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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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No. 13 – PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION – March 28.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings: Is 50.4-7 Phil 2.6-11
 Lk 22.14-23.56

Responsorial Psalm: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ egyházközségünkért
☩ Ábrahám Brenda felgyógyulásáért – Link cs.
☩ szentcsalád tiszteletére, hálából
☩ hálából – Tóth család
☩ a tisztítóútzben szenvedőkért – Kovács György és cs
☩ +Nagy Ilonáért - családjá
☩ +Dolmányos Ferencért – felesége és cs.
- 10:30** ☩ Simon Erzsébetért és Simon Mátyásért
☩ Gabika sikeres műtétjéért – Magdolna és János
☩ Béla bácsi sikeres szemműtétjéért - Oltáregylet
☩ Raab Erzsébet felgyógyulásáért – Juhász cs.
☩ Joli felgyógyulásáért - Gyuszi
☩ élő és ehunyt kongreganistákért
☩ +Juhász Andrásért - gyermekei
☩ +Solymár atyáért – Juhász család
- 12:00** ☩ Mária születésnapjára, hálából – család
☩ +Jároka Nikolettért (Mo) – nagybátyja és cs.
☩ +szülőkért – Stefánia
☩ +Farkas Lászlóért – felesége és családjá

Monday (29);

- 7.30 for Paul and Etelka
8:00 for +Erzsébet Molnár and +grandparents

Tuesday (30); St. Toribio de Mongrojevo

- 7.30 for the priests of St. Elizabeth
8.00 (1) for +Edna Joseph and +David Lopes
(2) for+ifj. Mátyás Bécsi – Gorzó Piroska

Wednesday (31);

- 7.30 special intention for Russell Fernandes
12:00 for fathers' intention
7 p.m. for those who are unable to attend Easter mass

Holy Thursday (1);

- 7 p.m. Lamentations of Jeremiah
7:30 mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday (2);

- 3 p.m. the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (3);

- 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. visitation of the Holy Sepulcher
7.30 p.m. Easter Vigil services

Funeral: István Raffy (87)
József Töröcsik (90)

Announcements

TODAY: the Married Couple's Club has it's annual **Easter Bake Sale** in the hall

❖ **Theology of the Body Presentations and Training Techniques Workshop** using both Katrina Zeno's *Theology of the Body from Toddlers to Teens* and *Theology of the Body for Teens*. Are you interested in presenting or helping with Theology of The Body workshops? You will have an opportunity to become familiar with working with a microphone, video and audio equipment, running a small group discussion, as well as learning how to present both these programs. The workshop provides an unique opportunity to participate in spreading the Theology of the Body to your Parish, group or friends.

The two-part Workshop will be held on Saturday **Mar. 27 and Sat May 29**, 2010 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at St Bernadette's Parish Hall at 21 Bayly Street East, Ajax. Cost \$25.00 which includes lunch and materials. Another workshop will **be at St. Dunstan's Parish**, 3150 Danforth Ave, Scarborough, on Tuesday **April 20, 27, May, 4 & 11** from 7:30 – 9:30 pm each evening. Contact Rose Heron 905-683-9055.

❖ **FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP** – young adults (19-39) are invited to a social evening of thought-provoking discussion on "Poustinia: Encountering God in Silence, Solitude and Prayer" with guest Philo Lim, Madonna House Apostolate. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! Monday April 19, 7:00pm at the Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto). More info: call 416-222-1426 ext 276.

❖ **3rd Annual MIX & MINGLE** – Faith Connections, Redeemer House Ministries, and the Religious of Toronto invite young adults (married, single, student, working, etc.) to a barbecue supper, laughter and fun! It's a great chance to share life experiences, ask questions, and meet new people. Wednesday, April 21, 6:00pm at Redeemer House (151 McCaul St, Toronto). More info: call 416-222-1426 ext 276.

❖ **FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP** – young adults (19-39) are invited to a social evening of thought-provoking discussion on "Risking God: Living the Sacramental Life" with guest Gregory Beath, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! Monday May 17, 7:00pm at the Duke of York Pub (39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto). More info: call 416-222-1426 ext 276 – a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

He Died for Us

Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

In the old liturgy, before Vatican II, the reading of the Passion was greeted with total silence. There was no homily. Even the concluding acclamation: "This is the gospel of the Lord" was omitted. On a day like this, I sometimes feel that the most eloquent response to the word of God we have proclaimed is silence. Even the best of homilies could be a distraction from the deep meditation in which many of us find ourselves at the end of the story of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. But then also, a homily might be useful to direct and focus our meditation in the right direction. Otherwise we might be like little Johnny who was failing all his exams in the public school until his parents decided to send him to a Catholic school. At the end of the year Johnny came out on top of the class. When his parents asked him what made him change so dramatically Johnny replied, "You see, the moment I walked into that new school and saw that guy hanging on the cross, I knew that the people here were dead serious; so I decided not to take any chances."

The crucifix might have helped Johnny to improve his scores but it is easy to see that Johnny has misread the crucifix. The man on the cross is not there to scare little boys but to show them how much he loves

them. He is not there to show them what would happen to them if they misbehaved; he is there to show them that he has already paid the penalty for their sins. He is not dying on the cross for what he has done but for what you and I have done; because he loves us. He died for us.

"He died for us:" Many of us have heard this phrase so many times that it now carries with it neither the shock of someone dying on account of what we have done nor the good news of our being delivered from death. For us to hear this message again today as for the first time, the story of a man who literally died for the misdeeds of his brother might help.

Two brothers lived together in the same apartment. The elder brother was an honest, hard-working and God-fearing man and the younger a dishonest, gun-totting, substance-abusing rogue. Many a night the younger man would come back into the apartment late, drunk and with a lot of cash and the elder brother would spend hours pleading with him to mend his ways and live a decent life. But the young man would have none of it. One night the junior brother runs into the house with a smoking gun and blood-stained clothes. "I killed a man," he announced. In a few minutes the house was surrounded by police and the two brothers knew there was no escape. "I did not mean to kill him," stammered the young brother, "I don't want to die." By now the police were knocking at the door. The senior brother had an idea. He exchanged his clothes with the blood-stained clothes of his killer brother. The police arrested him, tried him and condemned him to death for murder. He was killed and his junior brother lived. He died for his brother.

Can we see that this story of crime and death is basically a story of love? Similarly the story of the suffering and death of Jesus which we heard in the Passion is basically a story of love – God's love for us. How should we respond to it? Well, how would you expect the junior brother to respond to the death of the senior brother? We would expect him to respond with GRATITUDE. Gratitude to his generous brother should make him turn a new leaf and never go back to a life of crime. He would be a most ungrateful idiot if he should continue living the sort of life that made his brother die. Gratitude should make him keep the memory of his brother alive. No day should pass that he should not remember his brother who died for him. Finally, if the dead brother has got a wife and children we should expect the saved brother, out of gratitude, to love and care for them. What God expects from us today is gratitude – gratitude strong enough to make us hate sin of every shade and colour; strong enough to make us translate our love of God into love of all of God's people.