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No. 4 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings:  Neh 8.2-4,5-6,8-10

 1Cor 12.12-30  1 Cor 12.12-30

Responsorial Psalm: “Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ☩ Vass Erzsébet születésnapjára – nővére
☩ Kristóf új unokáért, hálából - nagyszülők
☩ +Ámon Ferencért – felesége és testvérei
☩ +dr. Ivanics Mihályért – Kecskés testvérek
☩ +Molnár Lajosért - Mária

10:30 ☩ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulásáért - testvére
☩ Dobai Ágnes felgyógyulásáért - Ica
☩ +Kövér Kálmánért - felesége
☩ +Stadler Mihályért – felesége és családja
☩ +Faragó Margitért – férje, Gyula
☩ +Holdampf Albertért és +Ágnesért – Tóth Károly és Ilona
☩ +Kirec Lajosért – Kodály együttes
☩ +Román Mihályért és +Erzsébetért - leányuk
☩ +Csizmazia Jánosért - családja
☩ +Bödör Károlyért - családja
☩ +dr.Turkai Dóraért – Szendi család
☩ +Bolla Margitért – Birinyi keresztszülők

12:00 ☩ +Kolmann Lászlóért – leánya és családja

Monday (25); The Conversion of St. Paul

7.30 (1) for +Gilbert Tellis
(2) special intention for Joseph and Honorada
8:00 for fathers' intention

Tuesday (26); St. Timothy and St. Titus

7.30 for Tessie Malonzo's successful eye surgery
8.00 for fathers' intention
7 p.m. for the women of our parish

Wednesday (27); Saint Angela Merici

7.30 in thanksgiving from the Sazon family
8.00 (1) for +János Fodor – family
(2) for +Margit Lajos - Marika

Thursday (28); St. Thomas Aquinas

7.30 for the deceased family and friends of Gene and Linda
8.00 for Paul - Etelka

Friday (29);

7.30 for the earthquake victims in Haiti
8.00 a Haiti földrengés áldozataiért

Saturday (30);

7.30 for fathers' intention
8.00 for +Sándor Koltai – Lents family

Funeral: András Lovrics (93)

Announcements

❖ **Prayer Service re: Haiti** - As previously announced we will hold a special collection this weekend in all parishes to support the relief efforts in Haiti. Locally, our Archdiocesan Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Affairs is organizing a prayer service to be held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at St. Paul's Basilica.

❖ **Hungarian language classes for adults.** The Hungarian Helicon Society announces Winter 2010 Sessions. If you would like to have informations regarding the registration or course content, please contact Tamas Perlaky, Director-Education of the Hungarian Helicon Society, at (416) 561-6423 or by email at Education@HeliconSociety.com, or go to the Helicon Society's website at: http://www.heliconsociety.com/html/language_classes.html. The registration deadline is January 29th, 2010.

❖ Faith Connections, Regis College, and TAVDA invite young adults (18-39) to **LENTEN LISTENING: A BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT**. This retreat will be an opportunity to meet with a spiritual guide in your own area three times during Lent. Beginning with a group gathering on **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7:00pm** at Regis College (100 Wellesley St W, Toronto), and closing on April 8. Cost: \$25. Please register by February 5: 416-222-1426 ext 276 or faithconnections@csj-to.ca. More info: www.faitconnections.ca – a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

❖ “Is there more to life than this?” Faith Connections, Alpha Canada, and the downtown Christian ministries invite you to find out at **ALPHA IN THE PUB** for young professionals (21-39). Complimentary pub grub; cash bar.

Tuesdays, from February 16 to April 27, 5:30pm at Fionn MacCool's Irish Pub (181 University Ave, Toronto). More info: call Alana at 416-689-2489, or visit: www.alphainthepub.com.

