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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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Office hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 to 3 (Monday closed)

Masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 AM in English, at 8.00 in Hungarian,  
Sunday's at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at 12 o'clock both in English and Hungarian  
Jesuit priests: Szabolcs Sajgó (pastor), László Marosfalvy (associate pastor) – retired: Balázs Jaschko

No. 52 – Feast of the Holy Family – December 27.

# CHURCH BULLETIN

*Sixty years in the service of Hungarians in Toronto*

*The Hungarian Jesuits*

**Readings:** 1 Sam 1.20-22,24-28;

1 Jn 3.1-2,21-24; Lk 2.41-52.

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Blessed are those  
who live in your house, O Lord."

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ egyházközségünkért  
☩ +férjéért és +fiáért – Málics Mária és családja  
☩ +Bernád Lajosért – felesége  
☩ +Bartók Annáért – leánya és unokája  
☩ +Németh Istvánért – családja  
☩ +Erzsébetért – Péter és családja  
☩ +Horváth Istvánért – fiai  
☩ +Mátés Ernőért – fiai, Miklós és Ervin
- 10:30** ☩ hálából, 56. házassági évfordulóra –  
Fazekas János és Anna  
☩ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulásáért - testvére  
☩ Dobai Ágnes felgyógyulásáért - Ica  
☩ hálából – Dan és Teresa  
☩ hálából, unokájuk születésére - nagyszülők  
☩ gyermekeik egészségéért, bодogságáért – Peti és Bea  
☩ + Molnár Erzsébetért – férje és fia  
☩ +szülőkért – Kocsis Magda és családja  
☩ +Hodula Annáért – Somlai család  
☩ +Vaskó családtagokért – Vaskó Margit  
☩ +Paál Imréért és +Júliáért – Teresa és Dán
- 12:00** ☩ az igaz hit ajándékáért a Kárpát-medencében

### Monday (28); Holy Innocents

- 7.30 for +for Bobby Seymour  
8:00 (1) +Bartók Annáért – leánya és unokája  
(2) Tamás születésnapjára – szülei

### Tuesday (29); St. Thomas Becket

- 7.30 for Anna Lee  
8.00 + dr. Kratochvil Zdenek – Farkas Zsuzsanna  
7 p.m. a magyar cursillóért Kanadában

### Wednesday (30);

- 7.30 for John  
8.00 Pálért – Etelka  
7 p.m. oltáregyletünkért

### Thursday (31); St. Sylvester I

- 7.30 for fathers' intention  
8.00 az atyák szándékára  
6 p.m. (1) +Bartók Annáért – leánya és unokája  
(2) +dr. Györgypál Lajosért – felesége

(3) hálából – Kovács család

### Friday (1); Mary, Mother of God, the Mother of the Society of Jesus – World Day of Prayer for Peace

- 9:00** ☩ egyházközségünkért  
**10:30** ☩ KNT, KFT és Házások Klubjának közös  
áldozása  
☩ +Palatkay Etelkáért - családja  
**12:00** ☩ egyházközségünkért  
☩ for Phillip and Patrick

### Saturday (2); St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

- 7.30 for fathers' intention  
8.00 az atyák szándékára

<b>Baptism:</b>	Sebastian Luzar, Farkas Julietta Chanel, Sipos Melanie Teréz
<b>Funeral:</b>	Margin Teréz (84)

## Announcement

❖ The **Photo Album** of our Parish arrived. Please contact the office to pick up your copy.

❖ **Toronto's Catholic Schools** Welcome New Students.  
Toronto's Catholic schools invite you to register your children for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration begins in January 2010 for Kindergarten and French Immersion at all Catholic elementary schools throughout the City of Toronto. For the convenience of families, most schools are open for registration on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please note that some TCDSB schools will be designated as sites for the full-day Early Learning Program announced recently by the Province of Ontario. Once those sites are confirmed, the community will be informed. For more information, please contact the Catholic school nearest you or 416-222-8282, extension 5314 or visit the Board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

❖ A **Special Gift** for married family, friends or yourself this Christmas might be an inspiring, peaceful weekend at

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. The Centre offers privacy, comfort, excellent cuisine and a program that will enrich a marriage relationship. The next marriage enrichment program will be Jan 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. For information telephone: 905-278-8879; 416-694-1742, or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.

## Priority of Family Life

*Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp*

A little boy greets his father as he returns from work with a question: “Daddy, how much do you make an hour?” The father is surprised and says: “Look, son, not even your mother knows. Don’t bother me now, I’m tired.” “But Daddy, just tell me please! How much do you make an hour?” the boy insists. The father finally gives up and replies: “Twenty dollars.” “Okay, Daddy,” the boy continues, “Could you loan me ten dollars?” The father yells at him: “So that was the reason you asked how much I earn, right? Now, go to sleep and don’t bother me anymore!” At night the father thinks over what he said and starts feeling guilty. Maybe his son needed to buy something. Finally, he goes to his son's room. “Are you asleep, son?” asks the father. “No, Daddy. Why?” replies the boy. “Here’s the money you asked for earlier,” the father said. “Thanks, Daddy!” replies the boy and receives the money. Then he reaches under his pillow and brings out some more money. “Now I have enough! Now I have twenty dollars!” says the boy to his father, “Daddy, could you sell me one hour of your time?” Today’s gospel has a message for this man and for all of us, and the message is that we need to invest more of our time in our family life.

The gospel shows us Jesus at the age of twelve. That was the age that every Jewish boy was expected to make his bar mitzvah and so become a responsible subject of the law. It was a ceremony of legal adulthood. From then on he was required to keep the law and make the annual pilgrimages to Jerusalem like any other Jewish man. One way teenagers celebrate their coming of age is to go out and do those things that the law had hitherto forbidden them to do. You know your boy is growing up when he stops asking where he came from and begins to not tell you where he is going. As we can see, Jesus was no exception. To celebrate his coming of age he attends the Temple Bible class without informing his parents. When his parents catch up with him after two days of searching for him everywhere, all he tells them is, “**Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I**

**must be in my Father's house?”** (Luke 2:49). Even holy families do have their occasional tensions and misunderstandings.

The most puzzling part of the story, however, is the way it ends: “**Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them**” (v.51). The twelve-year old adult Jesus already knows that his mission is to be in his Father’s house and be about his Father’s business. From the test-run he did in Jerusalem earlier that day, it was clear that he was already capable of doing it very well, because “**all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers**” (v. 47). The puzzle then is this: If Jesus, already at the age of twelve, was ready to begin his public mission, and was evidently well prepared for it, why would he go down with his parents and spend the next eighteen years in the obscurity of a carpenter’s shed only to begin his public ministry at the age of thirty? Were those eighteen years wasted years? Certainly not! In a way that is hard for us to understand, Jesus’ hidden life in Nazareth was as much a part of his earthly mission as his public life. We are reminded that it was at this time that “**Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor**” (v.52). And when we reflect on the fact that for every one year of his public life Jesus spent ten years in family life, then we shall begin to understand the importance and priority he gave to family life.

We have two lives, a private or family life and a public or professional one. These two lives should be in harmony but very often they are in tension. Whereas Jesus resolved the tension by giving priority to his private life, we, unfortunately, often try to resolve it by giving priority to our professional life, leaving our family life to suffer. Rose Sands writes about the unhappy man who thought the only way he could prove his love for his family was to work hard. “To prove his love for her, he swam the deepest river, crossed the widest desert and climbed the highest mountain. She divorced him. He was never home.” The celebration today of the holy family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus reminds and challenges us to value and invest in our private life with our families before our professional life at the work place, even when our job is as important as saving the world.

