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No. 24 - PENTECOST SUNDAY - June 12, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Acts 2.1-11 1Cor 12.3-7,12-13
 Jn 20.19-23.

Resp. Psalm: „Lord, send forth your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.” (Psalm 104)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Herzsényák nagyszülők – unokái és leánya
+hozzátartozók - Kovács György és családja
+Sisa Erzsébet – Nádai és Wilson családok
+Wéninger Béláné – hozzátartozói
+Kaczor Lajos – felesége és családja

10:30 KFT

Lengyel család élő és elhunyt tagjai – Stadler Ilona
Kolozsi Antal – Elekes család
+Juhász Piroska – gyermekei
+Alt Márta – lánya és családja; Fehér család
+szeretteik - Sepa Erzsébet és Ilona
+Bródi Lajos – Bródi Lajosné és családja
+Meszesán Mihály – Bródi család
+Bonnay László – felesége
+Gizi - Erzsi
+Peterdi Mária és Kati - Erzsi
+Kurencs Anna és +Hárshegyi Erzsébet – Erzsi
+Farkas László és +Horváth István – Erzsi
+Deák Anna – testvére, Julianna

12:00 az egyházközség

Gordon Brown sikeres műtétje – Vásárhelyi család
+Inokai Mária – Nemes Zia és Elek család
+Bartha Irén – gyermekei és unokái
+Csizmazia János - családja

Monday (13) Saint Anthony of Padua

7:30 Phillip, special intentions
Deceased and living members of the Pataki
and Prokec families – family

11:00 the funeral mass of +Fratrits Margit

Tuesday (14)

7:30 Buzási Botond and family
7 PM Cursillo

Wednesday (15)

7:30 +Angela Tellis
7 PM Etelka and Pál

Thursday (16)

7:30 +Fr. Alexander Takács – his sister, Yolanda

Friday (17)

7:30 +Takács Ignác – Yolanda Kozma

Saturday (18)

7:30 +Szepesi Margit – daughter and family

Baptism: Sturm Veronika

Funeral: Kocsárdy Christine (84)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: Altar boys and Youth Club Mass at 12 noon
followed by lunch **19** 50th Anniversary Mass of Fr. Béla
Somfai SJ at 10:30 **26.** Saint Ladislaus pilgrimage to
Courtland

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PENTECOST

Fr. Charles Irvin

It is said that Pentecost was the birthday of the
church. If so, it was a birthing out of human frailty, the
Apostles having locked themselves up in the Upper
Room in fear. But it was there and then that God
unleashed an unheard of power upon them. From
there the Apostles courageously burst out of their
private little room into the public square, driven by the
Holy Spirit's wind and fire to spread throughout the
world the particular Presence of God that had come to
them from the Father of Jesus Christ.

I would suggest that we in our way, here in modern world, are very much like the pre-Pentecost Apostles, huddled together in fear of what's going on out there in the world's market place.

Today we face daunting social upheavals in our world -- waves of social change that weigh heavily upon us. Our lives are layered in fear resulting from child abuse, sexual abuse, divorce, and the evil empire of drug use and drug dealing, to name only a few. Our world is developing a Culture of Death in which more and more of us, children and adults alike, are killing each other with automatic weapons in our very own streets, now with greater frequency even in our homes and schools. Added to this is the reality that death on demand is one of the chief elements that undergirds the abortion and assisted suicide movements. Sinking into death's maw, we as a people deal in death more and more and more.

Clearly we have a culture that is in distress, if we can call it a "culture" with all of its tearings apart. Moreover, while we rejoice in our diversities we are at the same time finding unity to be something that's more and more elusive. Don't misunderstand me; I have nothing against diversity. Our Church is called Catholic precisely because it encompasses so many diversities. But when either unity or diversity outweighs the other, we experience an imbalance that can be quite destructive.

Individuality is something dear to the heart. We cherish our rights of privacy. Personal empowerments, individual rights, along with the promotion of personal lifestyles are very much in vogue these days. Some would suggest, however, that our living together in shared community is being lost. Whoever talks these days about the Common Good? Or about the rights we should have as a community of people?

The coming of the Holy Spirit brought a sense of unity to those fractured eleven Apostles. More importantly it brought one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all in Jesus Christ. God's Holy Spirit spoke one commonly understood word that was heard in a diversity of languages. The Church was endowed with unity and universality so that the hearts of all could be touched and the lives of all, in their unique individualities and in all of their diversities, could be shared in the one Christ, in the one bread and in the one cup, in the one Church that was at the same time one and yet many. This Christian unity subordinates all elitist and particularistic pretensions to supremacy. Precisely in our unity and shared community we find a universality, a catholicity, without which individual diversities can only war with each other for dominance.

We should celebrate the diversities we have here in our parish family. We should rejoice in them and be grateful that our loving heavenly Father is endowing our worldwide Catholic Church with a rich and wondrous multiculturalism. At the same time we need to be fully committed to remaining Catholic, committed to keeping the core of what it means to be one, holy, catholic and

apostolic. For it is only in the strength of that richly composed reality that we can forge the bonds that allow us to express our diversities and our individualities in loving ways that are not threatening and that do not seek to dominate others. For if we have no unity, no commonly shared mission and purpose, how can we, as the particular Christian people that we are, endowed by our Church with the Holy Spirit given her at Pentecost, confront and engage the world around us and the culture in which we are immersed?

When John F. Kennedy was campaigning to become the first Catholic president of our United States he was asked how he as a Catholic could be a loyal American. In other words he was asked whether or not Catholicism is compatible with being an American. I would like to suggest that today the real question is rapidly being turned the other way around. Is our so-called "progressivism" compatible with being a Catholic? The fruits of our so-called culture are quite evidently not so very healthy both spiritually and physically both for ourselves and for the world that surrounds us.

How, then, can we challenge our culture, one in which individuality and privacy are exalted over the unity of commonly shared values and the common good? How can we challenge the fracturing that eats away at the reality of our living together in a community? Indeed, what does the word "community" really mean right here where we live apart from a commonly shared national arena in which so many ideologies combat with each other for dominance in our civic lives? And what do we mean by the term "civility" when public discourse is so often anything but civil? I can't help but wonder about impact of television talk shows on our youngsters -- talk shows that are more shouting matches than they are rational discussions.

We stand 2,000 years distant from the pre-Pentecost church huddled together in the Upper Room, but we are not too far distant from them in being marginalized as we are from the life going on in our own public forum. Perhaps we would do well to gratefully receive, along with those Apostles, the Advocate, the "lover of the poor, the light of human hearts, the kind guide and giver of gifts, the gracious visitor who eases our toils, the consoler with cool grace in heat and light in darkness, the warmer of our hearts and healer of our wounds, the gift of joy and absolver of sins."

Dear loving Father, with your only-begotten Son whom you consecrated and raised from the dead in the power of your Holy Spirit, send your Holy Spirit yet again upon us to renew us and to renew our troubled world. Renew in us, loving Father, that wondrous life that you gave to your Church 2,000 years ago, so that with fresh vigour we may join ourselves into the mission of your Apostles and live together in that organic and holy communion that we know of as one, holy, catholic and apostolic - in order to accomplish your work. Refresh us and bless us once again with your life-giving Holy Spirit.