❖ **FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP** – young adults (19-39) are invited to a social evening of thought-provoking discussion on "**Catholicism & Homosexuality: A Journey of Discernment**" with guests **Dr. Moira McQueen**, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, and **Denis Costello**, Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! **Monday, February 22, 7:00pm** at the Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto). More info: call 416-222-1426 ext 276 or visit www.faithconnections.ca – a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

❖ Development and Peace & Faith Connections invite you to **An Evening of Lenten Reflection: FOOD FOR BODY AND SOUL** with **Fr. Jim Profit, S.J.**, Executive Director of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre of Guelph. We'll reflect on the part food plays in the relationships between us, the Earth and God—a physical and spiritual appreciation of our daily bread is essential. **Monday, March 8, 7:00pm** at the Newman Centre (89 St. George St, Toronto). Refreshments will be provided, suggested donation: \$5. *RSVP by March 5.* Contact Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-222-1426 ext 276 or faithconnections@csj-to.ca. More info: www.faithconnections.ca – a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

If the Lord Gives a Burden

Fr. Phil Bloom

Many of you know I was in Peru. Perhaps it was because of a particularly hair-raising ride in a taxi, but while I was there, I had a disturbing dream. I dreamed that I died and when I arrived at the gates, a Peruvian taxi driver was just ahead of me. St. Peter read through our lives and then let us both in. He showed the taxi driver his room. It was a magnificent suite with a king-size bed, giant screen TV, fully stocked bar, the works. After seeing the taxi drivers' room, I was anxious to see my own. It turned out to be a tiny room with a cot and a fifty watt light bulb dangling from the ceiling. Naturally I asked St. Peter for an explanation. "Look," he said, "when you gave homilies people fell asleep. But when people rode in his taxi, they prayed."

Well, I hope this homily will encourage at least a few of you to pray so I won't get such a dingy room. For my homily this Sunday, I want to begin not in Peru, but in Rome, almost three decades ago. On August 27, 1978 - one day after his election to the papacy - Pope John Paul I made this statement: "Yesterday I went peacefully into the Sistine Chapel to vote. I did not imagine what was going to happen. When there began to be a danger for me, two of my colleagues reached out to me: 'Take courage' they said, 'If the Lord gives a burden, he also gives the help to carry it.'"

In our Old Testament reading we hear about the people of Israel receiving a particular burden. During the reconstruction of the temple, they discovered an ancient Book of the Law. When Ezra the priest read it aloud to them, they first rejoiced, but they also wept because they knew how weak they were to obey all the Lord's commands. Nehemiah - who was the civil authority - gave them a help: he provided a meal of delicious foods and told them to eat and drink. "Do not be saddened," he said, "rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

Jesus received the greatest burden of all. By his ministry of teaching and healing - and above all by his sacrificial death - he would fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah: "to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." His burden involved the salvation of every human being. Since his burden was the greatest, he received the greatest help: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

You and I have received a burden - obviously not as great as Jesus or Pope John Paul I - or that of the people of Israel to whom the Lord gave a great burden of suffering. Even so, you or I might be tempted to walk away from our particular opportunity. I encourage you to remember the example of St. John Vianney. As a young man he undertook studies for the priesthood, but he found them extremely difficult. Moreover, he suffered from a chronic stomach problem which left him feeling weak and tired. He decided he just could not continue. His spiritual director recognized something special in John and said to him, "If you leave now, you are saying 'goodbye priesthood' and 'goodbye souls.'" Those words "goodbye souls" rang in his ears and he from that moment he devoted every ounce of his effort to that goal - the salvation of souls. For over four decades he laboured in a rural village and he brought thousands to Christ.

St. John Vianney accepted a particular burden and the Lord gave him extraordinary help. You and I have also been given a burden - to bring souls to Christ. The Lord will not fail to give us the help we need.

*Pope John Paul I received a particular burden. When he became pope he suffered from a heart condition which caused painful swelling of his legs, making it difficult for him to walk. In spite of this painful condition, he was known as "the smiling pope." In his book *A Thief in the Night* John Cornwell convincingly documents the medical incompetence which precipitated the pope's early death. There was a conspiracy to cover up the cause of his death, but it was a medical conspiracy.