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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. 9 – Second Sunday of Lent – February 28.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Founded in 1928

1985 - 2010

Readings: Gen 15.5-12,17-18
 Phil 3,17-4.1 Lk 9,28-36

Responsorial Psalm: *“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”*

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ egyházközségünkért
✠ Albert Lajos felgyógyulásáért – Irma
✠ hálából – Kovács Gyögy és családja
✠ Takács Ferenc 78. születésnapjára, hálából – család
☞ élő és elhunyt Tóth és Szabó családtagokért
☞ + Sohár Lászlóért - barátja
☞ + Alexander Gátiért – felesége és családja
- 10:30** ✠ Viktor születésnapjára - nagymama
✠ Kató születésnapjára – szülei és gyermekei
✠ Zydron László és Pénzes Ágnes felgyógyulásáért – Zydron család
✠ Zsuzsa felgyógyulásáért – Ili
✠ Lengyel Ferenc és Dobai Ágnes felgyógyulásáért
✠ Szakál Ferenc felgyógyulásáért - családja
☞ a Mária Kongregáció élő és elhunyt tagjaiért
☞ a kommunizmus magyar áldozataiért (1918-1989)
☞ +Mészáros Ferencnéért - unokái
☞ +Kósa Constyért
☞ +Gugg Jánosért – leánya és családja
☞ +David Lopesért, Edna Josephért, +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagyszülőkért
☞ +férjéért, Harveyért - Lisa
☞ +Remsei Istvánért és +Józsefért – családjuk és a Bor család
☞ +Joliért - Erzsi
☞ +szülőkért és +testvérekért
☞ +Farágó Margitért – Juhász Márta és Sándor
- 12:00** ✠ Göncz Mária és István 50. házassági évfordulójára – Kocsis család
☞ +Érsek Babáért – férje
☞ +Erzsébet Beckerért és George Lirintzis-ért – Georgia Tichy
☞ +Beró Józsefért – lánya Edina és unokája Ádám

Monday (1);

- 7.30 (1) for the recovery of Ronald and Erika
(2) for the wellbeing and intentions of Mary Celsus and her family

8:00 for +János Árvai - Lents family

Tuesday (2);

- 7.30 special intention for Michael and Patricia Masse
8:00 for the souls in purgatory

Wednesday (3); St. Katherine Drexel

- 7:30 for +Margaret Maloy
8:00 for fathers' intention
7 p.m. for the Oltáregylet

Thursday (4); St. Casimir

- 7.30 for the priests of St. Elizabeth
8.00 for Paul and Etelka

Friday (5); World Day of Prayer

- 7:30 (1) for +Gilbert and +Julie Tellis
(2) special intention for Phillip
8.00 for +Pálincás Pálné Julianna
1:30 Ecumenical Service
7 p.m. for +László Farkas and +László Kovács

Saturday (6);

- 7.30 for fathers' intention
8.00 for +Nagy, +Szabó, +Erdős family members
5.30 for our Parish

Baptism: Kyle Currie, Izabella Sebastian

Announcements

❖ The annual **World Day of Prayer** (in English) will be held this year in our **Church at 1:30 PM, Friday, March the 5th**. On this World Day of Prayer the prayers are said everywhere for Cameroun. The information leaflets and the prayers were composed by the women of Cameroun and the Canadian Interdenominational Council of Women adopted them to the Canadian circumstances. The organizers of prayers held in our Church represent seven denominations, three are Roman Catholic and four are Protestant. The motto of the day is “Praise the Lord, everything that is alive.” After the prayer, a reception will follow in the Hall, where you can taste **African crepes** (recipe follows - makes 8)
Ingredients: 1/2 Cup flour, 1/4 Cup sugar, 1 tsp.

Vanilla, 2 cups Milk, 4 ripe Bananas (mashed), 1 to 2 Eggs, Pinch of salt, Peanut or Sunflower Oil for Frying, Powdered Sugar (Optional). Method: Sift flour, sugar and salt together in a mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre, and gradually stir in egg. Add milk, little by little, until batter is smooth. Mash bananas and stir into batter. Heat oil in a small frying pan. Pour a thin layer of batter to cover surface of pan. Cook crepes, like pancakes, but only on one side. (Sorry - but I flipped them - cooked both sides) Serve warm. Dust with powdered sugar.

❖ **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, or telephone 416-922-5474x238.

Lord, That We May See!

Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

In 2 Kings 6 we are told the story of how the Syrian army moved in by night and surrounded a city in which Elisha the prophet of God was staying. Elisha's servant Gehazi woke up in the morning to discover that they had been caged in by enemy forces and was naturally overtaken by fear and doubt. How would the man of God pull through this? When Elisha saw how Gehazi was panicking he tried to calm him down by saying to him "**Fear not, for those who are on our side are more than those on their side**". But who would believe that? So Elisha prayed, "**O Lord, please, open his eyes that he may see**". And God opened the eyes of Gehazi and he saw that all the surrounding mountainside was full of horses and chariots of fire forming a protective wall around Elisha. His fears were allayed. That day Elisha had an easy victory over his enemies.

Our Gospel today comes after the passage where Jesus had told his disciples that "**The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised**". This was no good news to the disciples who expected Jesus, as the Messiah, to confront and topple the Roman army of occupation and restore the

kingdom to Israel. Many of them would have begun to have second thoughts: Is Jesus really the expected Messiah? Is he really the Anointed of God who is to come? Should we go along with him to the showdown in Jerusalem or should we back off before it is too late? At this point Jesus must have felt very much like Elisha in front of his perplexed servant Gehazi. So Jesus decides to do pretty much what Elisha did.

A few days after, Jesus invites the three leaders of the group of apostles, Peter, James and John, to go with him for a prayer session on the mountains. The mountain is a place of encounter with God. Moses encountered God on the mountain, and so did Elijah. On the mountain Jesus goes into prayer. And the eyes of the apostles, their spiritual eyes, were opened and they caught a glimpse of the true reality of Jesus that their physical eyes never saw. Then they saw that the whole heavenly court was on the side of Jesus. And they heard the voice of the invisible God, "**This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him**". This was all the confirmation they needed. Jesus was indeed the expected one. Heaven itself has borne witness. Now they would listen to him and follow him all the way to the shameful suffering and death in Jerusalem. But no matter what happens they are now sure of one thing: God is on the side of Jesus; final victory will definitely be his.

How often do we experience the absurdities of life such that our minds are filled with doubt and we ask, "Where is God?" Think of people who have experienced the scandalous lives, the deep-rooted individualism and insensitivity of church people, and they ask, "How can God be in this place." Many of these end up giving up the faith. Think of people who are traumatized by their experience of social injustice and discrimination. They apply for a job and people who are less qualified than they get the job because they have the right connections or the right accent. They see people advancing in society through unfair means and they ask, "Where is God?" Or you may know someone undergoing personal and family crisis such as terminal illness, breakdown of relationship between husband and wife, between parent and child, between friends.

Don't we sometimes feel like the whole world is collapsing on our heads? At times like these we need to go up the mountain of prayer and ask God to open our eyes that we may see. When God grants us a glimpse of eternity then we shall realize that all our troubles in this life are short-lived. Then shall we have the courage to accept the apparently meaningless suffering of this life, knowing that through it all God is on our side. All it takes is a little glimpse of heaven to empower us to take up our daily crosses and follow Jesus, knowing that the cross of Lent is followed by the crown of Easter.

What is your goal for this Lent? What grace do you ask for? What do you do to get closer to God during these blessed weeks before Easter?