevides Martins de Paula

Monday, February 2; *Presentation of the Lord*

7.30 for Peter's birthday

8.00 for +Béla Vados - family

Tuesday, February 3; *Saint Blaise*

7.30 for +Ernest - wife

8.00 (1) +for Tóth László, +brothers, +parents and grandparents

(2) for Fr. Jaschkó, on his birthday - Piri

Wednesday, February 4;

7.30 for father's intention

8.00 for +Mária Maczó – Ferenc Acsai and f.

19.00 for the Hungarians in Toronto

Thursday, February 5; *Saint Agatha*

7.30 for +Gilbert and +Julie Tellis

8.00 (1) for +Erzsébet Molnár – daughter and f.

(2) for +Fr. Orbán - Piri

Friday, January 6; *St. Paul Miki*

7.30 for Phillip's special intention

8.00 for father's intention

19.00 for +László Kovács

Saturday, January 7; *BVM*

7.30 for father's intention

8.00 for +Szabó,+Nagy and +Erdős family members

Free of Anxiety

Fr. Phil Bloom

Bottom line: We ask Jesus to protect us from anxiety - especially the fear that so easily turns into anguish.

Some medical experts estimate that perhaps half of all symptoms have their origin in fear. The patient fears losing a job, being exposed, death of a loved one, betrayal or old age - and the dread manifests itself in a medical symptom such as severe bodily pain. The doctor examines the patient and discovers no physical cause, yet the pain or paralysis is real. The fear that causes such symptoms is called "anxiety" - an unfocused, free-floating fear that won't go away.

St. Paul says he would like us to be "free of anxiety". He is giving advice for single people regarding marriage, but his wish applies more generally. St. Paul would readily join the prayer we say at the conclusion of the Our Father: "Protect us from all anxiety."

Recently Pope Benedict addressed the common problem of fear and anxiety. He began by acknowledging fear as a natural dimension of life. He then distinguished between imaginary, childhood fears that later disappear and the ones rooted in reality. Those we must face with

human commitment and trust in God. There is, however, said the Holy Father, "a deeper form of fear, of an existential form, which at times borders on anguish: this fear is born from a sense of emptiness, connected with a culture permeated by diffused nihilism, both theoretic and practical". To defeat this fear, bordering on anguish, requires the power of Christ - his intervention in our lives.

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus encountering a man with an unclean spirit. It feared that Jesus would, quote, "destroy us". Evidently the unclean spirit had taken over aspects of the man's personality. The man appeared to be talking incoherently because Jesus ordered him to be quiet - and the unclean spirit left him. What first looked like destruction turned out to be liberation.

The Catholic Church continues Jesus' ministry of exorcism - casting out unclean spirits. In recent years many priests and deacons have taken formal training to properly administer the new rite of exorcism. I have not taken that training, but I recognize that authority as part of the priestly ministry. Before baptizing a child or an adult, a priest performs a very simple exorcism - not that the person is possessed, but that he will have to face demonic temptations and attacks. For that reason, the priest says an exorcism declaring the superiority of Christ's power. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation or some other pastoral encounter, I will sometimes sense that a spiritual force has a hold on the person. As part of the absolution or some other prayer, I will quietly tell the evil spirit to leave.

In Christian tradition, prayers of exorcism are generally performed softly - unlike what the movies depict. Once a parish priest brought a young girl named Agnese Salamoni to Padre Pio - St. Pio of Pietrelcina. The people have put Agnese on a pedestal. She was the "model girl of the parish". But suddenly Agnese fell into a state of depression, leaving her paralyzed. Although Padre Pio was not a formal exorcist, he sensed the presence of a demonic power. He simply said, "Be gone." The girl improved, but her cure was not instantaneous. It required much subsequent prayer.

Now, I am sure few of you look at yourself as an exorcist. Still, God could use any of us to speak a word that brings liberation. An example: You may have heard of Dr. Alveda King - Martin Luther King Jr.'s niece. In the 70's she had received two abortions. Since the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling had legalized abortion, she believed Planned Parenthood counsellors who

told her, "It's not a baby, it's just a blob of tissue." Pregnant a third time, she mentioned to her grandfather - Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. - what Planned Parenthood had told her. "No," he said, "they are lying. It is a child." Dr. Alveda King embraced her child and she went on to seek forgiveness and healing for her earlier abortions. Today she has a deep peace - a freedom from anxiety - that makes her a powerful leader in the Pro-Life movement.

If we begin each day with a prayer, Jesus can use us to bring liberation, healing and peace to others. We need to ask first - like Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. - that we will have peace, freedom from fear, within our own hearts. In Mass today, we ask Jesus to protect us from anxiety - especially the fear that so easily turns into anguish. It can cause incoherent behaviour. It can paralyze. Only Jesus can free us from such demonic powers. To defeat that fear, which borders on anguish, requires the power of Christ - his intervention in our lives.

EVENTS

☛ Today at 2:30 p.m. is a special Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral. There will be a celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

☛ In 2008, the Archdiocesan website had more than 12.4 million hits (individual clicks) and almost 600,000 visitors, making this one of our most widely used communication vehicles. Thank you for your ongoing assistance.

☛ 40 Days for Life (February 24 - April 5, 2009) is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 130 cities where it has been implemented. It has led to a significant drop in abortions on almost all locations, and in some places such as the State of North Dakota, to the closing of all abortion clinics. The 40 Days for Life campaign is made up of three key components:

- Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness.
- Community Outreach: taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives, and public visibility.

☛ This year's ecumenical *World Day of Prayer* is to be held on Friday, March 6, 1.30 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2737 Bayview Ave. Written by the women of Papua, New Guinea, the theme is "In Christ, there are many members yet one Body".

The participating churches are: Blessed Trinity R.C. Church, Church of the Incarnation Anglican, Forest Grove United Church, Oriole York Mills United Church, St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church, St. Gabriel's R.C. Church, St. John's York Mills Anglican Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church.