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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 AM

Sunday's 12 o'clock mass is both in English and Hungarian

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

No. 45 – 32nd Sunday in ordinary time – November 8.

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: 1 Kings 17.10-16; Heb 9.24-28;
Mk 12.38-44

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ✠ Édesanya 97-ik születésnapjára – leányai, veje, unokái és dédunokái

☛ +Huszár és Pap cs. elhunyt szeretteiért – Teréz

☛ +Haraszi Lászlóért – Kristóf Júlia

☛ +szülőkért – leánya

☛ +Vadász és Szenczi szülőkért – család

☛ for + Aurora – Etelyina

10:30 ✠ a KFT-ért

☛ Miklósházy püspök atya püspökké szentelésének

20. évfordulójára hálából – Zydrón Margit

☛ Christopher születésnapjára - nagymama

☛ Telch György teljes felépüléséért - családja

☛ +Magyar Gyuláért – felesége Mária

☛ + Udvardy Ottóért halálának 1 éves

évfordulójára – felesége

☛ +Reviczky Icaért – Rémiás család

☛ +Fitos Gáspárért és + Léránt Lajosért –

Léránt Etelka

☛ +Miricz Imréért - Gabriella

☛ +Bródy Józsefért – Horváth Zoltán és családja.

☛ +szülőkért és testvérekért – Koszonits család

☛ +Peterdy Mihályért és Katalinért – családjuk

☛ +Bonnay Lászlóért – felesége

☛ +Zelena Józsefért – családja

☛ +Zelena Józsefért – Bonnay Erzsébet

☛ +Molnár Erzsébetért – Farkas Erzsi

☛ +Fazekas Zsuzsannáért - szülei

12:00 ✠ Bajusz Mária felépüléséért – családja

☛ Kiss Jenő felgyógyulásáért – Tiefenbeck cs.

☛ Hálából

☛ +elhunyt osztálytársakért – F. Zs.

☛ +dr. Záhonyi Józsefért –fia és családja

☛ + Molnár János és neje Gabriella lelki

üdvéért – Molnár családok

☛ +dr. Tatár-Kiss Mária Eugéniáért - Platthy

Tiefenbeck család

Monday (9); Dedication of Saint John Lateran

7.30 for Jesuit vocations

8.00 elhunyt magyar jezsuitákért

Tuesday (10); Saint Leo the Great

7.30 for the conversion of atheists and non believers

8.00 + testvérekért

Wednesday (11); Saint Martin of Tours

7.30 for + Gilbert Tellis

8.00 Erika és Ronald felgyógyulásáért

+Rajnyák Mária és Györgyért – Csányi Margit

Thursday (12); Saint Josaphat

7.30 for the repentance of the sinful

8.00 Pálért – Etelka

Friday (13);

7.30 for + Errol Nahas

8.00 a szentatya missziós imaszándékára

Saturday (14);

7.30 for +Tom and +Nora Crawford

8.00 a világbékéért

Marriage announcement:

Dan O'Hara and Teresa Paál (2)

Announcements

This is a communication regarding the **H1N1** Flu Virus from Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto: For the health and safety of all people of faith, parishes must implement the following changes at all masses: temporarily suspend communion from the chalice, temporarily suspend communion on the tongue, refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace. A nod, bow or other appropriate gesture should be encouraged. Please remind your parishioners that if they are feeling sick or ill, it is best for them to stay home. I recognize the distress these changes to our sacred liturgy may cause for some. Be assured that these are temporary measures only, intended to protect and care for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Please join me in offering prayers for the sick and suffering in our community.

St. Theresa's Shrine will host a **God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Workshop, Saturday, November 14th from 9 – 4**, in the Parish Hall 2559 Kingston Road Scarborough ON. Registration of \$15 will include lunch. To register, please call the parish office at 416-261-7498 or stbreg@gmail.com

Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre, 25th Anniversary **Dinner/Dance & Silent Auction**, November 28, 2009 - Come celebrate and help us continue to educate ALL in the truth about love and human sexuality through fertility appreciation for another 25 years... For more information or to purchase tickets call (416) 465-2868 or see our website www.fertilitycare.ca

Simple Faith

The gospel passage this Sunday illustrates two facets of Jesus' spirituality and two aspects of the Reign of God which he proclaimed in his teaching and preaching. One the one hand Christ denounces the showy and elaborate religious practices of the Pharisees, which in his judgment are rooted in a desire to glorify themselves rather than God, a desire to make other people admire them as holy individuals or experts in God. Their spiritual lives are poisoned at source, Jesus believes, and his verdict on their chances in the afterlife seems rather savage: "The more severe will be the sentence they receive". Sincerity or falseness in our attitude to God is obviously a subject Christ took very seriously, something he regarded as decisive, in fact, for salvation.

But then, on the other hand, he speaks very affirmatively and even tenderly about the poor widow who makes a small financial offering to the Temple treasury, an offering which was tiny in terms of monetary value but which represented an enormous sacrifice in terms of the widow's material resources, and therefore expressed great devotion to God. The poor widow doesn't speak and we never learn her name, as if to emphasize her lowliness and her lack of significance by any worldly scale of values. But of course those are the very qualities that elicit Jesus' sympathy. Despite her poverty and the anxieties that brings, God is at the centre of her life and contributing to the House of God - the Temple - symbolizes the devotion and gratitude she feels towards God.

Personally I've always tended to see this gospel character, the poor widow, as a representative of all the ordinary, unpretentious people who don't think about God in great complicated terms but relate to God with an attitude of simple devotion and use received or conventional religious practices to express their devotion. I think the fact that Jesus drew his followers' attention to the widow's action, and the fact that St. Mark thought this incident was important enough to include in his gospel, makes the poor widow one of those gospel figures that all future believers are meant to imitate.

The truth is, it's possible to be too sophisticated and too complicated, intellectually, in our faith in God and when we are, we make it more difficult for ourselves to genuinely know him, not easier. It's possible to tangle ourselves up in all sorts of ideas and theories *about* God and actually close ourselves off from his influence rather than opening ourselves up.

To be receptive to God we need simplicity, and we need to take steps to cultivate simplicity: both in regard to how we think about God and in our attitudes to other people and the values we live our lives by. We're all familiar with the type of person who is a great theorizer about human nature and moral behavior - someone who can sort everything out tidily in his or her head - but whose actual character and treatment of other people is underdeveloped, inconsistent, fragmented. There's something repellent about that sort of person, whereas we instinctively warm to the type of person who might not have much education, who doesn't have any great theories to offer about life, but whose character has been formed around basic values like kindness and sympathy and generosity.

The poor widow in the gospel reminds me of what one of the Christian mystics from the Middle Ages said: that we can never grasp God by thinking, only by loving. At the same time it makes me think of what Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest Catholic thinkers in the history of the Church, said at the end of life: that compared to the actual experience of being close to God, all his massive writings and theological speculations were just "so much straw".

It's not a matter of being unintelligent in our faith - it's always good to ask questions and look for answers that make sense when we're dealing with God just as when we're dealing with any subject. It's more a matter of realizing the limitations of cleverness and intellectual sophistication. They're never enough by themselves to enable us to make contact with God and grow in our relationship with him.

So those are my reflections on the example of the poor widow making her offering to the Temple - and also the counter-example of the Pharisees.

The Pharisees are pompous, pretentious and self-involved. Jesus dismisses them angrily as very far from God. The widow on the other hand illustrates an important aspect of Christian discipleship, or a basic value that all followers of Christ should try to imitate: reliance on God in all the hardships and worries of our lives, expressed through the ordinary practices of religion and with simplicity and uncomplicated devotion.

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