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Number 14 – PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – April 5, 2009

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: Is 50.4-7; Phil 2.6-11; Mk 14.1-15.47

Responsorial Psalm: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ Dobos Helen születésnapjára – unokái és gyermekei
✠ +Csonka Máriaért – Kovács Éva és családja
✠ +Bernád Lajosért - felesége
✠ +Ledényi Józsefért - családja
✠ +Farkas Lászlóért – Kristóf Jutka
✠ +Simonka szülőkért - családjuk.
✠ +Ferbancic Lajosért – Pickó család
- 10:30** ✠ egyházközségünkért
✠ a KNT csoportért
✠ Helen születésnapjára - ismerősök
✠ Simon Elizabeth egészségéért - családja
✠ Dobos László születésnapjára – gyermekei és unokái
✠ Jaschkó atya felépüléséért - Házások Klubja
✠ Pál Ilonka felépüléséért – Szabó Gizi
✠ Szendi és Szervo család élő és elhunyt tagjaiért
✠ +Lászlóért és +Istvánért – Telch család
✠ +Farkas Imréért – felesége és családja
✠ +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagy szülőkért
✠ +édesanyáért – Léránt Etelka
✠ +Jaschkó István atyáért és +Smagin Katalinért – Radocsay család
✠ +Szabó Tiborért – özvegye és családja
✠ +Kirec Jánosért – családja és a Dobos család
- 12:00** ✠ Andrea sikeres hátgerinműtétjéért - édesanyja
✠ +Gyuláért – leánya, Magdolna
✠ +Komlossy Bandiért – Györgypál Augusztia
✠ +Bessenyei Lászlóért – családja

Monday of Holy Week, April 6;

- 7.30 for +Hee Nam Lee - Joanna
8.00 for +Ladocsi Margit

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7;

- 7.30 for +Joseph Mali – wife and son
8.00 for +Mozer Margit
18:30 for +Lukács.Dezső (86) funeral mass

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8;

- 7.30 for father's intention
8.00 for the deceased members of the Tibold family

Holy Thursday, April 9;

- 7 p.m. Lamentations of Jeremiah with our Youth Choir
7.30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 10;

- 3 p.m. **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**
Singing the Passion
Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

National Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil, April 11;

- 7.30 p.m. Celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord

April 19th, the Second Sunday of Easter, bears the extended title: **Sunday of the Divine Mercy**. In our church there will be the special Rosary from 2.30 pm, then the Eucharistic celebration of Divine Mercy.

Radio Ads, Website & Open Church Doors - Catholic Church Launches - *wearecatholic.ca* Outreach Campaign

The Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto launches a new public awareness campaign on 6 April, designed to reach out to Catholics who have been away from the church and affirm those who actively practice their faith.

Combining a radio advertising campaign, dedicated minisite and online video message from Toronto Archbishop Thomas Collins, the initiative highlights the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in the Greater Toronto Area, providing information and resources to reconnect Catholics with their faith community. The *wearecatholic.ca* campaign coincides with Holy Week, the most holy time of year for Catholics.

"We know there are many Catholics who wish to return to the church but don't know where exactly to start. Most importantly, we want these people to know they're welcome now and always," said Neil

MacCarthy, communications director for the archdiocese. "These resources give visitors a chance to dip their foot in the water before they consider diving back into full, active participation in the church."

MacCarthy also highlighted an additional goal of the initiative: "The campaign also provides an opportunity for all local residents, regardless of religion, to gain a better appreciation of the extensive work the Catholic Church undertakes to strengthen our entire community. During this most holy time of year, let's celebrate the contribution of those inspired by their faith across the GTA."

The campaign includes radio ads featuring Archbishop Thomas Collins, a minisite, www.wearecatholic.ca, with information about Catholicism, references to local Catholic organizations and a searchable directory of 225 local Catholic churches. The site also links to sections of the official website of the Toronto Catholic Church, www.archtoronto.org, which has welcomed more than 750,000 visitors since 2008.

While these resources encourage Catholics to consider returning to the church, more than 1,000 adults have made the commitment and will be "welcomed home" in parishes throughout the GTA this Saturday evening during the Easter Vigil. These participants have spent several months of formation in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program offered each year for those wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Stretching from Toronto to Orillia, Mississauga to Oshawa, the Archdiocese of Toronto is the spiritual home to 1.9 million Catholics, celebrating Mass at 225 parishes in more than 30 languages each week.

Fr. Phil Bloom

He Breathed His Last

One moment in life overshadows everything else. No matter what we strive for - health, security, investments, property, learning, vacations, a good name, respect, vindication, a legacy - that one moment makes all those things seem tiny, even insignificant.* I of course am talking about the instance when we take our last breath.

We knelt when we heard that Jesus "breathed his last." No man had done the things he did. No man - who was otherwise sane - made the claims he did. As the soldier standing below him said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Yet as man he took a final breath.

I will never forget my dad's final earthly moment. It was November 21, a few days before Thanksgiving 1995. Mom and I arrived at Everett

hospital around noon. After giving him Communion as Viaticum (food for the journey) Pa made a gesture touching his cheek. Mom bent over to kiss him, then he closed his eyes.

Together with my sister and nephew, we knelt by his bed. His breathing became slower and slower, until at about 3 p.m., it ceased. Like Jesus he breathed his last, he yielded his spirit.

Beyond the emotions generated in relatives and friends, what meaning does my dad's death have? That can only be answered in relation to the man whose death we commemorate this week.

A friend of mine is gravely ill with cancer. He described to me the terrible pains. I asked him if he were offering his suffering to God. "Yes," he told me, "I did so explicitly at a meeting for reparation for sins - and for the return of lapsed Catholics." A few weeks after making that offering, a neighbour who had been away from the Church for years, all of a sudden decided to attend Mass. Not only that, he made a confession covering many years and now he is seeking reconciliation with his estranged son. The man's wife told my friend about the change in her husband - a change which both amazed and overjoyed her.

The most powerful thing any of us can do is join our sufferings with those of Jesus. The great saints testify to the power of suffering offered to God. After calling Paul, Jesus does not tell him he will be a great preacher or that he will write magnificent letters, but rather "how much he will have to suffer for my name." (Acts 9:15)

I hesitate to speak about this because I have suffered so little in comparison to others. (Perhaps the Lord, knowing what a coward I am, has so far spared me.) Still, I am convinced that much suffering is wasted because rather than offering it to God, we resent it. As we begin Holy Week, why don't we take whatever pain or anguish we are experiencing, and join it to Jesus' Passion? In Him we will discover its value - and power.

**Classical literature provides a poignant illustration: The Greek warrior Achilles so greatly desired fame in battle that he sacrificed his own life. When Odysseus meets him in the underworld, he tells Achilles he has indeed achieved what he sought. But for the dead Achilles lasting remembrance now means nothing: "Say not a word, he answered, in death's favour; I would rather be a paid servant in a poor man's house and be above ground than king of kings among the dead." (Odyssey Book XI)*