Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY



Founded in 1928

Mt 16.21-27

Resp. Psalm: "My soul thirsts for you,

O Lord my God." (Psalm 63)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Nagy Erzsébet – férje és fia

- +Mácsai családtag Marika
- +Kiss Antal családja
- +Vindischman József neje és családja

10:30 az egyházközség

Mária Kongregáció élő és elhunyt tagjai – Kongreganisták

Hörcsök Marika és Károly 50. házassági évfordulója -Katona család

Matac születésnapja –

Farkas Sándor és Teréz

Mónika névnapja – édesanyja és keresztanyja leánya és unokája felgyógyulása –

Horányi Erzsébet

Fenyves József és Bogárd András felgyógyulása – Engyel család

Barna szülők – család

- +Deli Erzsébet Dala Imre és családja
- +Bognár László gyermekei
- +Tomcsányi Teréz (H) Horányi Erzsébet
- +Murguly János felesége és családja
- +Kerecsényi László (H) Elek család

Monday (29) Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

7:30 for our Jesuit provincial's intention

Tuesday (30)

7:30 Etelka and Pál

Wednesday (31)

7:30 for our benefactors

7 PM Ilike fegyógyulása – Piri

Louis Schneider – felesége és családja

Thursday (1)

7:30 +Gabriel Joseph Leung - Patricia Lim *Friday (2)*

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7:00 elhunyt magyar jezsuitákért

Saturday (3) Saint Gregory the Great

7:30 for the recovery of Beres Miklós –

Gabriella and family

Nagy and Erdős family members – Nagy Zoltán and wife

- +Gabriel Joseph Leung Patricia Lim
- + Adorján Károly and Magdolna Gabriella and family
- + Kemecsei Lajosné Gabriella and family

Baptism: Capitan Daniel, Ilyés Emma Szőllősi Attila & Vukic Nina

Mar. Announcement (2): Namayendeh Arash & Iqli Tünde

EVENTS

- ♦ On August 26, Friday morning, **cardinal Ambrozic** died. Please pray for our former archbishop. May he rest in peace!
- ❖ To commemorate the 200th birthday of **Franz Liszt**, our church hall is hosting a concert of the world famous **Rajkó band** from Budapest (www.rajko.hu), with the title "*Franz Liszt and his beloved Gipsy Music*", on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:30 pm. For tickets (\$25) please call: 416-693-8312.

Pope Benedict's Homily at WYD Mass

Hundreds of thousands of young people attended a huge outdoor World Youth Day mass presided by Pope Benedict XVI at Madrid's Cuatros Vientos airbase Sunday. Here is the Holy Father's Homily:

"Dear Young People,

In this celebration of the Eucharist we have reached the high point of this World Youth Day. Seeing you here, gathered in such great numbers from all parts of the world, fills my heart with joy. I think of the special love with which Jesus is looking upon you. Yes, the Lord loves you and calls you his friends. He goes out to meet you and he wants to accompany you on your journey, to open the door to a life of **fulfillment** and to give you a

share in his own closeness to the Father. For our part, we have come to know the immensity of his love and we want to respond generously to his love by sharing with others the joy we have received. Certainly, there are many people today who feel attracted by the figure of Christ and want to know him better. They realize that he is the answer to so many of our deepest concerns. But who is he really? How can someone who lived on this earth so long ago have anything in common with me today?

The Gospel we have just heard suggests two different ways of knowing Christ. The first is an impersonal knowledge, one based on current opinion. When Jesus asks: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?", the disciples answer: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets". In other words, Christ is seen as yet another religious figure, like those who came before him. Then Jesus turns to the disciples and asks them: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with what is the first confession of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". Faith is more than just empirical or historical facts; it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth.

Yet faith is not the result of human effort, of human reasoning, but rather a gift of God: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven". Faith starts with God, who opens his heart to us and invites us to share in his own divine life. Faith does not simply provide information about who Christ is; rather, it entails a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings, to God's self-revelation. So Jesus' question: "But who do you say that I am?", is ultimately a challenge to the disciples to make a personal decision in his regard. Faith in Christ and discipleship are strictly interconnected.

And, since faith involves following the Master, it must become constantly stronger, deeper and more mature, to the extent that it leads to a closer and more intense relationship with Jesus. Peter and the other disciples also had to grow in this way, until their encounter with the Risen Lord opened their eyes to the fullness of faith. Dear young people, today Christ is asking you the same question which he asked the Apostles: "Who do you say that I am?" Respond to him with generosity and courage. as befits young hearts like your own. Say to him: "Jesus, I know that you are the Son of God, who have given your life for me. I want to follow you faithfully and to be led by your word. You know me and you love me. I place my trust in you and I put my whole life into your hands. I want you to be the power that strengthens me and the joy which never leaves me".

Jesus' responds to Peter's confession by speaking of the Church: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church". What do these words mean? Jesus builds the Church on the rock of the faith of Peter, who confesses that Christ is God.

The Church, then, is not simply a human institution, like any other. Rather, she is closely joined to God. Christ himself speaks of her as "his" Church. Christ cannot be separated from the Church any more than the head can be separated from the body. The Church does not draw her life from herself, but from the Lord.

Dear young friends, as the Successor of Peter, let me urge you to strengthen this faith which has been handed down to us from the time of the Apostles. Make Christ, the Son of God, the centre of your life. But let me also remind you that following Jesus in faith means walking at his side in the communion of the Church. We cannot follow Jesus on our own. Anyone who would be tempted to do so "on his own", or to approach the life of faith with kind of individualism so prevalent today, will risk never truly encountering Jesus, or will end up following a counterfeit Jesus.

Having faith means drawing support from the faith of your brothers and sisters, even as your own faith serves as a support for the faith of others. I ask you, dear friends, to love the Church which brought you to birth in the faith, which helped you to grow in the knowledge of Christ and which led you to discover the beauty of his love. Growing in friendship with Christ necessarily means recognizing the importance of joyful participation in the life of your parishes, communities and movements, as well as the celebration of Sunday Mass, frequent reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the cultivation of personal prayer and meditation on God's word

Friendship with Jesus will also lead you to bear witness to the faith wherever you are, even when it meets with rejection or indifference. We cannot encounter Christ and not want to make him known to others. So do not keep Christ to yourselves! Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith, it surely needs God. I think that the presence here of so many young people, coming from all over the world, is a wonderful proof of the fruitfulness of Christ's command to the Church: "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation". You too have been given the extraordinary task of being disciples and missionaries of Christ in other lands and countries filled with young people who are looking for something greater and, because their heart tells them that more authentic values do exist, they do not let themselves be seduced by the empty promises of a lifestyle which has no room for God.

Dear young people, I pray for you with heartfelt affection. I commend all of you to the Virgin Mary and I ask her to accompany you always by her maternal intercession and to teach you how to remain faithful to God's word. I ask you to pray for the Pope, so that, as the Successor of Peter, he may always confirm his brothers and sisters in the faith. May all of us in the Church, pastors and faithful alike, draw closer to the Lord each day. May we grow in holiness of life and be effective witnesses to the truth that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God, the Savior of all mankind and the living source of our hope. Amen."