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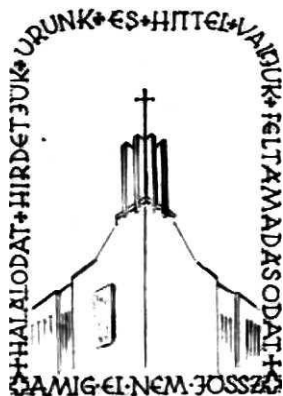
Office hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 to 3:30, Sunday 10 to 1

Masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 AM in English

Sundays at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at 12 bilingual

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Founded
in 1928

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2012 CHURCH BULLETIN 19/2012

Readings: Acts 9.26-31 1Jn 3.18-24
 Jn 15.1-8

Resp. Psalm: „Lord, from you comes my praise
in the great congregation.” (Ps 22)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 +John Lim (Patricia Lim)
+Magdics Imre (családja)
+Kocon Rozálija (Magdics család)
10:30 az egyházközség (plébános)
zarándokok (Juhász Sándor és Márta)
Sz.L. (Nóra)
Bonnay Erzsébet felgyógyulása
(Juhász Sándor és Márta)
Keddy Gyula felgyógyulása (Radocsay család)
Kompolthy Zoltán (családja)
Mária Kongregáció élő és elhunyt tagjai
(Kongreganisták)
+Elekes Anna, volt Credit Union
(Feri, Margit, Babi, Zoli, és Jutka)
+leányuk (szülők)
+testvérek (Farkas Sándor)
+Ágnes, 1. évf. (férje, gyerekei, és családja)
+Cser Erzsébet (család)
+Szabó Waltraud (férje és családja)
+Kirec János (felesége és családja)
+Magyar Magdus (Kirec Annus)
+Tausz Zsuzsa (Elek család)
+Törőcsik Mária (leánya, Marika és családja)
+Kiss Csilla (Juhász Sándor és Márta)
+Majzik Gyula (felesége és családja)
12:00 +Babits György (családja)
+Csolle Pál (családja)
+Hartnel Andre (wife and daughter)
+István és Jolán Brem (Erica és Steven)
+Haász Antal, Irén, Danielle és nagyszülők
(Katalin Wolf)

16:00 KFT

Monday (7)

7:30 the Holy Father's missionary intention
+John Lim (Patricia Lim)
+Manuel and Rita Aycardo

Tuesday (8) Blessed Catherine of Saint Augustine

7:30 Patrick Quish
the Holy Father's general intention
special intention of Gene Sazon

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

7 PM Cursillo

Wednesday (9)

7:30 our Jesuit provincial's intention
Rita Baizas, on her birthday

holy souls in purgatory

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

7 PM béke a Kárpátmedencében

Thursday (10)

7:30 thanksgiving
the conversion of atheists and non believers

Fr. Fernando Suarez, 10th anniversary of his ordination

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

Friday (11)

7:30 the conversion of sinners
blessings on Fr. Jeff Shannon

Alexandra Fowell, thanksgiving

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

Saturday (12) Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras

7:30 Etelka and Pál
our benefactors (the Jesuits)

blessings on Aidan and Miles Sazon

+John Lim (Patricia Lim)

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for May

General: That initiatives which defend and uphold the
role of the **family** may be promoted within society.

Missionary: That **Mary**, Queen of the World and Star
of Evangelization, may accompany all **missionaries**
in proclaiming her Son Jesus.

Baptism: Mihály Angelo

Funeral: Tausz Zsuzsa (54)

EVENTS

Today Crepes sale - fundraising for the scouts **12**
Rummage Sale to support Fr. Böjte's project **13** **First Communion** at the 12 o'clock Mass followed by lunch for the families **20** **Confirmation** at the 10:30 Mass with bishop Ferenc Cserhádi, followed by a reception **26**. Registration to Hungarian School ❖ Baroque concert of St.Elizabeth Scola Cantorum choir at 7 PM **27**. Lángos sale.

❖ Invitation to the annual concert of St. Elizabeth **Scola Cantorum** choir "BAROQUE" on Saturday, May 26th, 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth RC Church (432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto). The program includes: Bach: Jesu, meine Freude, Vivaldi: Gloria and Telemann: 117. Psalm. Tickets: Adults \$18; Senior \$15, Student \$10. Following the concert the choir invites the audience to stay for a reception and silent auction. Further information: scola.cantorum@gmail.com or 416 441 9300 or <http://www.scolacantorum.ca/>.

