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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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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 Jaschkó

No. 48 – 1st Sunday of Advent – November 29.

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Readings: Jer 33.14-16; 1 Thes 3.12-4.2;
Lk 21.25-28, 34-36.

Responsorial Psalm: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ☩ 60 éves házassági évfordulóra – Katona László és Magdolna
☩ +Málics Istvánért – felesége és családja

10:30 ☩ Telch György felépüléséért – felesége
☩ 45-ik házassági évfordulóra, hálából – Rémiás Magda és József

☩ Mária Kongregáció elhunyt és élő tagjaiért, az útonlévőkért – Mária Kongregáció (MK)

☩ Skerlán Neszti felgyógyulásáért – MK

☩ Erzsike sikeres műtétjéért – Juhász család

☩ Élő családtagokért – Juhász család

☩ +Rose-ért – férje

☩ +Kocsis Tivadarért – Peterdy család

☩ +Zelena Józsefért – családja

☩ +Melkó család elhunyt tagjaiért - Mária

☩ +Varga Eszterért – Balogh család

☩ +Mochta Józsefért – Nemesszeghy család, Magdi és Robin

☩ +Erdei nagyszülőkért – Nemesszeghy család, Magdi és Robin

☩ +Meszesán Mihályért – családja

☩ +Berei Gáborért – Meszesán Erzsébet

☩ +Smugin Katalinért – Radocsay család

☩ +Katikáért – Mayer, Lipcsik, Navratil családok

12:00 ☩ +szülőkért – családjuk

☩ +Pihokker Ferencért - családjuk

☩ +Máriáért – Béla

☩ +Katalinért – Erzsébet

☩ +Kiss Jenőért – Tiefenbeck család

Monday (30); St. Andrew, apostle

7.30 for Dianna Gerwyn's wedding

8.00 +Andrásért – Ibolya

7 PM +Kozdera István temetési miséje

Tuesday (1);

7.30 for our benefactors

8.00 békéért a Kárpátmedencében

Wednesday (2);

7.30 for + Glen Hauk

8.00 Pálért - Etelka

7 PM +Gábor Ödönért és +Amáliáért – lányuk és unokáik

Thursday (3); St. Francis Xavier

7.30 for the priests of St.Elizabeth

+nagyszülőkért – Acsai Ferenc és családja

8.00 a szentatya általános imaszándékára

First Friday (4);

7.30 Special intentions for Phillip

8.00 Sándor és Gábor család halottaiért – Sándor Margit és az unokák

7 p.m. +Kovács Lászlóért – családja

+Szendi Lajosért - felesége

Saturday (5);

7.30 +Sándor Kálmánért és édesanyjáért

Hermináért – özvegye és fiai

8.00 +Nagy, +Szabó és +Erdős családtagokért

Funeral: Gerg Fazekas (72)

Announcement

❖ The **Photo Albums** of our Parish arrived this week. Please contact our fathers to pick up your free copy, if you participated in the project, otherwise you can purchase one for \$ 20.00.

❖ **From a letter:** *“I’ll tell you what I have done this fall. As the requests from charities arrive with their set of greeting cards etc. which do not mention Christmas I call them and ask to be deleted from their mailing list and tell them why. When they split the message so that half of them mention Christmas I call and thank them for recognizing the tradition at least half the time and inform them that I will make half the usual contribution and they can get the rest from those people they are trying not to upset. I get upset with immigrants who want to change Canada to make it more like the country they left. I suggest they continue to practice their old customs, religions and all else they are comfortable with, but do not try to change my Canada.”*

Is Jesus Christ Still Coming Again?

Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

A certain man, Herbert Washington by name, was so taken up with the idea of Christ’s second coming and rapture that he became a pain in the neck to his coworkers. So his coworkers hatched a plan to pay him back in his own coins. One day, when Herbert went to the washroom, they lay their work clothes on their chairs and hid in the supply room. When Herbert came back from the washroom, he thought the rapture had taken place. The Muslim janitor, who was part of the joke, pretended to have witnessed everyone disappear and ran around the office feigning panic. Herbert fell to the ground clutching his heart and screaming, “I knew you’d forget me, Jesus! What did I do wrong?” He was taken to a local hospital where he was diagnosed of heart attack. He recovered after undergoing bypass surgery. “We didn’t mean to scare him to death,” said one of his coworkers. “He’s just always talking about it, so today we decided to turn the tables on him.”

Like Herbert, the Thessalonians to whom Paul wrote were obsessed with the nearness of the second coming of Christ. In his second letter to them, Paul reprimands the Thessalonians for giving up work and living in idleness (2 Thessalonians 3:6-15). Apparently some of them thought that the Lord’s coming was so near that there was no point in providing for the future. Such excesses on the part of believers give non-believers the impression that the second coming of Christ is a fear factor fabricated by Christian preachers to scare people into accepting the faith. Paul’s opponents in Thessalonika were making such claims.

Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians is believed to be the oldest book of the New Testament. Paul had preached in Thessalonika where he established the church. He then moved on to Corinth. There he heard that the young church in Thessalonika was under persecution. So he sent Timothy to go and find out what is happening. Timothy came back to Paul with his report on the crisis of faith among the believers in Thessalonika. That was when Paul decided to write them this letter (1 Thessalonians 3:5-6).

The enemies of the church in Thessalonika were saying that Paul’s teaching that Jesus would come back to take his followers with him was Paul’s own fabrication. To support their case they pointed out that some of the first Christians who thought that Jesus was coming back to take them with him were already dead. In other words, they were deluded in their belief. Paul’s response is that their death does not mean that they will suffer any disadvantage when Christ comes. At Christ’s coming the dead will rise from the dead and, together with the living, they will meet the Lord in mid-air (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

If it was problematic for Christians of Paul’s time to believe in the second coming of Christ because some of them were dead, it is even more problematic for today’s Christians. Many centuries have passed since Paul’s time and yet we have not seen Jesus coming in the clouds. Paul himself who believed he would be one of those still living when the Lord comes (1 Thessalonians 4:17) is long dead. Besides the notion of the Lord’s coming in the clouds was based on a flat earth theory, such that as he descended every eye would see him. Such a scenario is more problematic today given what we now know that the earth is spherical. No wonder, then, many Christians today do not take the belief in the second coming of Christ seriously. As a consequence many throw away the baby with the bath water.

Yet the basic faith of the church on the second coming of Christ is that “he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.” Anything more specific than that with regard to how and when he will come is not an essential part of the faith and can often prove to be counterproductive. The best way to prepare for the second coming of Christ is not to engage in speculations of how and when and where it will be but, as Paul says, to **“increase and abound in love for one another and for all”** so that we **“may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints”** (1 Thess 3:12-13).