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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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English masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 in the morning  
Sunday's 12 o'clock mass is both in English and in Hungarian

Jesuit priests: Szabolcs Sajgó (pastor), László Marosfalvy (associate pastor) – retired: Balázs Jaschkó

Number 22 – PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 31, 2009

# CHURCH BULLETIN

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

**Readings:** Acts 2.1-11; 1Cor 12.3-7,12-13;  
Jn 20,19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Lord, send forth your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth."

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ● +ifj. Málics Istvánért – édesanyja és testvérei  
● +édesanyjáért és férjéért - Magdi  
● +Telekesi Gézáért – Szarka Nancy  
● +Naniért – Sütő család  
● +Bonnyay Lászlóért és Horváth Istvánért – Kristóf Julianna  
● +férjéért – özvegye és családja
- 10:30** ✠ egyházközségünkért - plébános  
✠ bér málkozóinkért  
✠ Blatnyák Irénért  
✠ Szöllősi Annamáriaért - bér makeresztanya  
● +Meszesán Mihályért – felesége és cs.  
● +Teklits Borbáláért – Fehér Ágnes és Jolán  
● +Farkas Lászlóért - családja  
● Melkó család elhunyt tagjaiért  
● +nagyszülőkért – Jeney család  
● +Kucs Jánosért és +Vadas Béláért – Forrai cs.  
● +Magyari Erzsébetért – fia, Zoltán és cs.  
● +Bonnyay Lászlóért – Kovács Klára és Mónika  
● +Németh Józsefért és +Terézért-leányuk és cs.
- 12:00** ✠ Zsófi felgyógyulásáért – Zydrón család  
✠ Galgóczy Erzsébet boldoggáavatásáért – Zydrón Margit  
● +Fejes Ferencért - családja  
● +Pirosits Erzsébetért és +Györgyért –Zydrón cs.

### Monday, June 1; *Justin, martyr*

7.30 father's intention

### Tuesday, June 2; *Marcellinus & Peter*

7.30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

### Wednesday, June 3; *Charles Lwanga and companions*

7.30 for the conversion of atheists and non believers

18.30 Oltáregyletünk tagjaiért

### Thursday, June 4;

7.30 for Hungary (Trianon)

### Friday, June 5; *St. Boniface*

7.30 for +Gilbert and +Julie Tellis

19.00 (1) for +László Kovács – family

(2) for +Lajos Szendi - wife

### Saturday, June 6; *St. Norbert*

7.30 for +Szabó, +Nagy, +Erdős family members

**Marriage:** Claudio Esposito & Judit Demeter (2)

**Baptism:** Emma Dobi

**Funeral:** László Bonnyay (83), István Horváth (82)

**June 12 Friday at 8:00 pm at St Elizabeth of Hungary RC Church (432 Sheppard Ave., E. Toronto) András Wéber and friends. Benefit concert for the revitalization of St. Elizabeth Scola Cantorum Choir. Zsigovics Ágnes soprano, Ran Kim organ, Peleg Jozsef violin, Ivan Ivanivics viola, Marta Kosek oboe, Calum Macleod double bass and Scola Cantorum.**

## The Greatest Unused Power

Fr. Phil Bloom

Once an American had a visitor from England. He wanted to show his guest the marvels of our country, so he took him to Niagara Falls. "Come," he said, "I will show you the greatest unused power in the world." From above they could appreciate the expanse of the Falls, as they looked from the U.S. to the Canadian side. Then they went below where the water made a deafening noise. The American explained about the enormous quantity of water and its great force. He had to practically shout into his friends ear as he concluded, "There is the greatest unused power in the world."

The visitor was duly impressed; he had seen nothing like it in his own country. But then, like a good Englishman, he started to think a little deeper. "Yes," he said to his American host, "the power here is great, but there is something much greater. The greatest unused power in the world is the Holy Spirit of the Living God." The man has a point. Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost Sunday. It reminds us of a power we have barely tapped into. In the readings we see some of the

things which the Holy Spirit makes possible:

- Communication in a language deeper than words. ● Inner peace. ● Forgiveness of sins. ● Unity of people who were formerly enemies. ● Every worthwhile gift. ● Renewal of the earth.



This Sunday you and I wish to tap into the power of the Holy Spirit. How our world would change if we permitted him to enter our hearts! In my years as a priest many people have told me that they wish their lives could be different. They would like to have more energy, more enthusiasm. They want interior tranquility and a sense of purpose. Those things come from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can energize us, give us a new life.

