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Number 6 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2009

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: Job 7.1-4,6-7; 1Cor 9.16-19,22-23;
Mk 1.29-39.

Responsorial Psalm: *Sing praises to the Lord
who heals the broken-hearted.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ az egyházközségért
✠ Petőfi Mária felgyógyulásáért – férje és cs.
✠ Katalin huga felgyógyulásáért – Petőfi Andor
☛ +Vados Béláért – Burány család
☛ +szeretteiért – Katalin
- 10:30** ✠ a KFT tagjaiért
✠ László születésnapjára – Erzsébet
✠ Zydrón László 89. születésnapjára – család
✠ Szendi és Szervo család élő és elhunyt tagjaiért
☛ +szülőkért – Farkas Sándor és Teréz
☛ +Nigriny Máriáért - családja
☛ +Gáspár Rezsőért - családja
☛ +Somlai Istvánnéért – fia és családja
☛ +Molnár Erzsébetért és +Edna Josephért
☛ +Szilárd Istvánért
☛ +Kósa Andrásért – Mária és fia
☛ +Lászlóért és +Iréneért – Telch család
☛ +Bartha Jánosért – Rózsa és családja
☛ +Pozsgay Máriáért – Koszonits family
☛ +Varga Lajosért – családja
- 12:00** ☛ for +Ernest Cloer – wife and family
☛ for +John and +Magda Berki
☛ for +Guilhermina Martins da Silva
☛ for +Benevides Martins de Paula

Monday, February 9;

- 7.30 for +Joseph Mali – wife and son
8.00 for +Béla Vados – Hunstman-Burany and
Vados families

Tuesday, February 10; *Saint Scholastica*

- 7.30 for +Susanna Kim
8.00 for father's intention
7 p.m. for our Cursillo movement

Wednesday, February 11; *Our Lady of Lourdes*

- 7.30 special intention for Noel Fredericksen
8.00 for father's intention

- 19.00 for +Naka and déd-Naka
19:49-20:45 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 12;

- 7.30 for father's intention
8.00 for +Ilona Reviczky

Friday, January 13;

- 7.30 special intention for Savio Nazareth
8.00 for father's intention
19.00 for the Pax Romana movement

Saturday, January 14; *Saints Cyril and Methodius*

- 7.30 for father's intention
8.00 for +Szabó,+Nagy and +Erdős family members

Funeral: Lajos Varga (75)

TODAY we have the blessing of the throat at the end of each mass and the blessing of candles at the beginning of the first mass. The blessed candles are at the back of the church for those who wish to take one home.

Entrusted With a Stewardship

Fr. Phil Bloom

Bottom line: We do not give time and money grudgingly; we are building the Body of Christ: We have been entrusted with a stewardship.

Many years ago, in England, three men were pouring into a trough a mixture of water, sand, lime and other ingredients. A passer-by asked them what they were doing. The first said, "I am making mortar." The second: "I am laying bricks." But the third said, "I am building a cathedral." They were doing the same thing, but each looked at it differently. And what a difference that made!

We can see something similar in the way people relate to their parish, why they give. One

person says, "Oh! All they do down there is ask for money." The second person replies, "Well, you have to pay the bills." But the third person says, "I am building the Body of Christ." The three are doing the same thing, but what a difference in their attitudes!

Today's Scripture readings reflect those differences. Poor Job says that life is nothing but drudgery: When I lie down at night, I toss and turn - and wonder when morning will come. But when I get up, I am tired and I ask how long until I can get back to bed!

For sure, most of us can identify with Job. But St. Paul takes a different approach. Few worked as hard as he did - or went through so many trials. Yet he says this: "I do so willingly...I have been entrusted with a stewardship."

Today's Gospel presents a fascinating example of stewardship: St. Peter's mother-in-law. She was in bed, sick, when her son-in-law brought unexpected guests. One of them, Jesus, went to her bedside, took her hand - and she sat up. The fever subsided and, quote, "she waited on them."

Now, some think she would have preferred to stay in bed. That viewpoint, however, says more about us than it does about that wonderful woman. For people in ancient times, hospitality was their top value. It was the glue that held their society together. For Peter's mother-in-law, hospitality was a sacred duty. But there is something more. The text says, "she waited on them." The word for "wait on them" is "diaconia" - the root of our word "deacon." Jesus had touched her and healed her. To be his "deaconess" would be pure joy, a beautiful honour.

When I was a seminarian, I remember an elderly priest saying, "Since this 'servant' concept came into the Church, I have taken a terrible beating." But he said it with a smile. To serve is hard work - and often, humbling - but being a servant of Christ is joy.

St. Paul illustrates the joy of service. With no fanfare, he says that he is free - and few have greater inner freedom than Paul. Nevertheless, says Paul, I have become a slave to all. He knew that freedom is not license, doing whatever strikes a person's fancy. Real freedom means service, self-giving.

One thing I like about President Obama - he is not afraid of the "s-word": sacrifice. He said it twice in his short inaugural address. Now, it is easy to become cynical, especially when we hear about the super-rich taking money from public

coffers. It is easy to use other people's failings - or even our own - as an excuse. Still, as followers of Jesus we cannot do that. What he asks of us is clear. And, remember, we are not simply mixing mortar. We are building a cathedral. We do not give time and money grudgingly; we are building the Body of Christ: We have been entrusted with a stewardship.

E V E N T S

☛ On **February 15th** we welcome the representatives of **Catholic Cemeteries** to our parish. Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Managed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic Cemetery reflects our Catholic beliefs.

For 2000 years Catholic burial has been our heritage and natural conclusion to our lives. To be buried together as a family and a community who have lived and shared their Faith in the Church, which Jesus Christ established, is the very reason why we, as Catholics, choose to be buried in a Catholic Cemetery. As you leave the Church you will receive material which concerns you and your family as Catholics. It covers important topics such as funeral liturgy and Church guidelines on cremation. Topics, that everyone should be aware of. Please take some time to read and reflect on this information. If you have any questions our representatives will be happy to answer them.

☛ 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. www.archtoronto.org

☛ **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, Anglican Church of the Incarnation, 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.