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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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No. 14 – EASTER SUNDAY, the RESURRECTION OF our LORD – April 4, 2010

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings: Acts 10.24,37-43 Col 3.1-4
 1 Cor 5.7-8

Responsorial Psalm: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 ✠ Benyó Nusi felgyógyulásáért – Link család
✠ +Telekesi Gézáért – Horváth cs. Svájból
✠ +Békési, +Orbán és +Kőváry atyákért – Kovács György és családja
✠ +dr. Farkas Károlynéért – leánya és cs.
✠ +férjéért és +István fiáért – Málics Istvánné Mária és családja
✠ +Bartók Annáért – unokája és leánya

10:30 ✠ egyházközségünkért
✠ Gorzó Ilona felgyógyulásáért - testvére
✠ Gáspár Anna és Zerényi János felgyógyulásáért – Márta
✠ Tóth Emma és Géza szülőkért (Szlovákia) – leányuk, Shah Marika
✠ +Farkas Imréért – felesége és családja
✠ +Navratil, +Lipcsik és +Májer szülőkért - gyermekeik
✠ +Kocsis Tivadarért – édesanyja
✠ +Babits Györgyért és +Czirák Lászlóért – cs.
✠ +Töröcsik Józsefért – Holzmann család
✠ +Smagin Katalinért – Radocsay család

12:00 ✠ special intention for Phillip and Patrick
✠ +Gyuláért – leánya, Magdolna
✠ +Szabó Attiláért és +Árpádért – családjuk
✠ +Becker Erzsébetért és +George Lirintzisért – Tichy Georgina
✠ +Pap Gábor emlékére - Kató

Monday (5); Easter Monday

7.30 for Gilbert and Julie Tellis
10:30 (1) for bishop Miklósházy on his birthday – Piri Hári
(2) for the +Beck and +Belső family members

Tuesday (6);

7.30 for the priests of St. Elizabeth
8.00 for +Sarolta Szegedy–Szegedy & Fehérváry fm.
10 a.m. +Béla Szabó's funeral mass

Wednesday (7);

7.30 for +Anna Varazsdi – Évi and Zoli
12:00 for Paul and Etelka
7 p.m. for those who are alone

Thursday (8);

7:30 for the cleansing of the Catholic Church
8:00 for the cleansing of the Catholic Church

Friday (9);

7:30 for +Paul Lee - Joanna
8:00 in thanksgiving, for recovery - Éva

Saturday (10);

7:30 for the repentance of the sinful
8:00 for the repentance of the sinful
11 a.m. +Margaret Bolla's funeral mass

The Holy Father's April intentions

Fundamentalism and Extremism

General: That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by constant respect, by tolerance and by dialogue among all believers.

Persecuted Christians

Missionary: That Christians persecuted for the sake of the Gospel may persevere, sustained by the Holy Spirit, in faithfully witnessing to the love of God for the entire human race.

I Have Been Baptized

Fr. Phil Bloom

A happy and blessed Easter to you! In this Easter homily I will address what Easter means for us – and why baptism is such an important part of Easter.

To illustrate the meaning of Easter, I begin with a story. The story is not mine. A university professor named Dr. Phillip Cary told it in order to explain what Christians mean by justification - how the resurrection bring forgiveness of sins.* The story begins with a tragedy: a girl pushes her brother down a stairs. To her horror, the fall causes him to break his neck, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. She did not intend to paralyze him, but that was the result of her malicious action. All day and all night she is thinking

about what she has done. The next day she must face her father. As she approaches her dad's room, she is afraid. What she fears is not so much that her dad will punish her. In some ways she would welcome any punishment. No, what she fears is that her dad will say that she is no longer his child, that he will banish her from the family. But when she enters the room, she sees a glorious sight. Her brother is sitting on his father's lap - completely restored. He says to her, "sister." And she hears her father say, "my daughter."

Now, she will have to face some punishment for what she did. But she bears it gladly because of the great joy she has. In a similar way the Resurrection of Jesus restores us. We hear Jesus say, "*It is I. I live.*" Then, in spite of our sin, the Father says, "*you are my son.*"

The Resurrection gives a joy that no one can take from us. After Peter proclaimed the Resurrection of Jesus, he said, "Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." After listening to Peter's Easter homily, the people asked him: "What must we do?" He responded plainly, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus" (Acts 2:38)

By baptism we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. At the Easter Vigil adults and children have their sins washed away in the waters of baptism. Then all of us have the opportunity to renew our baptism by a renunciation of sin and profession of faith. The remembrance of our baptism should bring us great joy.

