

## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

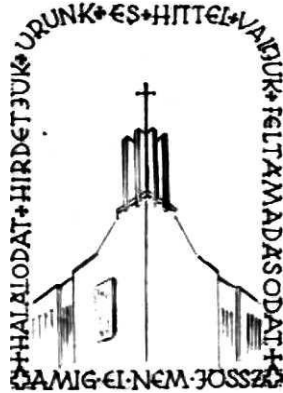
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Masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 AM in English

Sundays at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at 12 both in English and Hungarian

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No. 23 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD - June 5, 2011

# CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

**Readings:** Acts 1.1-11 Eph 1.17-23  
 Mt 28.16-20.

**Resp. Psalm:** „God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.” (Psalm 47)

**WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:**

**9:00** +Volpe Mária - Rabec család

+Magdics Imre és Koczon Rozália – Rabec család

+Babály Sándor (Magy.) – keresztfia Kovács György  
+Wagner Mária – M. Magdics

**10:30** az egyházközség  
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Rakus Steve felgyógyulása – George és családja

Szokolcai Évi felgyógyulása - családja

élő és elhunyt Szendi és Szervó családtagokért –  
Szendi család

+Deák Borbála és Pál – szeretettel, családjuk

+Fábok László – gyermekei

+Lukács Imre és Marika – Sepa Erzsébet és Ilona

+Alt Márta – családja és barátai, Nyáry Helen  
és Majzik Valéria

+édesapja - Radocsay Mihály és családja

+Nyerges-Bognár szülők - család

+id. Inokai Péterné

+Tóth Katalin

**12:00** +Zadubán György – Bojtos Edit és családja

+Inokai Mária – Nemes Zia

**Monday (6) Saint Norbert**

7:30 +Julie and Gilbert Tellis

thanksgiving from Sazon family

**Tuesday (7)**

7:30 +Varazsdi Anna – Évi and Zoli

+dr. Zágoni Mariann – Marika

special intention of Miles Nathaniel

**Wednesday (8)**

7:30 Etelka and Pál

the souls suffering in purgatory – Szendi family  
special intention of Jay and Pauline

7 PM Healing Mass

**Thursday (9) Saint Ephrem, Bl. Joseph De Anchieta**

7:30 the priests of St. Elizabeth

special intention of Gene Sazon

**Friday (10)**

7:30 the tornado victims in Alabama and Missouri  
special intention of Aidan

**Saturday (11) Saint Barnabas**

7:30 Bernadette Carvalho, on her birthday

### The Holy Father's prayer intentions for June

**General:** That **priests**, united to the Heart of Christ, may always be true witnesses of the caring and merciful love of God.

**Missionary:** That the **Holy Spirit** may bring forth from our communities numerous missionary vocations, willing to fully consecrate themselves to spreading the Kingdom of God.

**Baptism:** Riman Nicola

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today:** Lángos sale **June 12** Altar boys and Youth Club Mass at 12 noon followed by lunch

❖ “More people are relying on **ShareLife** today than have ever done before but I'm confident we can continue to offer them a helping hand if we all participate. Please contribute as best you can to ShareLife this year. Your donation, no matter what its size, will bring us closer to our goal. Thank you for the contribution you make in gift and deed to our Church and to the community at large. I pray that the Lord helps us all continue to share our “talents” with a generous spirit.” Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

❖ Ever thought of serving Christ as a missionary priest or a lay missionary? Like to learn more about the vocation to global mission? Join us for our “**Call to Mission**” - **Discernment Retreat** on July 8<sup>th</sup> - July 10<sup>th</sup> at Scarborough Missions, 2685 Kingston Rd. Come, pray and reflect with us on the Missionary vocation for our world today. Meet Scarborough priests and lay missionaries. It's a weekend that *may change your life forever!* To register, please call 416-261-7135 ext. 265 or email: [lmo@scarboromissions.ca](mailto:lmo@scarboromissions.ca). Cost \$100 - upon arrival. Subsidized costs available.

## Our Lady of the Wayside (Madonna della Strada)

By Monsignor John T. McMahon, M.A., Ph.D.

