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Number 17 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 26, 2009

CHURCH BULLETIN

Readings:

Acts 3.13-15,17-19; 1John 2.1-5; Lk 24.35-48;

Responsorial Psalm:

"Let the Light of your face shine on us, O Lord."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ György fiáért, hálából- édesanyja
✠ +Béla édesapjáért - leánya
✠ +Béla testvéreért - nővére
✠ +Görgyért és +Grétiért - sógornőjük
✠ +Bernád Lajosért - felesége
✠ +Kollár Emilért – felesége és családja
✠ +Jagodits Juliánáért - családja
✠ +Lukács Dezsőért – Sütő család
- 10:30** ✠ egyházközségünkért
✠ László Terézért - férje
✠ Simon Elizabeth egészségéért
✠ Eszterke egy éves születésnapjára, hálából– cs.
✠ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulására - testvére
✠ Mauksch Péter felgyógyulásáért – Engyel Gyula
✠ Jaschkó atya felgyógyulásáért – Lajos Ferenc
✠ András felgyógyulásáért – Anikó, Joli és Jutka
✠ Galgóczy György felgyógyulásáért – Agárdi É.
✠ +Molnár Erzsébetért – férje és fia
✠ +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagyszülőkért
✠ +Fekete Éváért – Mauksch Lukács és Katalin
✠ +Váry Terézért (Mo) – Engyel család
✠ +Ruzsics Irénért (Mo) - Ilus
✠ +Soós Mihályért - édesanyja
✠ +Farkas Lászlóért - Agárdi Éva és családja
- 12:00** ✠ +Babits Györgyért – családja
✠ +Györgyiért - Stefánia

Monday, April 27;

- 7.30 for the +Vámosy family members – Marika Berzy
7 p.m. for our confirmandee

Tuesday, April 28; St. Peter Chanel

- 7.30 (1) for Erika and Ron's recovery
(2) for +Helen – Márta

Wednesday, April 29;

- 7.30 for the repentance of the sinful
7 pm for those who are unable to attend mass

Thursday, April 30; Pope Pius V.

- 7.30 for +Emil Mohácsy – Valéria Majzik

Friday, May 1; St. Joseph the Worker

- 7.30 for Phillip's special intention
7 pm for + László Kovács - family

Saturday, May 2;

- 7.30 (1) for +Nagy, +Szabó and +Erdős family members
(2) for +Károly - daughter

Today our Caritas group is selling Viennese schnitzel and home baked pastry in the hall.

Next Sunday (May 3rd) the Catholic Women's League is selling cabbage rolls. Please place your order through the office, at 416 225 3300, ext. 21.

Funeral: Géza Telekesi (73)

The Other

Fr. Phil Bloom

A couple of years ago I saw a movie about an isolated family who were being haunted. The family consists of a nervous, manipulative mother and two children who can't go outside because of hypersensitivity to sunlight. The movie has the usual elements of a suspense/ghost movie, but with a surprise ending. In the final minutes you realize the mother and children are the dead – and the ones “haunting” them are living, flesh and blood people.

When Jesus appeared to the apostles they thought he was a phantasm. However, it turns out he is the real one – and in relation to him we are like pale ghosts. He is solid; we are as ephemeral as mist in Arizona.

St. Luke tells us that Jesus, to reassure the apostles, took a piece of baked fish and ate it in their presence. The Risen Lord has not lost his physical humanity. Although he is much more than a mere man, we cannot say he is anything less.

In the early centuries the Church had to deal with people who did not accept the material nature of Jesus. They were called gnostics - from the Greek word *gnosis* meaning knowledge - because they claimed a greater spiritual understanding than the common folk. Each one had his personal key and used it to spin out a unique interpretation of Jesus and the universe.*

Over the years I have met people who strike me as neo-agnostics. Like their earlier counterparts they have cobbled together a synthesis based on quotes (or misquotes) from the Bible and ideas drawn from the culture - which today is the therapeutic culture represented by folks such as Oprah and Dr. Phil.** Like the ancient gnostics, they prefer a "spiritual Jesus" to the flesh and blood Lord found in the New Testament.

Of course to spiritualize Jesus can appeal to any of us. It keeps him at arm's length so he doesn't get in the way our plans, but he is always there when we need him. I am not saying that is all bad. It is certainly better than naturalism which has become the default philosophy of modern man. However, an over-spiritualized approach to Jesus misses the obvious: He desires that we touch him (Lk 24:39) that we contemplate his five wounds (v.40) and, shocking as it first sounds, that we bodily consume him (v. 35, cf. 22:19).

It might initially seem odd that the Risen Jesus puts so much emphasis on his physicality. The reason is that he does not want us to relegate him to some distant spiritual realm. He desires not just a spiritual relationship with us, but a physical one - a *spousal* union. He has life, dynamism, while we are slowly winding down. As St. Peter tells us, he is the "author of life." (Acts 3:17) Jesus gave us the sacraments that we might connect with him on a material as well as spiritual level.

For sure Jesus is radically *other* in relation to creatures like us. As in today's Gospel, it is natural to be fearful, even terrified before someone such as he. But he says not to fear, instead, to be at peace. He wants to take us out of the shadows into the fullness of his own life.

*To get some idea how the ancient gnostics worked, I encourage you to read *Against the Heresies* by Irenaeus of Lyon. Here is a sample:
Their object in this is to show that our Lord announced another Father than the Maker of this universe, whom, as we said before, they impiously

declare to have been the fruit of a defect. For instance, when the prophet Isaiah says, "But Israel hath not known Me, and My people have not understood Me," they pervert his words to mean ignorance of the invisible Bythus...They maintain that Daniel also set forth the same thing when he begged of the angels explanations of the parables, as being himself ignorant of them. But the angel, hiding from him the great mystery of Bythus, said unto him, "Go thy way quickly, Daniel, for these sayings are closed up until those who have understanding do understand them, and those who are white be made white." Moreover, they vaunt themselves as being the white and the men of good understanding.

**Contemporary gnostics have a convenient slogan: "Spirituality, not religion"

EVENTS

♣ **A Second Honeymoon** is a perfect way to celebrate a wedding anniversary. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre offers married couples the privacy, hospitality and program that inspire couples to continue exploring their lives together. Whether it is for yourselves or a couple you know, the next weekend is May 29-31st. For information telephone: 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.

♣ **Catholic Education Week – May 3-9, 2009 – 'Good News for All'**

Our diocese's Catholic Schools invite parishioners to join them in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2009. During this week, the Catholic community celebrates the distinctive contribution that Catholic Schools make to our students, our community, to our society and to the province at large. Catholic education continues to integrate Gospel values into every aspect of the school's life and curriculum.

For more information about this special week or to find your local school board, visit www.GoodNewsForAll.ca or the Archdiocese of Toronto online at: www.archtoronto.org

Thanks to all those who provide leadership in our Catholic Schools. We pray for all educators and students, giving thanks to God for all those who faithfully spread the Good News.