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No. 6 - 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 6, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Is 58,6-10; 1Cor 2,1-5; Mt 5,13-16.

Responsorial Psalm: "Light rises in the darkness
for the upright."

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 Gerencsér Lajos felgyógyulásáért –
Gerencsér József és Marika
+Zinner Frankért – Twigg család

10:30 az egyházközségért
családjáért – Farkas Ágnes
rokonokért és barátokért - Farkas Ágnes
Piroska szerencsés utazásáért –
testvére és keresztlánya

+Deák Borbáláért és Pálért – szeretettel, családjuk
+édesanyjáért és +Bonnyay Lászlóért – Bonnyayné
+Leblanc Aladárért – friends and family
+Szilárd Istvánért

+Berger Andrásért - Agárdi Éva
+Zydrón Lászlóért – családjá
Medgyessy Mihályért – Kocsis Magda
élő és elhunyt Szendi és Szervó családtagokért –
Szendi család

+Reviczky Icaért – Gilice Erzsébet
+Stadler Mihályért – Timea és családjá
12:00 Bojtos mama születésnapjára – fia és családjá
Farkas Ágnes születésnapjára, hálából – családjá
+Hedley Margitért – családjá
+Ernst Cloer-ért - felesége Éva és családjá
+Szabolcs Ilonkáért – Bojtos család

Monday (7)

7:30 Blessings for Fr. Fernando Suarez on his
birthday
for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak

Tuesday (8) Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita

7:30 for William Nazareth, special intentions
for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak

Wednesday (9)

7:30 for +Susan Mali – her mother and brother
for Vados Béla and parents – wife and family
for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak

7 PM Etelkáért és Pálért

Thursday (10) Saint Scholastica

7:30 for +Robert and Mary Wagner - Kitty Quish
for Michael Ma - Elizabeth Mak

Friday (11) Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 for +Roque Fernandes
for Maria Kim, special intentions

Saturday (12)

7:30 for +Koltai Sándor – Lents Mihály

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13. Cabbage Rolls sale 19. Youth Club
Dinner and Dance 21. Family Fun Day

Announcements

❖ There will be a **Family Fun Day** on Monday,
February 21, from 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM in our Church
Hall. Everyone is invited, who wants to relax a little,
laugh a lot, sing and dance – and all this in the midst
of our February Winter! The program: games for both
kids and adults, trivia, joke telling competition,
volleyball, basketball, soccer, chess, ping-pong,
puppet theatre show, Line Dancing, Folk Dancing, and
Karaoke singing for the bravest, with a potluck lunch.
Please spread the good news to all of your family
members and friends. If anyone wants to help us in
any way (organizing the games, suggesting new ones,
bringing some food, karaoke CDs, setting up tables
and chairs, etc.) please call Julius in the church office.
Remember: the family that plays together, stays
together.

❖ 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.

Salt to the Earth and Light to the World

by Fr. Tommy Lane

If a child watches TV for three hours a day by the age of thirteen that child will have seen 8,000 murders and over 100,000 other acts of violence (American Psychological Association). Do you think that people can watch violence on TV without being affected by it? It seems unlikely, doesn't it? Leading authorities worldwide have confirmed that there is a link between viewing violence on TV and violent behavior. One extreme example was reported in the *Daily Telegraph* on May 18th 1995. *Stop or my mum will shoot*, an action video, was watched by a six-year-old girl who then accidentally shot her grandfather dead with his revolver as she copied a scene from the film. Many opinion polls show that there is massive public concern about the damage being inflicted by TV violence. A Times-Mirror poll in 1993 showed that 80% of Americans believe that television now exerts a negative impact on society. A poll for BBC2 the following year showed that two thirds of the public believe that violence on television is directly linked to anti-social behavior among children. In the same year a poll by the TV Times reported that 59% of parents believe TV violence encouraged criminal behavior. Dr William Belson studied 1565 boys in London and concluded that the link between watching TV and real life violence was as valid as connecting smoking with lung cancer. In fact there are more than one thousand studies linking violence in the media to actual behavior. And that is just the TV. I am sure we could say the same about the Internet and magazines and newspapers.

In view of all these negative and evil influences the words of Jesus in our Gospel today have more relevance than ever. Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth. What does salt do? Before the days of refrigerators salt was used as a preservative. So when Jesus tells us we are the salt of the earth he is asking us to preserve the world from becoming bad, to put it simply. One of the ways in which we can act as salt preserving what is good and preventing evil is by curbing our viewing of TV. Also for those interested, there are Catholic media associations trying to influence what is broadcasted on TV. Lent is about to begin. Why not make a decision to watch only healthy and uplifting material for Lent? I heard someone say our minds are like sponges. They can pick up dirt from all sorts of places. We can wash our minds as we wash sponges by filling our minds with what is positive and uplifting.

One person who has tried to fill our minds with what is positive and uplifting is Mother Angelica who in 1981 started broadcasting Catholic TV for just a few hours a day from the garage of her Poor Clare Monastery in the US. It grew and grew and now after more than twenty years is available twenty four hours a day all over the world by cable and satellite. We are blessed to have that channel, EWTN, Eternal Word Television Network. It is a healthy and spiritual alternative to all the violence and other things on TV that people are complaining about and fulfilling the words of Paul in our second reading,

...I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:2 NAB)

Jesus said we are the light of the world and we are to put our light on the lamp stand so that everyone in the house can see it. So Jesus is saying not only does he want us to preserve the world from deteriorating but he wants us to influence the world positively, to shed light on the darkness of the world. The darkness caused by all the violence and sin on TV certainly needs the light of Christ. You are the best person to shed light on those you meet. What we say and what we do allows the light of Jesus to shine or hides the light of Jesus. We can allow the light of Jesus to shine on those with whom we live, to shine on those with whom we work, and to shine on our parish community. Every parish has many examples of very good people who allow the light of Jesus to shine, people who have put their lamp on the lamp stand so that it shines for everyone in the house. As in the Gospel, seeing their good works we praise our Father in heaven for them. There are many unknown charitable acts which allow the light of Jesus to shine, neighbors helping neighbors, family members helping family members. Even though their good works are so often unknown we give praise to our Father in heaven.