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Number 15 – EASTER SUNDAY – April 12, 2009

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: Acts 10.34,37-43; Col 3,1-4; Jn 20,1-18;

Responsorial Psalm: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ egyházközségünkért
✠ élő és elhunyt Takács, Benedek és Somogyi családtagokért
☛ a tisztítóútzben szenvedőkért – Kovács György és családja
☛ +Bernád Lajosért - felesége
☛ +Elek szülőkért - családja
☛ +Takács Andrásért – Drenkó család
☛ +Horváth Máriaért - bérnakeresztlányja
☛ +férjéért és +fiáért – Málics Istvánné és cs.
- 10:30** ✠ a KFT csoportért
✠ Sinka Ilonáért – Binns, Rudmik és Sinka cs.
✠ Simon Elizabeth egészségéért - családja
✠ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulásáért – testvére
✠ Kapuváry Géza 94. és Cecília felesége 87. születésnapjára
✠ Jaschkó atya felgyógyulásáért – Kovács Klára
✠ Szendi Ilona és Skerlán Ernesztina felgyógyulásáért – Mária Kongregáció
☛ +Kiszler Júliáért - családja
☛ +Szlimák Béláért –felesége és családja
☛ +Kusztos Jánosért - felesége
☛ +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagyszülőkért
☛ +Navratil, +Lipcsik és +Mayer szülőkért – gyermekeik és unokáik
☛ +Lászlóért és +Irenéért - fiúk
☛ +Bartha Jánosért és +Irenéért - családjuk
☛ +Tóth Antalért – felesége
☛ +Léránt Lajosért - fia és cs., Mayer és Lipcsik családok
☛ +dr.Horváth Istvánért és +gyemekeiért – Tünde
☛ +Ilonáért és +Manciért – Brunzlik család
☛ +Pavel George férjéért – Mária
☛ +Vaskó Istvánért – testvére
☛ +Miricz Imréért -felesége
- 12:00** ✠ Jaschkó atya felgyógyulásáért - Ágnes
☛ +Gentry Béláért - családja
☛ +Farkas Lászlóért – családja
☛ id.+Jokán Andrásért – családja

- ☛ +Mikó Albinéért – családja
☛ +Gáti Sándoréért – wife and family

Easter Monday, April 13;

- 7.30 (1) for the recovery of Peter Sun - Joanna
(2) for +Mária Padányi – goddaughters
10.30 for +László Farkas, +János Varga, Lajos Kirec, +Helen, +Lalika, +Christopher, +Suzi és Nancy – Ilonka and Dezső

Easter Tuesday, April 14;

- 7.30 for father's intentions
8.00 for father's intentions
19:00 (1) for +László Farkas – cursillo
(2) for the recovery of P. Blaise Jaschkó - cursillo

Easter Wednesday, April 15;

- 7.30 for the recovery of Teresa Ahn

Easter Thursday, April 16;

- 7:30 for the recovery of Simon Bak - Joanna

Easter Friday, April 17;

- (1) for +György Rajnyák – Margit Csányi
(2) for +Patrick Jeganathan

Easter Saturday, April 18;

- 7.30 (1) for Priyanka Jeganathan on her birthday
(2) for +Denis and +Jeanne Carr - Bernadette
8.00 for father's intention

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.

Funeral: Michael Nádas (79)

Peering into the Tomb

Fr. Phil Bloom

If you were to ask a Christian what is the most joyful day of the year, he would very likely respond, "Easter." This is the day we celebrate Jesus' triumph over the great enemies: sin, death and Satan. We have every reason to rejoice. Nevertheless, it is important to recognize that the first Easter morning did not begin as an experience of unalloyed joy. Quite the contrary: when the disciples went to Jesus' burial

place, they felt confusion and yet another reason for anxiety. The tomb was empty and they did not know why.

It is important for us to remember that today is just the beginning of a season which will last for fifty days. We have seven full weeks until Pentecost Sunday on May 31. We do not need to take in everything this morning. It is enough to go the mouth of the sepulchre, to join the disciples peering into it. As our eyes slowly adjust to the darkness, we see that the tomb is empty. Perhaps we also feel some of their confusion and anxiety.

During my years as priest (almost thirty-five now) I have been impressed by how many people come to Jesus after an experience of great desolation. It seemed to them that everything was lost and there was nothing worth living for. That was exactly how the disciples felt that first Easter morning.

The famous journalist Malcolm Muggeridge tells about a similar experience of desolation. He had achieved a certain amount of success as a media personality, was earning an enviable salary and had a good wife and family. At the same time, he experienced a mood of deep depression, partly caused by some actual difficulties. Deciding that he did not want to live any longer, he swam out to sea. He describes how he felt himself sinking as a strange sleepiness overcame him. He thought that he would take one last look at the coast. He says, "I saw the lights along the coast, and I suddenly realized that that was my home, the earth - the earth, my home, and that I must stay on the earth because I belonged there until my life had run its course. Then somehow, I don't know how, I swam back."

For Malcolm Muggeridge that "one last look at the coast" was like staring into the empty tomb. He began to ask himself the most important questions: Could the claims about Jesus really be true? Is he, in fact, God in human flesh - the key to human history? He gradually became convinced about Jesus' teaching, but could not take the step of entering the Church. In 1971 he decided to make a documentary about Mother Theresa. Malcolm Muggeridge told her he was interested in becoming a Catholic, but said that he held back because he was so disappointed by "the human elements in the Catholic Church." Mother Theresa said to him:

"You are to me like Nicodemus . . . 'unless you become a little child . . . ' I am sure you will understand beautifully everything if you would only become a little child in God's hands . . . The small difficulty you have regarding the Church is finite. Overcome the finite with the infinite . . ."

It took Malcolm Muggeridge another decade, but in 1982 he and his wife Kitty entered the Catholic Church. He said that he felt not so much exhilaration as peace: "A sense of homecoming, of picking up the threads of a lost life, of responding to a bell that had long been ringing, of taking a place at a table that had long been vacant."

This Easter Morning we come from many different places. Some perhaps know the peace which Malcolm Muggeridge described. Others may feel anxiety, confusion, even a kind of despair. Wherever you are, I invite you to join the disciples in peering into the empty tomb and in asking what this means. We have the fifty days of Easter to unravel the answer.

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

The Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto has launched 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.