❖ **Marian Day of Prayer** on May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Blessed the pure of heart." (Matt. 5:8). Speakers include: Fr. Tom Lynch on contraception, Marino Restrepo on his conversion from self-described decadent lifestyle, Sr. Ana Maria on the Rosary, Barnabas Nwoye on the Precious Blood devotion. Basilian Marian Shrine of Gratitude, 3100 Weston Road (at Sheppard), Toronto. For tickets/info: www.MarianDay.ca, or call 416-251-4245.

❖ You are invited to join our pilgrimage leaving from Blessed Trinity Church at Bayview and Finch to the Sacred Heart Shrine in Beauvoir, St Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Our Blessed Mothers Shrine at Cap de La Madeleine, and St Anne de Beauvre and Old Quebec City. For information contact Mary Salvador 416-497-7059 Marilyn Kielly 905- 420-5780.

Root Yourself in Christ

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

Many of us are familiar with the sad American Indian story about a young man who found an eagle's egg and put it into the nest of a prairie chicken. The eaglet hatched with the brood of prairie chickens and grew up with them. All its life, the misplaced eagle thought it was a prairie chicken and did only what the prairie chickens did. It scratched in the dirt for seeds and insects to eat. And it flew no more than a few feet off the ground with a thrashing of wings like other prairie chickens. Years passed and the unfortunate eagle grew very old. One day, it saw a magnificent bird high above in the cloudless sky. Hanging with graceful majesty on the powerful wind currents, it soared gracefully on its strong golden wings. "What a beautiful bird!" said the unfortunate eagle to its neighbour. "That's an eagle, the chief of the birds," the neighbour replied, "But don't give it a second thought. You could never be like him." So the poor eagle never gave it a second thought and it died thinking it was a prairie chicken.

This frightening story underlies the importance of what we identify ourselves with. Human beings are like vine branches; we need a vine in which to graft and root ourselves. The vine into which we are grafted and rooted conditions the way we see ourselves, the expectations we have of ourselves, and the ceiling of achievement we place on ourselves. Vines come in many shapes and colours each soliciting our primary allegiance. They come in the form of nationalism such as Nazism, ideology such as communism, and religion such as the cults. Materialism, pleasure and power are among the most popular vines of our times. Once we identify ourselves with a false vine, it immediately conditions and determines how we see ourselves and what we do with our lives.

The Jews whom Jesus was addressing in today's gospel knew very well the vine on which they were supposed to be grafted and rooted. Many times in the Old Testament the religious and national entity Israel was referred to as the vine which the hand of God had planted. So when Jesus claimed that he was now the vine they would understand that as an invitation to shift their primary allegiance from Jewish nationalism to the person and message of Christ. To make sure they get it Jesus makes the claim that he is not just the vine but the true vine. The word "true" here signifies that which is real, authentic and valid, as opposed to that which is flawed, imperfect or false. To accept Jesus at the true vine into which our lives are grafted and rooted is to regard every human ideology or institution which recommends itself to us as an object of primary allegiance as flawed, imperfect or false.

The misguided eagle in our story was like a branch grafted on a false or imperfect vine. That is why it remained false or imperfect all its life. If a wise bird had told it the truth about itself it would have shifted its self-identification from that of a prairie chicken to that of an eagle. This radical shift in self-understanding would then enable it to produce in its life the marvellous feats for which eagles are known. Today that word of wisdom is being addressed to us: to stop identifying ourselves primarily in terms of nation, social or economic status, race, gender or religious affiliation. Rather we should see ourselves in terms of our oneness with Christ just as the vine branch and the vine are one. Then and only then shall we be able to bear good fruit, the same type of fruit that Christ himself bears.

We know the pathetic story of Cardinal Wolsey who, under King Henry VIII of England, gave his primary allegiance to the state rather than to God. On his deathbed he left us these words of wisdom: "If I had served God as diligently as I have done the king, He would not have given me over in my gray hairs." His life was like that of the unfortunate eagle in the story. The gospel invites us today to know better: to graft and root ourselves as vine branches into the true vine, Jesus Christ.