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## 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

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No. 28 - 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - July 10, 2011

# CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Is 55.10-11 Rom 8.18-23 Mt 13.1-23

Resp. Psalm: „The seed that fell on good soil  
produced a hundredfold” (Psalm 65)

### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

- 9:00** Bukovecz Ferenc felgyógyulása –  
Gerencsér József és Marika  
édesanyja és nővére felgyógyulása –  
Farkas Zsuzsanna  
+Fodor Nagy Éva – családja  
+Radvanszky Ádám – felesége, gyermekei, unokái  
+Bernád Lajos – felesége
- 10:30** az egyházközség  
a magyarországi ifjúsági mozgótábor sikere – Cursillo  
hálából – Diósadyék  
Jancsi szándéka – Erzsi néni  
+Horváth szülők – Horváth Zoltán és családja  
+Bognár Janka – leányai, Éva és Erzsébet  
+Máté József atya – Kökényesi Juliska  
+Koszonits Imre – felesége és családja  
+Butty Mary – Szele Julianna  
+Szele László - családja

### Monday (11) Saint Benedict

- 7:30 +Teresa Josephine Leela Jeganathan  
Jung Bang Chung, special intention  
Lorain & Lawrence Chan and family – Elizabeth Mak

### Tuesday (12)

- 7:30 +Joseph Mali – his family

### Wednesday (13) Saint Henry

- 7:30 Eloisa Deang, on her birthday  
Wendy Chin Chuck, thanksgiving  
7 PM the funeral Mass of +Fr. Joseph Máté

### Thursday (14) Saint Camillus de Lellis

- 7:30 In thanksgiving – Sazon family

### Friday (15) Saint Bonaventure

- 7:30 +Chun-Wah Yuen - family  
A miskolci férfi Cursillo sikeréért – torontói Cursillo

### Saturday (16) Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 7:30 Etelka és Pál

### EVENTS

**July 17.** The Diamond Mass (60<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of Fr. Blaise Jaschkó SJ, followed by reception **August 20** Pilgrimage to Midland **20-26** Altar Servers' Camp

❖ A funeral Mass for +Fr. Máté will be held in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church on July 13, 2011 at 7 p.m. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 12, from 6-9 p.m. at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home, 6150 Yonge Street. His earthly remains will be laid to rest on July 18, Monday at 3PM, in the Courtland cemetery, alongside 15 members of his order. Before the internment ceremony, a memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2 PM in the St. Ladislaus Church in Courtland, where he was rector for six years. On the same day, a memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM at the St. Elizabeth Villa in Hamilton. The Flower in lieu cheques please make to “St. Jutta Foundation.”

❖ If you have any **photos** with +Fr. Máté (baptism, funeral, wedding, pilgrimage, etc.), or a nice story, a memory, a quotation, a saying, or your own reflection about him, please submit these, typed, in the office, either by email or in person, in an envelope with your name on it. If enough material arrives until Tuesday evening, we could present these at the funeral reception Wednesday evening, or at a later occasion.

### Fr. JOSEPH MÁTÉ SJ (1922-2011) R.I.P.

Joseph Máté was born on January 8, 1922 in Sopron. It was here that he completed his elementary grades and secondary school at the Benedictine order's high school, graduating in May of 1941. The biography of Saint Ignatius, by Gábor Jablonkai, had a great impression on him, pressing him to get to know the life of Jesuits (who came to Sopron in 1663) better. On Aug. 14, 1941, he entered the order. After spending two years as a novice in Manréza in Budapest, he took the Jesuit vows. Next, he spent a year as a junior learning Greek and oratory.

