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No. 19 – MOTHER'S DAY – May 9, 2010

CHURCH BULLETIN

Twenty five years on Sheppard – Where to now?

Readings: Acts 15,1-2.22-29
 Rev 21,10-14.22-23 Jn 14,23-29

Responsorial Psalm: "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ☩ Fuchs, Koller, Szekeres és Kende családok élő és elhunyt tagjaiért - Magdi
☩ Jaschkó atya felépülésére – Srancz család
☩ Nádai Magdáért – családja
- +dr. Hegedűs Istvánért – özvegye, fia és családja
 +Magdics Imréért és Kocon Rozáliáért – Magdics cs.
 +Bernád Lajosért – felesége
 +Molnár Erzsébetért – férje és fia
 +Koller Ottóért – özvegye és családja
- 10:30** ☩ a KFT-ért
☩ Sinka Ilona szándékára – leánya és férje
☩ születésnapra – Nóra
☩ Fr. Jaschkó felépülésére - Kökényesi Júlia, Lajos Feri
☩ Szalontai Kenéz Mihály felgyógyulására – felesége és sógornője
 +Gembes Urbánért – családja
 +Gugg Erzsébetért – leánya és családja
 +Kompolthy Zoltánért – családja
 +Lengyel Ferencért – testvére
 +Kovács Lászlóért - családja
 +Belső József és Ernő emlékére - Ilus
 +Szakál Ferenc emlékére – Matilda
 +Zelena Józsefért és Máriáért – Zelena Borbála
 +édesanyja emlékére – Radocsai Mihály és családja
 for remembrance of mothers – Terri and Frank
 +Gorzó Gyuláné Ilonáért – leánya, Gorzó Piroska
 +Mohos Gizelláért – gyermekei
 +Kelecsényi Ferencné Ilonáért – családja
 +Ámon Ferencért – Bródi család
 +Gugg Eszterért – Bródy Júlia
- 12:00** ☩ Nagy Rita sikeres műtétjéért – Edit és József
☩ Kenedi Imre és Ilona 50. házassági évfordulójára
 for +Theresa de Vietoris – daughter and family
 +Pap Gábor emlékére – Kató
 +Petró Györgyért – lánya és családja
 for +Isabel Botardo Mendoza

Monday (10);

- 7.30 for Shane, special intentions
8.00 Pálért és Etelkéért
+Victorért - szülei
+Margitkéért – Marika
+ifjú Bécsi Mátyásért – Gorzó Piroska

Tuesday (11);

- 7.30 for +Péter – his mother

Wednesday (12); *Ss. Nereus, Achilles, Pancras*

- 7.30 for +Emily O’Gorman – Rosemary Murray for the recovery of Erika and Ronald
12:00 Violet és Gerd 20. házassági évfordulójára
+Fr. Alexander Takácsért – nővére, Kozma Yolanda
7 p.m. +Majzik Gyuláért – felesége és családja
+Elek Ilonáért - családja

Thursday (13); *Our Lady of Fatima*

- 7:30 for +Alajos Varazsdi – Évi and Zoli
For the 60th wedding anniversary of George and Irene Birinyi

Friday (14); *St. Matthias*

- 7:30 for the recovery of Erika and Ronald

Saturday (15);

- 7:30 for +Anthony Jakovac and fam. - Jeney fam.
9:45 Magyar iskolások szentmiséje

Baptism: Keegan Chung, Hidas Alexandra, Hidas Marcell, Hidas Petra, Caelyn Kilpatrick, Liliana Miller

Funeral: Czigler Magda (94), Janetta D’Eclisis (92)

Announcements

❖ May 9-15 is "Respect for life Week". Please pray for our politicians and community leaders that they pay respect for any kind of life in their service to the community.

❖ First Communion will be at the 12 o'clock Mass next week. The children will come 15 minutes earlier. The first confession will start at 1 PM on Saturday the day before.

