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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 to 3.

English masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 in the morning

**NO SUNDAY 12 PM MASSES IN JULY AND AUGUST**

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

**No. 36 – Twenty-third Sunday in ordinary time – September 6.**

# CHURCH BULLETIN

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

**Readings:** Is 35.4-7; Jas 2.1-5; Mk 7.31-37.

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ Mária, Éva és Ilona gyermekekért  
☩ +Mácsai családtagokért - Marika  
☩ +Zinner Józsefért – felesége és családja  
☩ +feleségéért, Margitért - Feri  
☩ +Stocker Antalért - családja
- 10:30** ☩ Pádúai Szt. Antal tiszteletére – Rémiás család  
☩ iskolakezdsre, Mónikáért, Michaelért és Józsiért  
☩ Zelena József felgyógyulásáért - felesége és cs.  
☩ Gregory felgyógyulásáért – Inokai család  
☩ egy családért  
☩ +Lászlóért és +Irenéért – Telch család  
☩ +Gyarmati Lukácsért – Ilus és családja  
☩ +Karovics Ilonáért – Ábrahám Gizella és Léránt  
Etelka  
☩ +Gombos Gabrielláért – Padányi Karolina

### Monday (7); Labour Day

7.30 for fathers' intentions

### Tuesday (8); Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30 for fathers' intentions

- 8.00 (1) Szűzanya tiszteletére – Csányi Margit  
(2) +Ronge Alajosért – testvére, Irén  
(3) +Kertész Mártonnéért - családja

### Wednesday (9); St. Peter Claver

7.30 for fathers' intentions

8.00 atyák szándékaira

### Thursday (10);

7.30 for fathers' intentions

8.00 Etelkáért és Pálért

### Friday (11);

7.30 for fathers' intentions

8.00 atyák szándékaira

### Saturday (12); Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30 for fathers' intentions

8.00 atyák szándékaira

**Funeral:** Antal Kiss (84), Hermina Horváth (69),  
József Vindischman (83)

### Announcements

❖ **Mass Schedule.** On Tuesday, September 8 we will resume the 8 a.m. weekday Hungarian mass. On Sunday, September 13, we will resume the 12 o'clock bilingual mass.

❖ **The Hungarian Visual Artists** of Canada have an **Exhibit** until September 10 at the Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, 399 The West Mall. Open, weekdays from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, weekends and holidays from 2 - 5 pm. You can meet the artists as well on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

❖ **Make Your Faith Count!** Join the hundreds who will refresh their spirits at the "2009 Bread of Life – **Day of Renewal** – Joy in Hard Times". Deepen your faith. Refresh your spirituality. Take the time... On Saturday, September 26, 2009, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Oakville. Registration is just \$20 and includes a box lunch and full day program. Discover more at [www.TheBreadofLife.ca](http://www.TheBreadofLife.ca) or email: [info@thebreadoflife.ca](mailto:info@thebreadoflife.ca). Call 905-634-5433

❖ The *deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research* proudly presents "**Reproductive Decisions and Women's Well-Being**" a conference for doctors, nurses, teachers, school counsellors, social workers, immigrant counsellors, students and community members. Dr. Deborah Zeni and Andrea Mrozek will be discussing the latest research on Women's Health after Abortion and what abortion means for women. The conference takes place Friday, October 2, 2009 from 9am-4pm at University of Toronto, St. Michael's College, Carr Hall. A payment of \$75 (includes lunch) will secure

your spot. To register call 416-256-0555 or visit [www.deveber.org](http://www.deveber.org) for more information.

❖ "Listen, I am Standing at the Door Knocking" Single women, 18-39, are invited to a retreat, the weekend of **October 2-4**, given by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph. For information call Sister Dorothy: 416-927-0720. Good Shepherd Centre, a multi-service charitable agency providing services to homeless and disadvantaged individuals, needs your help! We urgently need **volunteers** to make beds (weekdays only). We also need used men's jeans, socks and new underwear. For more information please contact Rebecca Ferguson at 416-869-3619 ext. 262.

## Lord, Cleanse My Lips

Fr. Phil Bloom

In one issue of *Homiletics and Pastoral Review*, Fr. Michael Orsi has a helpful article titled, "Orthodox Catholics sometimes hurt the cause." He notes that while liberals often unite to promote a common agenda, conservatives will sometimes take an all-or-nothing approach – and in the process wind up dividing into bitter factions.

He mentions how complex issues such as biblical interpretation, pro-life strategies, capital punishment and the validity of ordaining men with homosexual orientation can provoke violent disagreements. And smaller issues can also divide. He tells of a parish where home school families split into non-speaking camps over the showing of the cartoon, "Shrek."

Fr. Orsi offers some suggestions to avoid fracturing the cause of loyal and orthodox Catholics. First and foremost, we need to know what is official Church teaching and what are matters for discussion or debate. He recommended several documents, including of course the Catechism. He also mentions the importance of discussing concerns with ones pastor or with some other informed person. In addition, we have good resources available today, such as *New Advent* and *Catholic Answers* (which even has a number people can call for sensitive questions).

In today's Gospel Jesus touches the ears of a deaf man and says, *Ephphatha*, that is "be opened." It must have been wonderful to hear sounds – children, birds, above all the voice of Jesus himself. But it also must have been a lot of work to begin learning the meaning of so many words – and to distinguish that which requires attention from that which one can ignore.

Likewise, when Jesus touches you or me, it does not mean that all of a sudden we know everything and can start correcting others. No, that is when we

must begin in earnest to listen to him – read the Bible, Catechism, Vatican II documents and other sources of his teaching.

Some young priests have become discouraged – not so much by attacks from "liberals" (if a person swims against the culture, he expects that) but by criticisms from those he thought were his allies. Often the criticisms were ill founded or expressed in harsh, judgmental manner.

Only after we have listened to Jesus, should we speak. And we need to ask him to touch our lips before we do. Prior to proclaiming the Gospel, the priest prays quietly: "Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your Gospel." That's a prayer we could all say before attempting to speak on behalf of the Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, before giving the homily, he says (inaudibly) "May the words of the Gospel wipe away our sin." Always essential to recognize ones own sin – and that our goal is not to condemn, but to offer liberation from sin.

Like you, I would be a fool if I did not recognize I need correction. But how and when is it helpful? Once I was doing something in the parish which I thought was OK. A man approached me at a moment when I did not have a hundred distractions, expressed his concern in a kindly manner and showed me an appropriate document. While I was not happy to be corrected (who is?) I appreciated his thoroughness, thought about what he said and made an appropriate change. It also helped that I knew him as a prayerful man who cares about me and loves the parish.

Isaiah prophesied,

The ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (35:5f.)

May Christ open our ears and cleanse our lips that we might hear his word and gently speak it to others.\*

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\*At the beginning of a new school year we should ask the Lord to cleanse our lips regarding gossip. It perhaps has not been my biggest sin, but it is one for which I feel most remorse. Once I made an off-hand comment (I did not mean it maliciously) but a couple of months later, I realized it had influenced someones' opinion of another person. I tried to undo some of the damage, but like Philip Neri noted, gossip is like opening a down pillow on a windy day. You can pick up a few of the feathers, but most fly out of ones control. In a parish gossip does great damage, especially to the faith of young people.