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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 Jaschkó

No. 7 – sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 14.

# CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

**Readings:** Jer 17,5-8 1Cor 15,12;16-20  
 Lk 6,17; 20-26

**Responsorial Psalm:** “Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.”

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

**9:00** ✠ Mikos Imre felgyógyulásáért – Horváth Sándor és Piroska  
☞ élő és elhunyt Fodor és Seidl családtagokért  
☞ +Fodor Katharináért – férje és családja  
☞ +Reilly Keithért – felesége és családja  
☞ +Stocker Antalért - felesége  
☞ +férjéért,+testvérekért, +szülőkért és +nagyszülőkért - Katalin  
☞ +Horváth és +Kiss családtagokért – Horváth Sándor és Piroska

**10:30** ✠ egyházközségünkért  
✠ a KFT tagjaiért  
✠ egyházközségünk betegeiért és idősek otthonában élőkért – Beteglátogató csoport  
✠ Lengyel Ferenc és Dobay Ágnes felgyógyulásáért  
✠ hálából  
☞ +szülőkért – Farkas Sándor és Teréz  
☞ +Fekete Éváért – leánya és családja  
☞ +Grünstein Józsefért – felesége és családja  
☞ +Ámon Ferencért – Gáti család  
☞ +Gáti Alexanderért – Ámon család  
☞ +Pável George-ért - Marika  
☞ +Farkas Jenőért – Julie, Terri és Frank  
☞ +Zelena Józsefért és +Máriáért - család  
☞ +Berzi családtagokért – S. Ilona  
☞ +Reviczky Ilonáért – családja  
☞ +Bubala Erzsébetért – Marton Márta és Reviczky Pál  
☞ +Molnár Erzsébetért, +nagyszülőkért, +David Lopesért és +Edna Josephért  
☞ +Gáspár Borbáláért - leánya  
☞ +Lengyel Endréné Irénért – kanadai családja  
**12:00** ☞ +Cernova Józsefért

### Monday (15);

7.30 for +Cecilia Lee - Joanna  
8:00 Ronald és Erika felgyógyulásáért - családjuk

### Tuesday (16);

7.30 for the recovery of Melanie Lima-Ribeiro – Petőfi Mária és André  
8.00 (1) +Szenteleky Gézáért – özvegye  
(2) +George Hallért (Szenteleky) – családja  
(3) élő és elhunyt Prokec és Pataki családtagokért

### Ash Wednesday (17)

7.30 for fathers' intention  
8.00 +Lajosért – szülei  
7 p.m. Ronald és Erika felgyógyulásáért - családjuk

### Thursday (18);

7.30 special intention for Joseph Ryu - Joanna  
8.00 +Károlyért - Mária

### Friday (19);

7.30 for Paul - Etelka  
8.00 Ronald és Erika felgyógyulásáért - családjuk

### Saturday (20);

7.30 for fathers' intention  
8.00 +Molnár Erzsébetért – leánya és családja

## Announcements

❖ COINS FOR LIFE, Campaign Life Coalition. Would you or your family put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies during the next 8-10 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a culture of life? Containers will be handed out at the back of the church next week. You are asked to return containers and contents on the weekend of Apr. 11th. Remember that every penny helps. Make it a family project. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land!

❖ **Regis College**, the Jesuit Faculty of Theology at the University of Toronto, is hosting an **Open House** on Saturday March 6, 2010 from 10:00am - 3:00pm. All are invited to learn about the College's programs in

lay formation, spiritual direction, biblical studies and general theological education. The day includes a free mini-lecture series and a light lunch. For registration details, visit <http://www.regiscollege.ca/openhouse>, email: [inquiries@regiscollege.ca](mailto:inquiries@regiscollege.ca), or telephone 416-922-5474x238.

❖ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** - Married couples: You deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Weekend Date: April 16-18, 2010 - For further information or registration please contact: Cora & Mike Bryce (905-896-2958) or [cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca](mailto:cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca)

❖ **Providence Healthcare Foundation. Free education session: "Caring for the Caregiver"**. If you are a primary caregiver for a loved one or a Power of Attorney, this session is for you. Find out why taking care of yourself is just as important as caring for your loved one; where to access community resources; the key responsibilities of a POA; information about Long-term Care and Critical Illness Insurance. **Details:** Thursday, February 25; 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Providence Hospital – Montcalm Conference Centre, 3rd Floor. (Providence is at 3276 St. Clair Ave. E., corner of Warden & St. Clair Ave.) Register by: Monday, February 22 to Meredith Scott at (416) 285-3666, Ext.4032.

## Suffering and Smiling

*Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp*

A preacher began his preaching on today's gospel by asking for a show of hands from all in the congregation who would love to be poor, starving, weeping and hated by everybody. No hands went up. Then he asked of those who, on the contrary, would love to be rich, well fed, laughing and well spoken of in the community. All hands went up. A similar survey in any church would probably yield similar results. Yet Jesus in Luke declares a blessing on those who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated. To make sure we get the point, he goes on and explicitly pronounces a woe on those who are rich, well fed, laughing and well spoken of. What is going on here? Does Luke want us to understand that material poverty in itself is a sign of divine approval and material prosperity a sign of divine disapproval? Certainly, not!

Poverty in itself is not a blessing but a misfortune, a lack. In fact, all the qualifying factors mentioned in

Luke's Beatitudes -- poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, exclusion, reviling, defamation -- are all misfortunes. These are things no good parents would want for their children. Neither would God want these things for us, His children. How are we then to understand Luke's Beatitudes? The key to Luke's Beatitudes is to be found in an important clause which he adds at the end of the last beatitude, and the clause is "**on account of the Son of Man.**" What Luke is saying is this, those who accept these evil conditions as the price that they have to pay for following Christ, they are the blessed ones.

In the passage immediately preceding today's gospel, Luke describes the call of the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-16). From a large group of followers who were coming and going, still trying to decide one way or the other, Jesus publicly calls out these twelve as his regular associates. Given the situation we have just described, how would you feel if you were called to be one of them? You knew that as soon as you answered yes to the call of Jesus, you would lose all your possessions and entitlements in the community, instantly joining the club of the poor, the hated, the reviled, the excluded. Some of these men would literally have tears in their eyes as they went up to join Jesus as full-time associates. So Jesus looks at this tearful, stranded twelve young men before him, willing but still not so sure they are taking the right step. He looks at them and he says to them:

***Blessed are you who are poor [now], for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy.*** (Luke 6:20-23).

After that you can imagine the newly recruited apostles smiling through their tears. Suffering, yes, but smiling, because they now understand they have indeed made the right choice.

The woes, on the other hand, would refer to those who declined the invitation to follow Jesus (like the Rich Young Man) because they were not ready to give up their prestige in the community, lose their circle of friends, not to talk of all the wealth they had spent all their lives accumulating. They have come to attach great importance to the good things of this life, so much so that wealth has become like a god to them. In many ways they are like the men and women of this present age of materialism and consumerism. Jesus says they have made the wrong choice because the path of putting worldly prosperity before God invariably leads not to lasting happiness but to eternal tragedy.