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No. 33 - 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 14, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Isaiah 56.1, 6-7
 Rom 11.13-15, 29-32 Mt 15.21-28

Resp. Psalm: „Let the peoples praise you, O God,
Let all the peoples praise you!”
(Psalm 67)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Az egyházközség
Ildiért – Koszonits Ili és családja
Várfi és Laczkó szülők és testvérek
Élő és elhunyt családtagok – Irene F.
Hazina szülők – Irene F.
+Szőke Gizella – fia, Szőke Ferenc és családja
+ Mózes Sándor – felesége
+ Szülők – Mózes Elizabeth

10:30 Christa születésnapja – család
Hálából mindazokért akik segítettek a nehéz
napokon – Drenkó család
Élő és meghalt családtagok – Kristóf Jutka
+Békési atya – Kristóf Jutka
+Máté atya – Vaskó Margit
+Deák Borbála és Pál
+ Margit – Feri
+Kolozsvári János – családjuk
+Békési atya születésnapja – Piri
+Tóth Antal – felesége
+Filó Erzsébet – testvérje, Margit
+ Sándor és Imre – Mária és László Sztanyó
+Berge András – özvegye és családja
+Ernest – felesége
+ Grofsics János – családja
+Peterdy Katalin – Engyel Gyula es Terezia
+Peterdy Mihály és Mária – Engyel Gyula es Terezia

Monday (15) Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Thanksgiving from Sazon family
+Deák Borbála és Pál
+Marciano Mendoza

Tuesday (16) Saint Stephen of Hungary

7:30 Joey and Renith Faminial on their wedding
anniversary
Paul – Etelka
+Fr. Joseph Máté

Wednesday (17)

7:30 Phillip, special intention
+édesanya – leánya, Marika
+Fr. Joe Fülöp
7 PM Hálából Hári Piroska – barát

Thursday (18) Blessed Albert Hurtado Cruchaga

7:30 Alföldy-Borúss Tamás – felesége

Friday (19) Saint John Eudes

7:30 +Chun-Wah Yuen – family

Saturday (20) Saint Bernard

7:30 Thanksgiving for Fr. Steve Murrin - Gabriella
and friends
For souls in Purgatory – Gabriella and family
+ Fr. Barna es Olga Barna – Gabriella and family
+ Neményi István és Etelka – Kis Imre and family

Baptism: Jakó Markus

Marriage (3): Szöllősi Attila & Vukic Nina

EVENTS

August 20 Pilgrimage to Midland, **20-26** Altar Servers' Camp,

August 14 Polish Pilgrimage to Midland, 8,000 to 9,000 pilgrims take the journey every year. Let's join them in prayers.

August 16-21 World youth Day in Madrid,

August 23 Black Ribbon Day. The Toronto Black Ribbon Day memorial service will be held at the St Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga, 4260 Cawhtra Rd. Mississauga, ON. at 8pm.

❖ The *ShareLife* collection for 2011 (August 2010 – July 2011) in our church community reached \$20,082. *ShareLife* is the official annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to help support of a family of more than 40 Catholic agencies. Annually, *ShareLife* agencies reach more than 250,000 people. Thank you for your generous donations, it makes a big difference!

❖ Our weekly collections for the months of May and June were \$44,978 and the monthly average expenses were \$48,414. Thank you all for your donations and may God bless you!

**MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI (Selection)**

The Feast of the Assumption is a day of joy. God has won. Love has won. It has won life. Love has shown that it is stronger than death, that God possesses the true strength and that his strength is goodness and love.

Mary was taken up body and soul into Heaven: there is even room in God for the body. Heaven is no longer a very remote sphere unknown to us.

We have a mother in Heaven. And the Mother of God, the Mother of the Son of God, is our Mother. He himself has said so. He made her our Mother when he said to the disciple and to all of us: "Behold, your Mother!". We have a Mother in Heaven. Heaven is open, Heaven has a heart.

In the Gospel we heard the *Magnificat*, that great poem inspired by the Holy Spirit that came from Mary's lips, indeed, from Mary's heart. This marvellous canticle mirrors the entire soul, the entire personality of Mary. We can say that this hymn of hers is a portrait of Mary, a true icon in which we can see her exactly as she is...

It begins with the word "*Magnificat*": my soul "magnifies" the Lord, that is, "proclaims the greatness" of the Lord. Mary wanted God to be great in the world, great in her life and present among us all. She was not afraid that God might be a "rival" in our life, that with his greatness he might encroach on our freedom, our vital space. She knew that if God is great, we too are great. Our life is not oppressed but raised and expanded: it is precisely then that it becomes great in the splendour of God.

The fact that our first parents thought the contrary was the core of original sin. They feared that if God were too great, he would take something away from their life. They thought that they could set God aside to make room for themselves.

This was also the great temptation of the modern age, of the past three or four centuries. More and more people have thought and said: "But this God does not give us our freedom; with all his commandments, he restricts the space in our lives. So God has to disappear; we want to be autonomous and independent. Without this God we ourselves would be gods and do as we pleased".

This was also the view of the Prodigal Son, who did not realize that he was "free" precisely because he was in his father's house. He left for distant lands and squandered his

estate. In the end, he realized that precisely because he had gone so far away from his father, instead of being free he had become a slave; he understood that only by returning home to his father's house would he be truly free, in the full beauty of life.

This is how it is in our modern epoch. Previously, it was thought and believed that by setting God aside and being autonomous, following only our own ideas and inclinations, we would truly be free to do whatever we liked without anyone being able to give us orders. But when God disappears, men and women do not become greater; indeed, they lose the divine dignity, their faces lose God's splendour. In the end, they turn out to be merely products of a blind evolution and, as such, can be used and abused. This is precisely what the experience of our epoch has confirmed for us.

Only if God is great is humankind also great. With Mary, we must begin to understand that this is so. We must not drift away from God but make God present; we must ensure that he is great in our lives. Thus, we too will become divine; all the splendour of the divine dignity will then be ours. Let us apply this to our own lives.

It is important that God be great among us, in public and in private life.

In public life, it is important that God be present, for example, through the cross on public buildings, and that he be present in our community life, for only if God is present do we have an orientation, a common direction; otherwise, disputes become impossible to settle, for our common dignity is no longer recognized.

Let us make God great in public and in private life. This means making room for God in our lives every day, starting in the morning with prayers, and then dedicating time to God, giving Sundays to God. We do not waste our free time if we offer it to God. If God enters into our time, all time becomes greater, roomier, richer...

Mary is taken up body and soul into the glory of Heaven, and with God and in God she is Queen of Heaven and earth. And is she really so remote from us?

The contrary is true. Precisely because she is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us.

While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is close to us, actually, "within" all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God. Being in God and with God, she is close to each one of us, knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness and has been given to us, as the Lord said, precisely as a "mother" to whom we can turn at every moment.

She always listens to us, she is always close to us, and being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother, who is not far from any one of us.

On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of the Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day. Amen.