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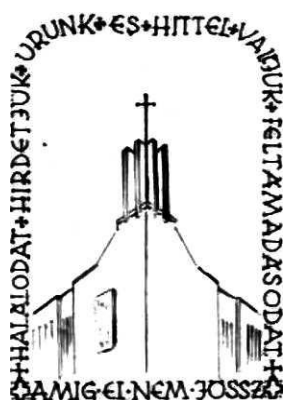
Masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 AM in English
Sundays at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at noon bilingual

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 4, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN 49

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY



Founded in 1928

Readings: Is 40.1-5,9-11 2Pet 3.8-14 Mk 1.1-8

Resp. Psalm: „Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation” (Psalm 85).

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Berger Mária felgyógyulása (Luttor Mária)
Berger Mária felgyógyulása (Karoli)

kislányuk, Évike 7. születésnapja
(Kovács György és családja)

+szülők (Acsai Ferenc és családja)
+édesanyja és +nővére (Jutka)
+Végh Mihály és családja (Sütő Éva és Gyula)
+Dánielfy Gábor (torontói Magyar Iskola
színicsoportja)

10:30 Sztanyó Marika, születésnapján (Nóra)
Jaschkó atya egészsége (Farkas család)
hálából, Szűzanyának (Farkas család)
élő és elhunyt Szendi és Szervó családtagok
(Szendi család)

+szülők (Sepa Erzsébet és Ilona)
+Táray István (Báthory család)
+Lengyel Miklós és +Lengyel Ferenc
(testvérük, Ilona és családja)
+dr. Andrew U. Lowrics (felesége és fiai)
+Kistóth Erzsébet (férje és fia)
+Törőcsik József és Mária
(leánya, Marika és családja)
+Szakál Ferenc (családja)
+Sanca Ernő (Szakál család)
+Magyar Margit és +Drenkó András (Sztanyó család)
+Haraszi Márta (Nóra)
+Szegedy Ottó (Nóra)
+Máté atya (Farkas család)
+Stefáni és Fügedi szülők
+Tibold szülők és testvérek (családjuk)
+ifj. Vörös János (Rémiás család)
+Szép István és neje, Katalin, +leányuk Balogh Katalin
és +dr. Wilfrid Kroath (Szép István)

12:00 +Vida Katharina (family)

Monday (5)

7:30 +Robert Pereira

11:00 the funeral mass of +Tóth Etelka

Tuesday (6) Saint Nicholas of Myra

7:30 +Sr. Columba (Piri)
Holy souls

Wednesday (7) Saint Ambrose of Milan

7:30 the Holy Father's general intention
7 PM +dr. Suzan Elek (Piri)

**Thursday (8) Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30 Savio Nazareth, special intentions

Friday (9) Saint Juan Diego

7:30 Etelka and Pál

Saturday (10)

7:30 the Holy Father's missionary intention

Baptism: Hernandez Carissa
Funeral: Szamos Mária (68)

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for December

General: That the **nations of the earth**, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace.

Missionary: That **children and young people** may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

EVENTS

December 10 Christmas Concert of *St. Elizabeth Scola Cantorum* at 4 p.m. **11** Fundraising sausage sale of the Married Couples Club **31** New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

♦ **Advent.** More and more people join us in our morning veneration. From 6.55 to 7.25 in the power field of the exposed Blessed Sacrament we open our hearts to our Heavenly Father, and let the warmth of His goodness

melt away from our hearts all the ice of our lovelessness, let His shining light move through our whole being, to increase and revitalize in us all that is beautiful, for His infinite mercy to heal our wounds and relationships. Confessions are also possible during these venerations. Let us take advantage of this time of grace and opportunity.

❖ Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent serves as a reminder both of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting of Christians for Christ's return.

❖ St Elizabeth **Scola Cantorum** conducted by Imre Oláh and the Hungarian School Children's Choir conducted by Margit Zydron invite you and your family for their annual Christmas Concert! Program: Christmas Carols, Liszt: Hymn to the Virgin Mary, parts of Handel's Messiah. When: Saturday at 4 p.m., 2011, December 10. Where: St. Elizabeth RC Church (432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto). Tickets: Adults \$15; Students \$10. Following the concert the choir invites the audience to stay for a reception. Tickets and further information: scola.cantorum@gmail.com or 416-441-9300.

❖ Most of us are getting accustomed to the new language in the Roman Missal. In the Nicene Creed, we use the word Incarnate. This is a very Catholic word, meaning simply but not entirely, that Jesus was born. Incarnate, by the Holy Spirit; of the Virgin Mary. But, when and where? Well, two thousand and eleven years ago in Bethlehem, at the Church of Nativity. We are a pilgrim Church, with specific events that took place at certain locations and points in time. When St. Helena came to the Holy Land to build churches where Jesus ministered, it was easy to find these locations since the local Christians kept Vigil at these spots. We are blessed to have the entire ministry of Jesus documented and commemorated by parishes. We are equally blessed that until today, there remains a **Christian Palestinian community** bearing witness at these Churches, against all the odds. These Christians are waiting to greet you, just like they greeted St. Helena. I ask you in a very special way to remember in your prayers these First Christians, who remain in the Holy Land. The Middle East is in true turmoil, and the Christians are a mere 2% of the population. Please pray for Christianity to survive where it began. I wish you a very joyous journey through Advent and a very Merry Christmas. Next year hopefully in Bethlehem! Peace, Rami Qumsieh, a concerned Catholic Palestinian from Bethlehem.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU...

For many

When Jesus fed the multitude how many people did he feed? Surely the answer is easy; five thousand. If you remember, St. Matthew and St. Mark tell us there was a second miracle in which four thousand were fed. But is that all there is to it?

In his accounts of the two miracles (Chapter 14 verses 15-21 and Chapter 15 verses 32-39), Saint Matthew says something we might wince at in our day and age. Each story gives the number of men adding 'to say nothing of women and children'. In fact he is telling us something that is fascinating and surprising for the time. Jesus had women and children among his disciples. If we add these into the number fed at the miracle there must have been far in excess of four or five thousand.

There is something else to think about. We are told that at the end of each meal Jesus told them to collect the scraps and there were twelve and seven baskets full. Is this about not leaving litter or taking a doggy-bag home? No. We should think about the numbers twelve and seven. Twelve could stand for the twelve tribes of Israel – in other words Jesus would have fed the whole of the Jewish people if they had sat down on the ground that day! Seven is the number of days of creation and a perfect number – Jesus would have fed all the world if they had been there!

So when we think of how many Jesus fed using numbers and the word 'crowds' or 'multitude' we see it's more than doing sums. Also in ancient cultures a common way of numbering was 1, 2, 3, many – which could mean beyond counting.

At the Last Supper Jesus gave us his body and blood saying his blood would be shed 'for many'. We have been used to translating this as 'for all' because that is what he intends. So why use the words 'for many' in the new translation?

It is an exact translation. Also it reflects this idea that there are some surprises in store for us – just as Jesus had disciples who would not normally be included in the count – he died for far more than we might imagine. In the book of Revelation when John has a vision of the multitude who are saved by the Blood of the Lamb he first sees 144,000 representing the twelve tribes and then a huge number 'impossible to count' (Revelation Chapter 7)

It seems strange at first saying 'for many' means 'for all'. But it is not only more accurate it also makes us think about countless numbers extending back through history, across creation now and stretching forward into eternity.

Q *How many people do you think are present with us at Mass?*

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (*The Collect prayer of the second Sunday in Advent*)

