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No. 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 7.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings: Is 6.1-2,3-8

1Cor 12.31-13.13 Lk 4.21-30

Responsorial Psalm: *"Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord."*

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ✠ Ábrahám Brenda felgyógyulásáért – Horváth Sándor és Piri

✠ +Telekesi Gézáért – Horváth cs. Svájból

✠ +Bek és +Belső családtagokért - Ilus

✠ +Bernád Lajosért – özvegye, Mária

✠ +édesapjáért - Olga

✠ +Zelena Józsefért – Drenkó család

10:30 ✠ egyházközségünkért

✠ a KNT tagjaiért

✠ Zydron László 90. születésnapjára, halálából

✠ Raab Erzsébet felgyógyulásáért – a Beteglátogató Csoport

✠ +Nigriny Máriaért - családja

✠ +Szilárd Istvánért

✠ +Laciért - Erzsi

✠ +Szendi és +Szervó családtagokért

✠ +Juhász és +Kiss családtagokért

✠ +Farkas Lászlóért – felesége és családja

✠ +Mami emlékére – leánya, Örzse

✠ +David Lopes-ért család

✠ +Edna Josephért, +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagyszülőkért

12:00 ✠ id. Bojtos József felgyógyulásáért

✠ +Hedley Margitért – családja

✠ +dr. Marikovszky Gyulánéért - Molnár János és Anamaria

✠ +Rostás Lászlóért – családja

✠ +Szabolcsy Ilonáért – Bojtos család

Monday (8); St. Jerome Emiliani

7.30 for fathers' intention

8.00 for +Béla Vados

Tuesday (9);

7.30 for +Susan Mali - mother

8.00 for the souls in purgatory – Ilona Szendi

Wednesday (10); St. Scholastica

7.30 for the earthquake victims in Haiti

8.00 for the victims of communism

Thursday (11); Our Lady of Lourdes

7.30 for Paul - Etelka

8.00 for the recovery of Ronald and Erika

Friday (12);

7.30 for fathers' intention

8.00 for the recovery of Ronald and Erika

Saturday (13);

7.30 for fathers' intention

8.00 for fathers' intention

Baptism:

Hilda McFarlane

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February Scholars

General: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

The Church's Missionary Identity

Missionary: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

Announcements

❖ **"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.

Statement from Archbishop Thomas Collins
Re: G8 Proposal on Maternal & Child Health
February 4, 2010

In light of the many positive contributions that Canada can make to the improvement of maternal and child health, it is astonishing that the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Michael Ignatieff, has issued an official statement advocating contraception and abortion as fundamental elements in addressing this important issue.

There are many fruitful ways to improve maternal and child health, and the discussion should centre on the most effective strategies for doing this. We all await with keen interest the tangible measures that the Prime Minister will propose.

Certainly the provision of clean water, the expansion of immunization, and the assurance of a supply of adequate food are among the ways in which the goal of improved health can be attained.

Even those who think that abortion should be allowed do not, however, propose it as a positive contribution to the good of society.

When there are so many obvious practical steps that can be taken to promote maternal and child health throughout the world, it is sad to see Mr. Ignatieff introduce into the discussion this negative proposal, which in no way serves to improve the health of mothers or children, but which rather imperils the most vulnerable among us.

Office of Public Relations and Communications

Before the Grandeur of God

Fr. Phil Bloom

Pope Benedict XVI is famous for his unscripted question and answer sessions. He has been interviewed on German television, by seminarians and even by groups of children. Once a young boy asked the pope: How can we know God exists, if we cannot see him? The pope replied that there are many things we cannot see, yet we know that they exist, for example human reason. No one can see human reason, yet we see evidence of it: we tell stories and jokes, we make plans, we find ways to work together. Similarly, even though we do not see God, we see indications of his existence in our world and in our lives.

To compare the invisible God to human reason gives us some idea about him, but we have to add that God is very different from what happens inside our minds. In today's first reading Isaiah speaks about God's

transcendence, his otherness, the immense distance between him and anything in the created world. The prophet has a vision of mighty angels, called Seraphim, who surround God and cry out, Holy, Holy, Holy! The word "holy" signifies deep reverence, a sense of awe which overwhelms. It is hard for us today to understand such reverence and awe. Images constantly bombard us and words like "amazing" and "awesome" lose their meaning. Still, we do sometimes slow down and experience a night sky or a small baby or a sunset or lovely music. We have a tiny sense of what Isaiah felt when the door of his house shook and the smoke of incense filled it.

When we experience reverence or awe, it naturally leads to humility. Not humiliation, but humility - a sense of who I really am in relation to the Other, the Transcendent. Isaiah cried out, "Woe is me, I am doomed." St. Peter said, "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." In the presence of the Risen Lord, St. Paul confessed that he was the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle.

There is an ancient legend which illustrates this sense of humility before God. The legend tells about a young man who comes before a large crucifix to confess his sins. The young man freezes when the hand of the crucifix pulls away from the nail. From the table the hand picks up a cup and gives to the young man. The Crucified Lord tells him that he thirsts and he wants him to fill the cup with water and bring it back. The young man goes to spring, but when he dips the cup, the spring goes dry. He walks to a valley with a mighty river, but as soon as he extends the cup, the river disappears into the earth. Finally, after crossing several mountains, he arrives at the ocean. But when he approaches the waves, the ocean begins to recede. Convinced that he cannot receive pardon, the young man begins to cry. He weeps so bitterly that tears fill the cup. In that instance, he realizes what causes the Lord's thirst: his desire to save souls, to restore them to life. What the Lord wants from the young man's is contrition, tears.

When the Lord made himself known to Isaiah, Peter and Paul, each understood the one thing they had to offer: their tears, their humility. Something similar needs to happen if you or I come before the grandeur of God. You know, the distance between us and God is greater than the distance between the sun and furthest galaxy. He utterly transcends us. That thought should fill us with humility. Who is he and who am I? Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. His greatness fills the universe. But what he most desires is to give you and me a place in him. Like Isaiah, his purifying love can touch our lips. We may hear those same beautiful words: Do not be afraid. And perhaps even like St. Paul we might dare to say, But by the grace of God I am what I am - and his grace to me has not been ineffective.