The picture of Our Lady of the Wayside, believed to be the work of an unknown artist in the fifth century, is one of the earliest pictures remaining of the Mother of God. It was a fresco painted on the walls of a house whose foundations dated back to the days of Imperial Rome. It most likely was one of the earliest public recognitions of Mary when the Church emerged from the catacombs. It lays claim, therefore, to be one of the oldest pictures of the Blessed Mother in existence. It is a link between the Church of the Catacombs and that of the Basilicas. For centuries the picture looked down upon one of the streets of Rome and the wayfarers venerated this little wayside shrine. The artist paints Our Lady with the Holy Child, in her arms. The Child is carrying a closed book in His left hand and raises His right hand in blessing.

The extraordinary reverence in which the picture was held in Rome inspired a member of the noble family of Astalli to build a church in its honour in the twelfth century. Hither a portion of the wall on which the picture was painted was transferred, and the church itself became known as that of Our Lady of the Wayside, "Madonna della Strada."

Devotion to Our Lady of the Wayside today is due to St. Ignatius Loyola. When St. Ignatius first came to Rome, in 1523, he saw the picture of Our Lady of the Wayside and there and then began his lifelong devotion to Our Lady under this title. From that day, until his death, the saint loved to pray before this venerated image of the Mother of God, and frequently said his daily Mass on the altar of Our Lady of the Wayside. His destiny, and that of the Society of Jesus which he founded, (the Jesuits) seemed in some mysterious way to be connected with the picture. Fourteen years later, when with his companions he again returned to Rome, the saint led his followers beneath the picture he so loved, and before it the foundation members of the Society of Jesus prayed to Our Lady of the Wayside, seeking her aid, counsel, and consolation.

On the completion of the first home of his newly-founded Order in Rome, such was the affection the saint bore this picture, that he resolved, if possible, to secure this picture for his church. The picture was housed in a parochial church, which looked upon Our Lady of the Wayside as its most valued possession. The boldness of the request aroused the indignation of the parish priest, who refused to part with an object so venerated by his people. However, the wish of St. Ignatius seemed to have won the approval of Heaven, for suddenly and quite unexpectedly the parish priest, Don Pietro Codacio, changed his mind and consented to give the picture to the newly-formed Society, and not only the picture, but with it the Church in which it

hung. Furthermore, he offered himself as a candidate to the newly-founded Order of St. Ignatius. He was the first Italian received into the Society.

The sanction and consent of Pope Paul III was obtained, and the Jesuits had their first public church in Rome — the sanctuary of the Madonna della Strada. Since then a tender devotion to the Madonna della Strada has been cherished by the members of the Society of Jesus. The sanctuary became one of the most popular in Rome. So numerous were the people coming to her shrine, that soon the church, notwithstanding many additions, was too small. The erection of a new church was necessary. 'The Gesu' was built on the site of the old church. It began in 1568, took eight years to build, and then Our Lady of the Wayside was enthroned. Today in the beautiful side-chapel of the left transept hangs the picture of the Madonna della Strada. In this chapel the Month of May devotion was begun by Father Muzzarelli, and since then it has spread throughout the Catholic world.

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There are so many difficulties on the way, so many enticing by-ways, and so many temptations to laze and loiter on the way that we must have constant recourse to Our Lady of the Way. She will hear and heed us provided we are wise travelers and obey the rules of going her way. The passport to travel in Mary's company is a cross. Without this no traveler can be accepted for the journey. "*Whosoever does not carry his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple*" (Lk 14:27). Let us follow the example of the Apostles by asking Our Lady's blessing before we go out on any errand or journey. We may even fix her image on our motor cars and bikes, so that she may accompany us on our way.

St. Ignatius, the soldier-saint, is eager to be on the march — he is a man of action and wants to get going. Daily he kneels before the picture, seeking his marching orders. Let us often invite St. Ignatius to kneel with us before the picture of the Madonna della Strada (or any other picture of Our Lady if we can't lay our hands on a copy of this famous fresco) and keep her image before us along the wayside of life's journey. The guide book the Divine Child holds in His hand is closed. We may not read it, but "He knows my way." (Job 23:10.) Only step by step will He disclose it to us, for He would have us walk by faith and not by sight. The Child gives His blessing to the travelers who walk in faith. There were many difficulties on the way of the soldier-saint. There will be many for us. But Our Lady of the Wayside never leaves her travelers unprotected. As long as we keep close to Mary and her Divine Child, we are on the right road and will gain the heavenly city.

*"O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, mercifully grant that, running in the way of Your commandments, we may in the end attain to life everlasting."*