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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 Jaschko

No. 25 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time– June 21

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: Job 38.1-4,8-11; 2Cor 5.14-17;
Mk 4.35-41.

Responsorial Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord;
his steadfast love endures forever."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ egyházközségünkért - plébános
☩ +Herczeg Péterért – fia és családja
☩ +Behon szülőkért és +testvérekért
☩ +Málics Istvánért – felesége és családja
☩ +Köbli házaspárért – Marika
☩ +Pecöli-Szabó Istvánért és +Bözsziért – Magyarai cs.
☩ +Pór Annáért – férje és családja
- 10:30** ☩ a Házások Klubjának tagjaiért
☩ Gilice Erzsébet felgyógyulásáért
☩ élő és elhunyt ciszterci tanárokért és diákokért
☩ +Börcsök, +Kanyó és +Marosi családtagokért
☩ +nagymamáért - unokái
☩ +Szentgyörgyi és +Molnár szülőkért –
Molnár Gyula és fia
☩ +Kósa Károlyért
☩ +Nyerges-Bognár szülőkért
☩ +Sinka Lászlóért – felesége és gyermekei
☩ +Tóth Antalért - felesége
☩ +Palatics Olgáért és +szülőkért
☩ +Bródy Józsefért – özvegye és családja
☩ +Serke Imréért - testvére
☩ +Somorjai Ferencért – Bessenyei család
☩ +Juhász Viktóriáért – családja
☩ +Borbély Károlyért – családja
☩ +Szívek Jánosért – Zydron Margit
☩ +Kaitlinért – Erzsébet néni
- 12:00** ☩ édesanyja felgyógyulásáért - Tímea
☩ Csida Zsóka felgyógyulásáért – család
☩ +Rösler Gergelyért – családja
☩ +Bartha Béláért és +Józsefért

Tuesday, June 23;

- 7.30 (1) for Phillip's special intention
(2) for Fr. Fülöp, on his birthday – Piri
(3) for +Ferenc Sztanyó

Wednesday, June 24; *The Nativity of John the Baptist*

- (1) in gratitude – Kati
(2) for +József Németh

Thursday, June 25;

- 7.30 (1) for Patrick, on his birthday
(2) for Etelka and Paul
(3) for +dr. Géza Farkas

Friday, June 26;

- 7.30 for +Alexander Gáti – wife and family

Saturday, June 27; *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

- 7.30 (1) in veneration of BVM – Csányi Margit
(2) for +Bágyi F.

Baptism: Hering Robert Bence

First Communion: Szabó Markus, Babits John, Collins Illana, Csiszér Levente, Kis Anna, Kiss Tamás, Ruzsák Márk, Ruzsák Zsófia, Salati Ákos, Szárics Melinda, Vizsmeg Nóémi

Funeral: Szívek János (81)

Mission Statement for the Catholic Women's Association at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church:

The St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Women's Association seeks to broaden the spiritual, intellectual and social bonds of the women of the parish through various groups and programs. By this process they grow spiritually and strengthen each other, the parish, and the Church. This group always functions under the guidance of the pastor. (A 2. KNT-hír angol fordítása készül - remélem...)

Monday, June 22; *St. John Fischer, St. Tomas More*

- 7.30 (1) in thanksgiving for favours received
(2) for +Mária Pozsonyi – daughter
(3) for +Susan Mali – Magda Rezner
(4) for +Sarolta Szegedi - husband

Out of the Storm

Fr. Phil Bloom

I would like to begin by mentioning one of the blessings of the Second Vatican Council. It is easy

enough to see the negative thing which happened since the Council: declining Mass attendance, priestly identity crisis and doctrinal confusion. We need also to see the positive results, especially the renewal of the sacramental rites and prayers. Personally, I greatly treasure the revised Liturgy of Hours, which the Council wanted to extend beyond clergy and religious to include lay people.

Many pray not only Morning and Evening Prayer, but also the Office of Readings.* It invites the Christian to meditate daily on selections from the entire Bible. I have found myself looking forward to certain books of the Bible, for example the Book of Job. Just on the level of literature, Job is magnificent. But, more important, it addresses the greatest problem of human existence: why do people suffer for no fault of their own? Why, for example, is a child born with a terrible deformity? Why does God allow humans to do horrendous things to others: torture, rape, false accusations; why doesn't God do something about mistreatment and suffering of children?***

More than any other book in the Bible, Job focuses on the dilemma of innocent suffering. Today we hear the climactic conclusion of that book. After about thirty-five chapters of human attempts to solve the problem of pain, Job finally gets the chance to hear the one who knows answer: God himself. It is important to see how God speaks to Job: he addresses him "out of the storm." God does not give a calm, philosophical solution to the puzzle. He begins by himself asking what, at first, seems like an irrelevant question: Who set the limits for the sea? Why do the waves stop at a certain point and go no further? That question cannot be answered by a course in oceanography. Even after defining gravitation and explaining the nature of water, wind and land; the enigma remains. The question points to the mystery of the created universe. And if it were not enough to contemplate the ocean, God asks a series of similar questions about things which cause wonder, awe and fear.

The more we know about the world, the more we realize how little we actually understand. Each scientific discovery inevitably raises new questions. Such is the nature of science. The point, however, is much deeper than recognizing the limits of human reckoning. What the Book of Job underscores is that God speaks to us "out of the storm." During recent years the media have made us aware of the awesome power of storms. Even those not in the path of hurricanes can sense the feeling of helplessness, the desire to flee or hunker down. It touches us on that level because we all face storms: some physical, but others emotional, the turbulence which results when something

unleashes anger. Those storms can rage out of control, although they do not last forever. What matters, in the long run, is whether God addresses us out of the storm. God's word humbles Job. He inclines his head in silence.

A few weeks ago Pope Benedict stood before the site of the most appalling storm in human history. In visiting the concentration camp of Auschwitz, the Holy Father responded in a manner similar to Job: "In a place like this," the pope said, "words fail. In the end, there can only be a dread silence." The silence does not signify despair, but the desire to hear God's word. The pope of course did not resolve the problem of evil. As a "son of Germany" he acknowledged this terrible chapter in his nation's history. At the same time by certain gestures, he indicated that God was not totally absent. For example, Pope Benedict went to the place where the Nazis executed St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who sacrificed his own life to take the place of a condemned Jewish man.

Today's Gospel presents a paradigmatic experience of the disciples facing a storm.*** In spite of waves breaking over the boat, Jesus somehow remained asleep. (He reminds me of a friend who can sleep through anything.) Like Job, the disciples wonder if their Lord cares about them. After quieting the sea, Jesus questioned them (and us): "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

*The one-year cycle of Scripture and Patristic readings is excellent. For an even more in-depth *lectio divina*, I recommend the two-year cycle *A Word in Season* from Augustinian Press.

**Perhaps the greatest modern novel to address the problem of evil is *The Brother Karamazov*. It contains an almost unbearable description of cruelty to a child. At the same time, in Ivan Karamazov's "Legend of the Grand Inquisitor" Dostoevsky brings home what a world without human freedom would look like.

***As George MacDonald wrote, "How often we look upon God as our last and feeblest resource! We go to Him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn that the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven."

Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life Conference: Presented by Christopher West. The conference takes place on October 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario (Don Mills Rd. & Eglinton Ave.)

Registration is **\$30.00**, after July 1 it is **\$40.00**.

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