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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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No. 5 - 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - January 30, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Zeph 2,3; 3,12-13; 1Cor 1,26-31;
Mt 5,1-12.

Responsorial Psalm: "Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** Orbán Tamásné Mártáért – Luttor Mária
Sajgó atya +édesanyjáért – Luttor Mária
+Gál Tiborért - leánya
- 10:30** feleségéért, Margitért - Feri
Márta felgyógyulására – lánya, veje és családja
+Fodor Jánosért – családja
+Leblanc Aladárért – családja és barátai
Sajgó atya +édesanyjáért – Szendi Ilona
Sajgó atya +édesanyjáért – Somlai István és Anna
Sajgó atya +édesanyjáért – Mária Kongregáció
+Imregh Sándorért és Károlyért – Jákó család
+Dávid Lopesért (1.évf.) – testvére és családja
+Edna Josepsért – családja
+Molnár Erzsébetért – leánya és családja
+Molnár nagyszülőkért – családjuk
+Forgács Sándorért – leánya és családja
+ifj. Molnár Ferencért – unokahúga
+Szenes Istvánért – Marika
+Lászlóért és Irénért – Telch család
Mária Kongregáció elhunyt tagjaiért –
Mária Kongregáció
+Gajárszky Károlyért – Mária Kongregáció
+Gajárszky Károlyért – Szendi Ica
+Magdiért – Ica
- 12:00** az egyházközségért
+Balatoni nagymamáért – családja
+Farkas Józsefért – családja

Monday (31) Saint John Bosco

- 7:30 for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak
for +Brian J. Shaeffer - Ida Noe
for +Koltai Sándor – Mr. & Mrs. Lents
for Sandra M., special intentions

Tuesday (1)

- 7:30 for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak
for +Stanley Czarnik - Ida Noe

Wednesday (2) Presentation of the Lord

- 7:30 for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak
thanksgiving from Sazon family
for Phillip, special intentions

7 PM Etelkáért és Pálért

Thursday (3) Saint Blase, Saint Ansgar

- 7:30 for fr. Jaschkó, on his birthday
for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak
Blessings for Paulina on her birthday
for +Ernst Cloer – his wife Éva and family
for +Tóth László, +parents, +grandparents and
+siblings – Mrs. Tóth
for +dr. Vitézházi Jenő (25 aniv.) - daughter
for +Mark Sutch - Ida Noe

Friday (4) Jesuit martyrs of the missions

- 7:30 for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak
Blessings for Ecky Warren on her birthday
for +Julie & Gilbert Tellis

7 PM +John J. Noe-ért - Ida Noe

Saturday (5) Saint Agatha

- 7:30 Blessings for Aurora Dilag on her birthday
for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak
for the Nagy and Erdős families – Nagy Zoltán
and his wife
for +fr. Orbán, on his birthday

Funeral: Gajárszky Károly (81), Medgyessy Mihály (85), Németh László (74)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5. Scouts Dinner and Dance 13. Cabbage Rolls sale 19. Youth Club Dinner and Dance

Announcements

❖ The 31st Annual Cardinal's Dinner was a great success, with over \$100,000 raised to support the work of many charities across the Greater Toronto Area. This support will help to ensure that programs

and services are in place for the neediest of our society. The 32nd Annual Cardinal's Dinner will take place on Thursday October 27th, 2011 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Please mark your calendar and join us for this event.

❖ The Fifth Annual **Jesuit Provincial's Dinner** will be held on April 13, 2011 at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. This year besides recognizing the 50th Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians; Br. Gerald Horan, Fr. Frank Obrigewitsch, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and Fr. Joseph Schner; Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Social Outreach Programs is being honoured with the "Magis Award" for their outstanding work and dedication. Tickets are available by calling 416-481-9154 or e-mailing jdo@jesuits.ca.

❖ Alone Again is a **marriage enrichment** weekend for couples married 25 years or more. This unique weekend is designed to help married couples look at the rest of their lives once children have left, or planning for their retirement, or continuing their personal growth once retired. This special weekend is being held Feb. 25-27th, at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. For information call: 905-278-8879 or 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.

Blessed are you who are poor - our cross draws us closer to God

by Fr. Tommy Lane

*Blessed are you who are poor...
Blessed are you who are now hungry...
Blessed are you who are now weeping...
Blessed are you when people hate you...*

Who would believe that? In Matthew the beatitude on the poor is qualified, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit...*" But Luke boldly says, "*Blessed are you who are poor...*" Matthew also qualifies the beatitude on hunger, "*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness...*" But Luke boldly says, "*Blessed are you who are hungry now...*" Who wants to be poor, or hungry, or weep or be hated? We have seen many terrible scenes of poverty, hunger, sadness and hatred on our TV screens and all the suffering they cause. Instead what people want is to be rich, to be filled now, to laugh now and be well spoken of.

In our Gospel today Jesus did *not* say that poverty, or hunger, or sadness or hatred is a blessing. Instead Jesus said that people are blessed *when* they are poor, hungry, weeping and hated. Poverty, hunger, sadness and hatred are not blessings but these conditions of need and dependence make us rely on God. When we rely on God then we are who we are

meant to be, humans in relationship with God our creator. So the poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, or whatever our cross is can be an instrument to draw us closer to God. Whatever cross we have in our lives is there for a purpose, to keep us close to God. In that sense our cross is also our blessing and what Jesus said in today's Gospel is true,

Just look at history. The Church has thrived under persecution. Take that persecution away and the Church in that particular place loses some of its vibrancy. Of course Jesus does not mean that in itself it is good to be poor, hungry, weeping or hated. Poverty, hunger, sadness, and hatred are social problems we should strive to conquer. Jesus told the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus reminding those with a surplus to help the needy (Luke 16:19-31). When the two men died the poor man was carried by the angels to the bosom of Abraham while the rich man was in torment in Hades.

When we are rich, filled now, laugh now and are well spoken of we may be tempted to forget about God. We may be tempted to treat the gifts of God as gods. Being rich, filled now, laughing now, and well spoken of, are not in themselves contrary to God. Abram was very rich in livestock, silver and gold (Gen 13:2) which did not prevent him from answering God's call. It was the rich man Joseph of Arimathea who buried Jesus in his new tomb (Matt 27:57). But a certain level of maturity is required to live with worldly blessings or riches and put God first. If we lose ourselves in the blessings and riches of this world instead of losing ourselves in God of the blessings and riches it is indeed a "woe" to use the words of Jesus today. So what looks like a blessing in the eyes of the world can from the spiritual point of view turn out to be a woe. What the Lord said to Jeremiah in our first reading is true of everyone putting God first,

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:
It fears not the heat when it comes,
its leaves stay green;
In the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit. (Jer 17:7-8)*

Poverty, hunger, weeping and hatred are not blessings but states of need and dependence that make us rely on God. When we rely on God then we are who we are meant to be, humans in relationship with God our Creator. So poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred or whatever our own particular cross is, can be an instrument to draw us closer to God. Whatever cross we have in our lives is there for a purpose, to keep us close to God.