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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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No. 8 - 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 20, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Lev 19,1-2. 17-18 1Cor 3,16-23
 Mt 5,38-48.

Responsorial Psalm:

„The Lord is merciful and gracious.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 +Antal Zsuzsánáért

10:30 az egyházközségért

hálából, Kiss Dani 13. születésnapjára – mama

az 58. egri női Cursillóért – torontói magyar Cursillo

Tristan-Jared Nicole születésnapjára – nagyszülők

+Antal Zsuzsánáért – családja

+férjéért, Pavel Gheorghe-ért – Pavel Marika

+Kosa Charles-ért

+elhunyt Horváth testvérekért – Horváth Zoltán és cs.

Sajgó atya +édesanyjáért – Házások Klubja

+Farkas Hermináért - Julie, Terri and Frank Farkas

+szülőkért – Radocsay Mihály és családja

+Kúti Rozáliáért – testvére, Irén

+Bona Máriáért – lánya és családja

+Kócián Ilonáért – Fodor Irén

+Leblanc Aladárért – friends and family

+Farkas Jenőért – Julie, Terri and Frank

+Kócián Ilonáért – testvére és családja

12:00 +Babits Györgyért – felesége és családja

+dr. Záhonyi Józsefért (5. évf.) – fia és családja

+ Tengelics szülőkért – Tiszai család

+Kolmann Lászlóért – lánya és családja

+George Lirintzis-ért – Mrs. Hume

Monday (21) Saint Peter Damian

7:30 for blessings on Noel Viola, on her birthday

Tuesday (22) Chair of Saint Peter

7:30 for Miles Nathaniel, special intentions

for Peter, special intentions

for the succesful surgery of Danny de la Cruz

11:00 the funeral Mass of +Zahari Júlia

Wednesday (23) Saint Polycarp

7:30 for blessings on Cecile Cruz, on her birthday

7 PM Sajgó atya +édesanyjáért - Piri

Thursday (24)

7:30 for Etelka and Paul

Friday (25)

7:30 for the intentions of Marnie Styles – Carlton

Saturday (26)

7:30 for blessings on Pamela De Veyra, on her birthday

for +Balogh Jenőné - husband Jenő and family

Funeral: Rezner Magdolna (76)
Antal Zsuzsánna (27)

UPCOMING EVENTS

21. Family Fun Day 9:30-3 PM **27.** Fundraising

Schnitzel and Bake Sale of Caritas **March 6.**

Fundraising Lángos sale of the Youth Club

Announcements

❖ If anyone could help us in operating the **projector** during the masses, please call the office.

❖ There will be a **Family Fun Day** tomorrow from 9:30 - 3 PM in our Church Hall and Gym. 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! There will be games for both kids and adults, trivia, joke telling competition, puppet theatre show, Line Dancing, Folk Dancing and Karaoke singing.

❖ Volunteers will be at the back of the church for all the Masses next weekend to distribute the containers for coins. On behalf of Campaign Life Catholics and Campaign Life Coalition, thank you for your participation and your generosity. To get more information about **Coins for Life** and CLC or if you are interested in volunteering, please call 416-204-9749 or visit www.coinsforlife.org

❖ The **World Day of Prayer 2011** will be held at St. John's Anglican Church on March 11 at 1:30. Address: 19 Don Ridge Drive (Yonge/York Mills). Tel: 416-225-6611. This year's focus is Chile, and the theme is „How many loafs have you?”

❖ 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.

Saint Polycarp (69 – 155 AD)

Imagine being able to sit at the feet of the apostles and hear their stories of life with Jesus from their own lips. Imagine walking with those who had walked with Jesus, seen him, and touched him. That was what Polycarp was able to do as a disciple of Saint John the Evangelist.

But being part of the second generation of Church leaders had challenges that the first generation could not teach about. What did you do when those eyewitnesses were gone? How do you carry on the correct teachings of Jesus? How do you answer new questions that never came up before? With the apostles gone, heresies sprang up pretending to be true teaching, persecution was strong, and controversies arose over how to celebrate liturgy that Jesus never laid down rules for.

Polycarp, as a holy man and bishop of Smyrna, found there was only one answer - to be true to the life of Jesus and imitate that life. Saint Ignatius of Antioch told Polycarp "your mind is grounded in God as on an immovable rock."

When faced with heresy, he imitated Jesus' response to the Pharisees. Marcion, the leader of the Marcionites who followed a dualistic heresy, confronted Polycarp and demanded respect by saying, "Recognize us, Polycarp." Polycarp responded, "I recognize you, yes, I recognize the son of Satan."

Polycarp faced persecution the way Christ did. His own church admired him for following the "gospel model" - not chasing after martyrdom as some did, but avoiding it until it was God's will as Jesus did. They considered it "a sign of love to desire not to save oneself alone, but to save also all the Christian brothers and sisters."

One day, during a bloody martyrdom when Christians were attacked by wild animals in the arena, the crowd became so mad that they demanded more blood by crying, "Down with the atheists; let Polycarp be found." (They considered Christians "atheists" because they didn't believe in their pantheon of gods.) Since Polycarp was not only known as a leader but as someone holy "even before his grey hair appeared", this was a horrible demand. Polycarp was calm but

others persuaded him to leave the city and hide at a nearby farm. He spent his time in prayer for people he knew and for the Church. During his prayer he saw a vision of his pillow turned to fire and announced to his friends that the dream meant he would be burned alive. As the search closed in, he moved to another farm, but the police discovered he was there by torturing two boys. He had a little warning since he was upstairs in the house but he decided to stay, saying, "God's will be done."

Then he went downstairs, talked to his captors and fed them a meal. All he asked of them was that they give him an hour to pray. He spent two hours praying for everyone he had ever known and for the Church, "remembering all who had at any time come his way - small folk and great folk, distinguished and undistinguished, and the whole Catholic Church throughout the world." Many of his captors started to wonder why they were arresting this holy, eighty-six-year-old bishop. But that didn't stop them from taking him into the arena on the Sabbath. As he entered the arena, the crowd roared like the animals they cheered. Those around Polycarp heard a voice from heaven above the crowd, "Be brave, Polycarp, and act like a man."

The proconsul begged the eighty-six-year-old bishop to give in because of his age. "Say 'Away with the atheists'" the proconsul urged. Polycarp calmly turned to face the crowd, looked straight at them, and said, "Away with the atheists." The proconsul continued to plead with him. When he asked Polycarp to swear by Caesar to save himself, Polycarp answered, "If you imagine that I will swear by Caesar, you do not know who I am. Let me tell you plainly, I am a Christian." Finally, when all else failed the proconsul reminded Polycarp that he would be thrown to the wild animals unless he changed his mind. Polycarp answered, "Change of mind from better to worse is not a change allowed to us."

Because of Polycarp's lack of fear, the proconsul told him he would be burned alive but Polycarp knew that the fire that burned for an hour was better than eternal fire. When he was tied up to be burned, Polycarp prayed. The fire was lit as Polycarp said Amen and then the eyewitnesses who reported said they saw a miracle. The fire burst up in an arch around Polycarp, the flames surrounding him like sails, and instead of being burned he seemed to glow like bread baking, or gold being melted in a furnace. When the captors saw he wasn't being burned, they stabbed him. The blood that flowed put the fire out.

The proconsul wouldn't let the Christians have the body because he was afraid they would worship Polycarp. After the body was burned, they stole the bones in order to celebrate the memory of his martyrdom and prepare others for persecution.