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### Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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NO SUNDAY 12 PM MASSES IN JULY AND AUGUST

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No. 27 - fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time - July 12

# CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: Amos 7.12-15; Eph 1.3-14; Mk 6.7-13.

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Show us your steadfast love. O Lord, and grant us your salvation."

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

9:00 器 egyházközségünkért - plébános

- +Jáger Gizelláért Jáger család és Barbolyás Erzsébet
- +Fodor Sándornéért család
- ◆ for +Lorraine Jordan, and +Mr.Mrs. Lobraico Peck and Malics families
- → +Gál Lajosért és +Magdolnáért Magdi és cs.
- +dr.Kusztra Tivadarért Györgypál Auguszta

- → +Kósa Károlyért
- +Hannák és +Bozsó családtagokért Matild
- +Bonnay Lászlóért Hárshegyi család
- +Horváth szülőkért Zoltán és családja
- +id. Luttor Károlyért Mária
- +Vaskó család élő és elhunyt tagjaiért

Monday, July 13; Henry

7.30 for +Joseph Mali - wife

Tuesday, July 14; Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

7.30 for the souls in purgatory

Wednesday, July 15; St. Bonaventure

7.30 for the recovery of Mária Petőfi - family

Thursday, July 16; Our Lady of Mount Carmel

in veneration of Our Lady of Carmel - Telch fam. 7.30

Friday, July 17;

7.30 for Etelka and Paul

Saturday, July 18; Camillus de Lellis

7.30 for father's intention

Marriage: Robert Carullo & Karacs Judith (2)

Kevin Paulson & Csima Anne (2)

Mason Kurfurst, Keán Oláh, Alexis Irvine <u>Baptism</u>:

# A Prayer for Our Priests

You came from among us to be, for us, one who serves.

We thank you for ministering Christ to us and helping us minister Christ to each other.

We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our community:

for drawing us together in worship,

for visiting us in our homes,

for comforting us in sickness,

for showing us compassion,

for blessing our marriage.

for baptising our children,

for confirming us in our calling,

for supporting us in bereavement,

for helping us to grow in faith,

for encouraging us to take the initiative,

for helping the whole community realize God's presence among

For our part, we pray that we may always be attentive to your needs and never take you for granted.

You, like us, need friendship and love, welcome and a sense of belonging, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness.

We pray, also, for the priests who have wounded priesthood.

May we be willing to forgive and may they be open to healing.

Let us support one another during times of crisis.

God our Father, we ask you to bless our priests and confirm them in their calling.

Give them the gifts they need to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.

We offer this prayer for our priest, who is our brother and friend, Amen

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.

## About the "Right to Choose"

Fr. Phil Bloom

Boy, can I identify with Amos: "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son." (Amos 7:14 RSV) Like him I would prefer doing things I am qualified for such as reading books, fishing and playing with my niece's children. But then the Lord said to him, "Go, prophecy to my people Israel." (v.15)

What's more, Jesus today sends out his disciples with a message of repentance (Mk. 6:12). Before we can drive out demons and heal the sick (v.13) we must tell people to turn their lives around. The word repentance applies not just to behaviour, but to our thinking. *Metanoia* literally means, "change your mind." It can also mean, "take a new direction."

Everyone has heard about plane accidents which claim hundreds of lives. The airplane begins descending and the pilot does not realize it - until it is too late. Something like that could happen to us individually or even as a society. We might be headed for a crash and not recognize it. That's why Jesus instructed his disciples to preach repentance. Change your mind. Take a new direction. Pull out of the free fall - before you destroy yourself and others.

This Sunday I want to point out one crucial area where our society is in a free fall: our acceptance of the catch phrase, a woman's *right to choose*. Now, at this point some of you might turn me off because you think I am speaking against certain politicians or even against women. I can only ask you to give me a hearing because this issue transcends politics and "gender." It strikes at the heart of who we are and where we are going.

Cardinal Roger Mahoney of Los Angeles recently wrote a column about "a woman's right to choose." What he said was, "please finish the sentence." We cannot talk about an abstract right to choose. Choice always has an object.

The problem with "a woman's right to choose" is not just that some make a decision they later deeply regret. For them there is hope because regret can lead to repentance, forgiveness and healing. The deeper problem with the "right to choose" is that it masks a philosophy of despair. It has its roots in Nietzsche's talk about going "beyond good and evil." What he meant was that the ultimate reality is Will and what makes something good is the fact one strongly desires it. On the surface it sounds great, but it results in the destruction of ones very humanity. And the person who embraces the "right to choose" philosophy can never repent. They have committed the unforgivable sin, because they can never acknowledge a need for forgiveness. As the Greeks said, "If water sticks in your throat, with what will you quench your thirst?"

We might be even more reluctant than Amos, but still we must question this "right to choose" talk. And not just because it facilitates abortion. What's ultimately at stake is a whole way of thinking which has entered our culture and - let's be honest - has affected each of us. It is most often expressed in positive terms of tolerance, diversity, non-judgmentalism. You do your thing and I'll do my thing. You have your truth; I have mine.

Fortunately human beings cannot go long without a passion for some value beyond themselves. Consider the reaction here in Seattle when the park service announced it was going to eliminate some three thousand geese dirtying our public areas. So many people jumped to their defense that the officials backed off the earlier plan to offer free goose dinners. I understand a memorial service is being planned if the animals are indeed slain...

Of course this is exactly what we need to discuss - the value of a goose and the value of an unborn child. It's time to stop muddling things with vague talk about "right to choose." Choose what? Please finish the sentence. Only then can we grapple with the meaning of our choices - and hear Jesus' call to take responsibility for our decisions, to repent of those which lead to death and to embrace the hope only He can offer.

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The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has appointed **Bishop Richard Grecco**, presently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto as the Bishop of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. At the same time he accepted the resignation of Bishop Vernon Fougere, Charlottetown's bishop since 1992, for reasons of health.

Upon learning of his appointment, Bishop Grecco commented: "I am humbled by the announcement of the Holy Father and look forward with great joy to serving the people of the Diocese of Charlottetown. I send my thoughts and prayers to all those on Prince Edward Island and look forward to joining their community shortly."

Bishop Richard Grecco was born in St. Catharines, Ontario. He completed his theological studies at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto; the Gregorian University in Rome; and in 1982 he received the degree of Doctor of Theology from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. Ordained a priest in 1973 for the Diocese of St. Catharines, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of London in 1997. Pope John Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2002.

An announcement regarding the date of installation for Bishop Grecco is expected to be made in the next week. In the interim, the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Fougere as Apostolic Administrator until the installation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Charlottetown.

The Diocese of Charlottetown has a Catholic population of 63,240 with 58 parishes and missions that extend across the province.

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