**Funeral:** Nagy Katalin (80), Szántó József (67)

In 1944, he was sent to Kassa (today Kosice) to complete three years of philosophical studies but, due to the war, he was soon forced to return to Sopron, where he was charged with transporting the wounded, burying the dead and acting as a messenger. By this time, Joseph Mindszenty (soon Cardinal) was living in the Sopron convent of the Sisters of Mercy, after having been freed from the Sopronkőhida jail. On one occasion, Joseph Máté was captured by the Russians but a well-meaning person let him out of jail in May of 1945, sparing him from deportation. When he finally completed his philosophical studies in Szeged, his superiors sent him as prefect to the regal boarding school at Szatmárnémeti (today Satu Mare, Romania). On the way, he was captured by the Romanians at Nagyvárad (Oradea), locking him up in Szatmár (Satu Mare), on the basis of his notes because they likened the Catholic teachings to Marxist dogma. In the end, he was returned, manacled, to the Hungarian secret service (ÁVO). They tried in Budapest and Hatvan to break him, without success. After his release, the order sent him, in 1947, to their boarding school in Kalocsa, again as prefect. In 1948, Catholic school properties were nationalized, hence Joseph Máté returned to Szeged to study theology. He was chosen to be sent abroad but, in the meantime, he broke his leg and was unable to go. When he healed and decided to escape over the border, his guide betrayed him and delivered him to the ÁVO. He was initially taken to the Military Political Department, then to the camp in Hatvan, and finally to the infamous 60 Andrásy Street secret service facility. There, he was condemned and interned in November of 1948 in the overcrowded South Buda camp. On March 19, 1949, 2,500 inmates were relocated to the internment camp of Kistarcsa, among horrible circumstances. Priests were held in a separate room, so they would be unable to contaminate the others. Initially, they were permitted to celebrate Mass but, when the ÁVO took over the running of the camp, this too was forbidden. In the horrible conditions, the editor-in-chief of the *Magyar Kultúra* (Hungarian Culture), Fr. József Vigh SJ died and the Jesuit priest, Benjamin Jakab, was tortured to death on the suspicion that he was planning to escape.

He was released from Kistarcsa on Sept. 17, 1953 but had to stay in Budapest under police supervision. He found employment in the Rókus Hospital as a kitchen helper. In the summer of 1954, he had an accident; he scalded himself. Subsequently, he found a job in a warehouse, where he worked until the outbreak of the 1956 uprising. He was able to get a ride on a truck to Győr, then made his way to Sopron where he was able to cross the border relatively easily, arriving in Vienna on Nov. 3. With the help of the American consulate, he flew to America within a week, to New

York. In December of 1956, he was sent to the Jesuit Woodstock College to finish his education (B.Th.). he was ordained a priest on June 22, 1957 in the chapel of New York's Fordham University by Msgr. Pernicone, along with 30 others. Several American relatives were also present at his ordination. After his ordination, he began to work with Hungarian refugees in Baltimore and Washington. He came to Toronto in June of 1958 but was almost immediately sent to Parma (near Cleveland) to complete his third probation.

Returning to Toronto in June of 1959, Fr. Máté assumed his post in the parish church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Since that beginning, he became the priest of the Catholic Hungarians. He visited families, was the spiritual advisor of the Young Married Couples Club, taught First Communion and Confirmation courses. In 1966, he was appointed as rector of the St. Ladislaus Church in Courtland, which post he filled for six years. During his time there, the adjoining school building was successfully enlarged, giving classroom space for 160 students. The annual St. Ladislaus pilgrimage was held, with many hundreds of parishioners attending, and construction was begun on 34 lots of the Courtland Hungarian village. In 1972, Fr. Máté received a six month sabbatical, which he used to travel through Europe.

He returned to Toronto on Jan. 11, 1973 and continued his spiritual works. He got to know several thousand people during this time, baptized 2,000 children, buried more than 1,000 of our brethren and married over 1,500 couples. In 1978, the Canadian government recognized his activities, with the Lieutenant Governor bestowing the Queen's Medal on him. After the death of Fr. Király SJ, Fr. Máté also assumed the guidance of the Catholic Men's Association. Among his more difficult, but most satisfying, tasks were the marriage preparation courses. In 1973, he became a member of the board of the Hungarian House and, in that capacity, met Cardinal Mindszenty in 1974. For 27 years, beginning in 1969, he was co-president of the Association of Canadian Hungarians. Even in rapidly failing health, he served the Hungarians of Toronto until July of 2007 when his infirmity moved him to the St. Elizabeth Villa in Hamilton. In the same year, he celebrated in the Toronto parish, among his loyal parishioners, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. His condition worsened rapidly and soon he was forced to spend his days, and receive visitors, in a wheelchair. Early in 2011, he suffered a cerebral haemorrhage that sent him to hospital, from which he returned only briefly to St. Elizabeth Villa. At the end of May, he was in the hospice of the Nuns of St. Joseph in Dundas, Ontario. His final recall reached him here on June 29, where he passed away in his sleep at 2AM.

***Rest in peace, dear Fr. Máté.***