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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday's at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at 12 o'clock both in English and Hungarian  
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No. 2 – Baptism of the Lord – January 10.

# CHURCH BULLETIN

*Sixty one years in the service of Hungarians in Toronto*

*The Hungarian Jesuits*

**Readings:** *Is* 40.1-5,9-11 *Tit* 2.11-14;3.4-7

*Lk* 3.15-16,21-22

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

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ István felgyógyulásáért - családja  
☩ +Hegedüs Gáborért - bátyja és családja  
☩ +Ernö nagypáért - unokája  
☩ +Ernö nagybácsiért - unokahuga  
☩ +Bernád Lajosért – felesége  
☩ +Makai Máriaért – huga, Ági
- 10:30** ☩ a KFT tagjaiért  
☩ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulásáért - testvére  
☩ Dobai Ágnes felgyógyulásáért - Ica  
☩ Magdic Mariska felgyógyulásáért –  
Kökényesi Júlia  
☩ Zoltán unokája egészségéért – mama  
☩ Sztanyó József felgyógyulásáért - testvére  
☩ +Gembes Urbánért - családja  
☩ +Meszesán Mihályért – Horváth Zoltán és családja  
☩ +Kerék Ilonáért – Kerék László  
☩ +Poroszlai Istvánért – családja  
☩ a dec.30-án elhunyt 4 kanadai katonáért és egy újságírónőért – ifj. Engyel Gyula
- 12:00** ☩ +Balatoni nagymamáért – családja

### Monday (11);

- 7.30 for +Fr. Terrence Walsh  
8:00 for fathers' intention

### Tuesday (12);

- 7.30 for the intention of the Jesuit General  
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7 p.m. for the Cursillo movement

### Wednesday (13); *Saint Hilary*

- 7.30 for our benefactors  
8.00 for our benefactors

### Thursday (14);

- 7.30 for +Maria Nazareth  
8.00 for Paul - Etelka

### Friday (15);

- 7.30 for the Holy Father's missionary intention  
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### Saturday (16);

- 7.30 for world peace  
8.00 for world peace

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

**General:** That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

**Missionary:** That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

**Baptism:** Abigél Verestóy

### Announcements

❖ **Toronto's Catholic schools** invite you to register your children for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration begins in January. 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). You can find the annual report and the flyer of the Northmount School at the entrance of our church.

❖ **A Special Gift** for married family, friends or yourself 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.

❖ “The Love of Christ urges us on” to radically respond to His call to follow Him wholeheartedly. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call to the priesthood. On February 5th to 7th, 2010, at St. Augustine's Seminary, there will be an **opportunity for young men of 18 years or older** to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming Christ's disciple through the Catholic priesthood. During this gracious year for priests consider the **call to the priesthood**. If God is calling you, say yes...and Come and See. All candidates must have a recommendation from their pastor. Deadline for registration is February 2nd, 2010.

❖ **A WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND** is being offered at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, February 12-14, 2010.

The centre team will preach this retreat. Come join us to rest, renew, pray and grow in your personal relationship with Jesus. Please call 905-278-5229 to make a reservation or for more information.

## **Saved Through the Bath of Rebirth**

Fr. Phil Bloom

Today - which is the first Sunday in Ordinary Time - we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. It is most appropriate because baptism begins our life in Christ. As St. Paul tells us today, God "saved us through the bath of rebirth." That "bath of rebirth" is the sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism is so important that Jesus himself submitted to it. He had no need to be baptized: He has no sins and he is Son of God by nature. He did not need cleansing and adoption - as we do. Yet, because of the importance of baptism, he allowed John to pour those waters over him.

The early Christians struggled with this. Why did the sinless Christ accept a baptism that implied repentance? Gregory Nazianzen - one of the great Greek Fathers - gave this answer: "He comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake." Then he adds, "Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him and rise with him." (PG 36, 350)

Jesus made clear the necessity of baptism for salvation. The Catholic Church has always followed that teaching. Last summer - when we had those wonderful readings from John, Chapter 6 - I spoke to you about two sacraments that we must receive in order to have eternal life: Baptism and Eucharist.

To some people it seems extraordinary that so much can depend on something so small: a bit of flowing water and a small piece of bread. But when you think about it, it is not so strange. Matters of great moment often depend on something very small. Physicists speculate that the entire cosmos emerged from something as small as a plum - or a baby's fist. An elephant - or a human being - develops from something tinier than the dot at the end of a sentence. Small things can have enormous import.

In the case of the sacraments, their import does not come from the nature of the material substances. You can break water down to hydrogen and oxygen; the eucharist bread is made from ordinary wheat, nothing else. No yeast, no sugar - only water and wheat flour. But the water and the wheat have power because of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul says that God "saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." At the moment of baptism, the Holy Spirit transforms us into God's children by adoption. And before consecrating the bread, the priest prays, "Let your Holy Spirit come upon these gifts..."

Now, you might imagine the next thing I will say is: Make sure to baptize your children and that they receive the Eucharist. I am saying that, for sure, but this Sunday I want to propose to say something more: a sense of amazement, of awe before God's gifts.

Let me give an illustration: I remember when my first grand-niece was born. Her dad was a regular guy, maybe a little quiet, sometimes would have a difficult time expressing himself. Once I happened by their bedroom door which was slightly ajar. Bob was holding his little daughter in his hands looking at her. I felt a bit embarrassed that I had happened upon such an intimate scene, but at the same time I thought that I could have lit a stick of dynamite and he would not have noticed. His child totally engrossed him. His face showed awe, amazement.

That should be our attitude before the sacraments. Today's Psalm says, "How manifold are your works, O Lord!" And it reminds us that God's spirit renews the face of the earth. He does it through very small things: flowing water and wheat bread. And as we see in today's feast of Jesus' baptism: He saves us "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."