Every person in every age needs the Holy Spirit, but the need is particularly evident now. One of our biggest problems today is boredom.\* An ennui has descended on our culture. I remember a man showing me his new wide screen TV. He proudly demonstrated how it could receive over 200 channels. After he explained all his options, I asked him what he was going to watch. "I don't know," the man replied, "there is nothing good on." We have all kinds of entertainment, we are busier than ever, but people feel bored. Ironically our young people are the ones most affected by the tiredness of our society. They sometimes talk about having experiences which they describe as *amazing*, *incredible* and *awesome*, but the happenings seem manufactured (like episodes of Reality TV) and they quickly fade.

On the other hand, the person who opens himself to the power of the Holy Spirit can find joy in things which are quite small. A great example for us is St. John Neumann. Son of a German father and Czech mother, he came to America to serve immigrants as a priest. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, he made a personal vow to never waste a single moment of time.\*\* I admit I have not made such a vow - I have enough trouble with the first three. Still, I do admire a man like St. John Neumann. Now, if he were alive today I don't think he would be multi-tasking, like the guy walking around with a cell phone to his ear. St. John did not indulge in frenetic activity, but rather opened himself to the grace of each moment. As a young priest he ministered to a far flung parish of miners. It involved a lot of traveling during which he engaged in prayer and studying languages. Besides German, Czech and English, he learned Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions of his diverse parishioners. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!"

Later as Archbishop of Philadelphia he was instrumental in setting up the Catholic School system which quickly spread throughout the country. St. John did not live a long life - he died in his late forties. Nonetheless, his accomplishments endure because he was in touch with the future, that is, he placed every moment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In spite of many troubles - and much opposition - he maintained an inner calm. People commented on how he could find joy in little things such as seeing a flower or a child.

Like St. John, we have available a great unused power - the same Holy Spirit that gave him joy in small things. We only need to step away from stagnant, muddy ponds - and approach the Niagara Falls of grace. Say this prayer: Come, Holy Spirit. Yes, Holy Spirit, come, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of our love. Dear Father, send out your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of your Son Jesus and renew the face of the earth.

*\*Boredom leads people to fall into vices. The vices (greed, lust, gluttony, anger, etc.) do not bring happiness, but rather become ways of keeping God at arm's length. The pattern of falling into a vicious habit is dreadfully predictable. Feeling bored, a person decides, for example, to turn on the TV or surf the Internet. Satan is at hand to help with the mouse or the remote. The person may not be indulging in something so terrible; he merely wants a bit of distraction. Still, he does not come away refreshed. Instead, he feels depressed. It momentarily relieves the tension, but quickly brings more craving. Irritability grows and soon he takes it out on someone, anyone. Thus, a man finds himself on a downward spiral which leads to bitterness, self-justification and, finally, complete separation from God.*

*\*\*This is not an invitation to become a "workaholic." Workaholism masks a deeper laziness. A man sometimes spends fourteen hours at the office because he fears the effort involved in the relationship with his wife, children - and with God.*

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### **LifeCanada strongly opposes a dangerous new bill that would legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada.**

**Bill C-384** was introduced by Bloc MP Francine Lalonde in Parliament on May 13, 2009. **The legislation would permit assisted suicide and euthanasia for anyone 18 or older who is experiencing "severe physical or mental pain" and has tried or refused appropriate treatment.**

*"These people need help, not a suicide prescription," said Gudrun Schultz, Executive Director of LifeCanada/VieCanada. "Suicide already takes the lives of 4,000 Canadians every year. Each one of these is a tragedy. We should be trying to reduce that number with appropriate support and health care. This bill will lead to just the opposite---more deaths."*

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people in Canada, following accidental death.

Seniors are another high-risk group, more than twice as likely as the general population to end their lives by suicide out of loneliness, depression or physical pain.

*"Beneath the language of "compassion" and "dignity", assisted suicide remains an act of violence. It indicates a society that abandons desperate people who need love and appropriate care. We urge Canadians to reject this bill."*

For more information contact Gudrun Schultz at 866-780-5433 or Dr. Delores Doherty at 709-754-2068

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*The man declared as the world's oldest pupil, Kimani Ng'ang'a Maruge, says he has embraced Christianity and has been baptised, five years after he began studying at primary school at the age of 85 and learned how to read the Bible. "I commit my life to God, from now until the end," said the 90-year-old great-grandfather as he was christened Stephen at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Kariobangi, east of Nairobi. To the cheers of a packed congregation, the world's oldest school student was baptised sitting in a wheelchair, which he now has to use following the onset of stomach cancer. (Nairobi, ENI)*