❖ To make the reception of communion easier, we recommend all those, who have **difficulties with walking**, to sit in the first pews. The Eucharistic minister can even come to them, if they let him know.

❖ As you already know, the group for **visiting of the sick** started to work again in our parish. Please let the church office know, in person or through someone else, if you need a pastoral visitation.

❖ When someone dies, the mourning relatives and friends need extra **pastoral help and community support**. Please let us know if this may be the case.

❖ **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: 416-222-1426 ext 276 – a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto.

❖ **Exiting new retreat – first time offered in Canada: ACTS** (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service). Retreat weekend for men – **May 27-30**, Queen of Apostles, Mississauga, facilitated by a retreat team from the U.S.A. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and to apply it in your daily life. For more information or to register call the Centre at 905-278-5229.

Loving an Absent Jesus

Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

In Africa young girls who consecrate themselves to God as nuns dress up as brides for a wedding and sing love songs to Jesus. A few years after such a religious ceremony, a young nun who had been having a rough time in her mission assignment comes back to the convent and asks the Mother Superior: "Mother, is it really true that we are spouses of Christ?" "Yes, it is true, my daughter," replies the Mother Superior, "Why do you ask?" "Well," stammered the young nun, "Since I was professed five years ago, I haven't actually felt anything!"

Our poor nun may not have felt anything, yet she remains on the right track in understanding the relationship between Jesus and his devotees in terms of an intimate love relationship. When Jesus speaks in today's gospel of "**those who love me**" he is referring to his followers. For Jesus "those who love me" is another way of saying "my disciples" or "those who believe in me" or simply "Christians." The relationship between the Christian and Christ is essentially a love relationship. That is why Jesus said in John 15:15 "**I do not call you servants any longer ... I call you friends.**" Yet many of us feel more comfortable serving Jesus as boss rather than relating to him as a friend. There is a limit to what a boss can demand from you. There is no such limit when it comes to friendship and intimacy.

One thing we know about love is that lovers want to be with each other. But Jesus is not physically present. We cannot physically see him or touch him. This is the dilemma we see in the problem of the young nun. How can you love an absent Jesus? This is what today's gospel is all about. In the gospel Jesus prepares his disciples, those who love him, for his departure from this world and shows them how they can keep love and intimacy alive even in his physical absence.

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them (John 14:23).

If you love Jesus, (1) Keep his word. Follow his teachings. (2) This will activate God's special love for you, and (3) Jesus and his Father will come and live permanently with you. In this way the vacuum left by the physical absence of Jesus will be filled spiritually by the divine presence which is as real or even more real than the physical presence. Our part in this whole process is to focus on keeping the word of Christ.

But how do we be sure we know the implication and meaning of the word of Christ in the ever changing and ever more complex realities of modern life? How can we be sure what Jesus would do and how he would act in the present concrete situations of our daily lives? Again Jesus foresaw this difficulty and provided for it. "**The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you**" (John 14:26).

If that is so, what do we make of the situation in the world today where a thousand Christians all "filled with the Holy Spirit" come up with a thousand different answers to the same question? Does the Holy Spirit contradict Himself? Here it is important to note that the "you" to whom these promises are made is plural, meaning, primarily, the community of believers, the Church. Of course the Holy Spirit is with us individually, but the Holy Spirit is given primarily to the Church and, through the Church, to us as individuals when we become members of the Church.

This is what we see in the 1st reading where disagreements among Christians are resolved through dialogue and community discernment and not through each one consulting the Holy Spirit privately. In the end they come out with a resolution which begins "**it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.**" (Acts 15:28).

The word of Christ continues to live and resound in the word of the Holy Spirit speaking through the church. The days between the Ascension of Christ and Pentecost are special days of prayer for all Christians as they were for the first disciples of Jesus. This year let us pray especially for the gift of church unity, so that together we all can discern what the Spirit is saying to the church in the modern world and so bear united witness to the life-giving word of Christ.