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EASTER SUNDAY

April 8, 2012 **CHURCH BULLETIN 15**

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Founded in 1928

Readings: Acts 10.34, 37-43 Col 3.1-4

□ Jn 20.1-9

Resp. Psalm: "This is the day the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad." (Ps 118)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

Dobos László 75. születésnapja (család) +Nagy és Erdős családtagok (Zoli és Marika)

+férj (felesége, Ica)

+Stocker Antal (felesége és családja)

Kornyik család +tagjai (Marika)

+férje és +fia (Málics Istvánné és családja)

+szülők és +testvérek (Málics család)

+Elek szülők (család)

10:30 az egyházközség (plébános)

Horváth Angéla és családja (Horváth Anna)

Buzási Botond hazatérése (Buzási Árpád)

Mária Kongregáció élő és elhunyt tagjai

(Kongreganisták)

Kelecsényi, Mészáros, és Kovács családok élő és elhunyt tagja (Klári, Piroska és Mónika)

+Kusztos János (felesége)

+Lipcsik, Navratil, és Majer szülők és testvérek (család)

+Gáspár Borbála (leánya, Jolán és családja)

+Gáspár Vencel (Gáspár Jolán)

+Miricz Imre (Gabriella)

+Pintér Gyula (Gabriella)

+Tóth Antal (felesége)

+Filó Erzsébet (testvére, Margit)

+Zydron László (család)

+László Anna és Árpád (lánya és családja)

+Bakk Bertalan (szülei)

+nagymama (Pécsi Irma és József)

12:00 Christian Allard felgyógyulása (édesanyja, Mónika)

+Mikó Albin (családja)

Easter Monday (9)

Christopher Yoo, special intention Phillip, special intention

Jesuit vocations

10:30 Michael és Sheila, hálából (Éva)

Tuesday (10)

7:30 Joseph Ryu, special intentions

Wednesday (11)

the conversion of sinners

Etelka and Pál

Holy souls

7 PM béke a Kárpátmedencében

+Ferenc Császár (Hári család)

Thursday (12)

7:30 end of abortion

Friday (13)

7:30 world peace

Saturday (14)

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

EVENTS

Today: Easter Sunday - Food blessing at the end of the 9 a.m. mass

15 Divine Mercy Sunday – Mass at 3 p.m. 22 Schnitzel- and bake sale of Caritas 28 Spring Dinner and Dance 29 ShareLife collection ❖ pilgrimage to Medjugorje and other sites

- ❖ The Sixth Annual Jesuit Provincial's Dinner will be held on April 11, 2012 at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. This year besides recognizing the 50th Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians, Br. Robert Finlay, Fr. Robert Foliot, Fr. Douglas McCarthy and Fr. Michael Stogre; Dr. Peter Warrian and Dr. Margaret Hovanec are being honoured with the "Magis Award" for their outstanding work and dedication. Tickets are available by calling 416-481-9154 or e-mailing jdo@jesuits.ca.
- Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a ten-week group program for adult men and women who are dealing with the many struggles involved in the process of **separation and divorce**. Participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 beginning April 12 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact Ian Singer at 416-921-1163.

- ❖ Happy Marriages just don't happen. They are like beautiful gardens that receive loving attention and nurturing. Schedule a marriage enrichment weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre and treat yourself to a second honeymoon. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program. The next weekend is April 13-15. To register please call Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.
- ❖ COINS FOR LIFE. Thank you for putting aside your coins during Lent, and contributing these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and create a culture of life. Empty containers still could be picked up at the back of the church. Full containers should be returned next Sunday. During Lent we used the moment of self denial (perhaps something we particularly buy and enjoy) and put those coins 'for a Culture of Life in Canada'. Remember that every coin helps. You can make this a pro life family/school project. For more information call Maria at 416-204-9749.
- ❖ Married couples: You deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Weekend Date: April 20-22, 2012. For further information or registration please contact: Cora & Mike Bryce or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca or 905-896-2958.

Halleluiah, Praise the Lord!

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

A certain kindergarten teacher was telling her students the story of Jesus. In her class was a little boy who came from a non-Christian family. He was paying very close attention to the story because it was all new to him. As the teacher told how Jesus was condemned and nailed to the cross to die the boy's countenance fell and he murmured, "No! That's too bad!"The teacher then went on to tell how on the third day Jesus rose from the dead and came back to life. The boy's eyes lit up with delight and he exclaimed, "Totally awesome!"

On Good Friday we heard the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. Like the little boy many of us felt like "No! That's too bad!" Today we hear the rest of the story and again with the little boy we can now exclaim "Yes! Totally awesome!" Today we can again sing "Halleluiah" that we have not sung all through Lent. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118:24).

Why do we rejoice today? We rejoice because our faith in Christ has been vindicated, truth has triumphed over falsity, justice over injustice and tragedy has

turned into comedy. It is like watching one of the episodes of Batman. First you see an innocent and helpless victim being attacked, robbed, kidnapped, assaulted and tortured by a wicked assailant. And we feel so bad seeing the triumph of the bad guy. Then, almost at the point where the victim has given up hope and is at the point of death, down from the skies comes Batman to the rescue. He battles and defeats the bad guy and rescues the innocent victim. And we feel happy inside at the triumph of justice.

The story of the suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday is the story of the triumph of falsity over truth, of injustice over justice, of evil over goodness. Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit, and unjustly sentenced to a death he did not deserve. His good friend betrayed him, his trusted companions deserted him and his number one man denied him. The people he loved demanded his crucifixion and chose to have the bandit Barabbas released in his place. It is a story of betraval and lies, dishonesty and meanness, unfaithfulness and wicked violence directed against an innocent and apparently helpless victim. All this comes to ahead on Good Friday when we see Jesus scourged, mocked, led on the death march, nailed to the cross where he dies after a few hours and hastily buried in a tomb. If that were the end of the story that would be a bad story, a tragedy. But glory be to God it is not.

Death is not the end of the story. There is one more chapter. This is the most important chapter because, as the saying goes, they who laugh last laugh best. And in the last chapter of the story of Jesus we see him rise from the dead in all glory and majesty. He is vindicated. His enemies are shamed and confused. Jesus regains his eternal glory with the Father. He is the Lord who will prevail over all humankind, his enemies included. For us his embattled followers this is good news.

It is good news to know that truth is immortal. We can suppress Truth, accuse it of being a lie, condemn it, torture it, kill it, bury it in the grave but on the third day Truth will rise again. Remember this and do not give up on Truth even when everybody seems to give up on it. Do not give up on Truth; do not give up on Justice. Do not give up on doing what is right. True will always be true. Just will always be just. Right will always be right even when the world around us would have it otherwise. We must learn to believe in the sun even when it is not shining, knowing that by and by it will shine again. It is the end of the story that counts. That is why the church asks us today to rejoice and be glad. Even when we are going through very difficult times: through betrayal, unjust discrimination, lies, misrepresentations; even when the enemy seems to be winning the battle in our lives. Today Christ has won. And we know that in Christ we shall overcome. Halleluiah, Praise the Lord!