Recently, I came across something, which beautifully expresses the joy of baptism. It was written by a German girl who immigrated to the United States at the end of the eighteenth century. She sewed the words on a sampler. A sampler is a piece of cloth embroidered with a design or motto. These are the words she embroidered:

I have been baptized.

Even if I die, how can the cold grave do me harm?

*I know my homeland and my inheritance,
which I have with God in heaven.*

*After I die, there is prepared for me the joy of heaven
and the robes of glory.*

I have been baptized.

I stand in covenant through my baptism with my God.

So say I always with glad lips

In crosses, tribulations, troubles and needs

I have been baptized.

I rejoice in that.

The joy remains forever.

Because of our baptism you and I also have a homeland, an inheritance, a covenant with God. No matter what trial or distress we face, that joy remains. I have been baptized.

I rejoice in that.

The joy remains forever.

*The story comes from Dr. Cary's course *Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation*. The story has power because it touches something that Luther knew dramatically and that Peter's audience took for granted: we are guilty and, for that reason, the resurrection is the best news. It offers the one way out of guilt. You cannot, by the way, escape guilt by blaming the Catholic Church. Anyone who has read ancient literature knows that guilt

pre-existed the Catholic Church. Likewise modern literature and drama testifies that guilt continues to exist even in a secularized culture.

Announcements

❖ **Building a Vision for the Future (BVF).** Please take a moment to reflect on our faith, our sense of tradition and community, and the future of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish - one of the few institutions that have served the needs of the Hungarian Catholic community for five generations. In the new millennium, St. Elizabeth Parish is faced with a decline in attendance and participation, which could be attributed to a number of wider social trends such as the aging of the population, an overall decline in church attendance or the conflicts we see every day between secular and Christian values. In our case, we also have to deal with the language issue. To survive as a Parish, we must reach out to everyone, including our would be English-speaking parishioners who have ties to the Hungarian community. At the same time we need to focus on retaining and drawing in families, children and youth – the future of our community. - **Be part of our planning BVF.** Please fill out the short survey distributed at the entrance and return it to: St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 432 Sheppard Av. E., Toronto, M2N 3B7, or fax it to (416) 225-3814, or to the szte.iroda@gmail.com address. **You can find the digital version of this survey among the Latest News on our web site: www.szenterzsebet.org.**

❖ **Fr. Alexander (Sándor) Takács died** on Friday, March 26, 2010 at Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga, in his 83rd year and 61st year of priesthood. The funeral took place in Orillia on March 31, 2010. St. Elizabeth Church and the Hungarians in Canada were represented at the funeral by Fr. Szabolcs Sajgó SJ, the President of the Hungarian Priests' Association in Canada. - Fr. Takács was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1949 in Hungary by Most Rev. Sándor (Alexander) Kovács. He served the Archdiocese of Toronto as Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Parish (St. Catharines), Guardian Angels Parish (Orillia), St. Gertrude's Parish (Oshawa), Holy Name Parish (Toronto), St. Patrick's Parish (Stayner) and as Chaplain, St. Michael's Hospital and as Assistant Chaplain for Providence Healthcare (Toronto), as Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish (Port McNicoll). Fr. Takács retired in 1980.

❖ **COINS FOR LIFE.** Thank you for joining us in collecting coins for Campaign Life Coalition. Please, return the boxes to the church next Sunday, Apr. 11th. with toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies you have saved. **If you can use the coming week** some more collection boxes, pick up one at the back of the church.

❖ **The blessing of the Merciful Jesus' picture** will go on at the 12 o'clock Mass next Sunday.

❖ **The Photo Album of our Congregation** is out since last November. There are still some who didn't pick up his/her free copy.

❖ **JESUIT DINNER.** The Fourth Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will be on April 14, 2010 at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. This year besides recognizing the 50th Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians, Mr. John A. Gennaro of Toronto is being honoured with the "Magis Award" for his outstanding work and dedication. Tickets are available by calling 416-481-9154 or e-mailing jdo@jesuits.ca.