

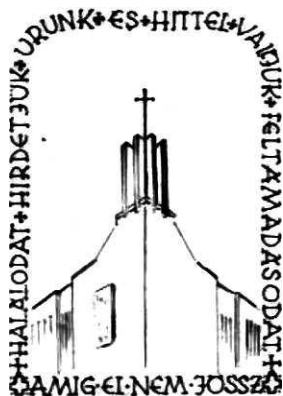
## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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**Masses:** Monday to Saturday at 7.30 AM in English  
Sundays at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at 12 bilingual (except in Summer)

**Jesuit priests:** Szabolcs J. Sajgó (pastor), László Marosfalvy (associate pastor), Balázs Jaschkó (retired)  
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Founded  
in 1928

**Readings:** Josh 24.1-2, 15-17, 18  
 Eph 4.32-5.2, 21-32 Jn 6,53, 60-69

**Resp. Psalm:** „Taste and see that the Lord is good”  
(Ps. 34)

### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

**9:00** +Nagy Erzsébet (férje és fia)  
+Szőke Teréza (Szőke Ferenc és családja)

**10:30** az egyházközség (plébános)  
Kistóth Béla bácsi teljes megnyugvásáért  
(Zentai Frigyes és Júlia)

Kistóth Béla felgyógyulása (Török Teca)

Matac születésnapja (Sanyi és Teri)

Fenyves József (Fodor Sándor és Irén)

Bogard András (Fodor Sándor és Irén)

élő és elhunyt szerettei (Török Teca)

+Kistóth István (Török Teca)

+Palatics szülők (fiuk és családja)

+Galambosy Erzsébet, tiszteletük jeléül  
(volt Nőszövetség tagjai)

+Gilice Mihály (családja)

+Mrs. Mocnár (Gilice Erzsi)

+Vindischman József (neje és családja)

+Telcs László, Don kanyar (Telch család)

### **Monday (27) Saint Monica**

7:30 Mónika's name day (mother and godmother)  
the intention of the Jesuit General

### **Tuesday (28) Saint Augustine of Hippo**

7:30 our deceased Jesuits

### **Wednesday (29) Passion of John the Baptist**

7:30 Jesuit vocations  
holy souls

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

### **Thursday (30)**

7:30 Etelka and Pál

11:00 the funeral Mass of +Balog Laci

### **Friday (31)**

7:30 end of abortion

### **Saturday (1)**

7:30 world peace  
spiritual and temporal benefit of  
Simone Carvalho, on her birthday

+Nagy és Erdős családtagok (Zoli és Marika)

+Gabriel Joseph Leung (Patricia Lim)

## August 26, 2012 CHURCH BULLETIN 35/2012

## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Baptism:** Eperjessy-Schunk Dániel

**Funeral:** Csima József (79)

## EVENTS

**September 8** Registration: Hungarian School, Kindergarten, Scouts ❖ Trip of the Altarboys and Youth Club (African Lion Safari) **15** first day of Hungarian School, Kindergarten, and Scouts ❖ *Veni Sancte* student's Mass at 11:45 a.m. **16** Lángos sale **22** First Communion classes restart at 1 p.m. **23** Fundraising lunch of Caritas.

❖ The Hungarian Helicon Society continues to offer **Hungarian language classes** for adults in Toronto. The fall semester will begin in early September. Classes will be offered at three levels ranging from Level 1 for students who do not speak any Hungarian or who just know a few words to Level 4/5 for students who can communicate using a series of phrases and sentences. For course descriptions, fees and registration information, please visit our website: [www.HeliconSociety.com](http://www.HeliconSociety.com), click on the link to "Education", then "Language Classes". For more information, please contact our Director of Education, Reka Nicholas at (416) 560-7352, or by email at [Education@HeliconSociety.com](mailto:Education@HeliconSociety.com).

❖ **Have you decided to include your parish in your Will?** There are many tax-smart and creative ways related to estate planning you can support your parish and Archdiocesan charities (a gift of life insurance, donating securities, estate taxes, etc). At the same time you protect your beneficiary's inheritance, reduce your estate's tax burden. For example, if you are making a bequest to the Church and have securities, consider creating instructions for your estate to give the securities directly to the Church instead of selling them and then donating the cash. This will help you to save taxes because the government allows you to donate securities directly to a Canadian charity without having to pay any taxes. You can read more on our bulletin board, or

call the Archdiocese of Toronto Development Office at 416-934-3400, ext. 559 (Arthur Peters), or ext. 561 (Quentin Schesnuik), or ext. 519 (Elvira Foronda).

❖ **Catholic Students attending U of T!** Consider applying to the Newman Centre for fall residency at a reasonable rate. As part of the Student Campus Ministry Team you will engage in chaplaincy outreach, liturgy and community life while witnessing to your Catholic faith as a student at the University of Toronto. To apply, e-mail Josh Canning at [chaplaincy@newmantoronto.com](mailto:chaplaincy@newmantoronto.com).

❖ The next ***Come and Adore the Lord*** Mini Retreat will take place on September 8. See details on our bulletin board.

## Gotta Serve Somebody

by Fr John Speekman

My father went to see the priest about the Baptism of his first child. He had not been looking forward to the interview. He wasn't practicing the Faith. The priest asked him to go home and pray and to ask God to help him decide whether he believed or not. He told my father to consider: If you don't believe, stop pretending! If you do believe - practice your faith! Don't drag your faith around like a dead cat on a piece of string.

This question of choosing is just as much a crucial question for you and me as it was for my father, or for Joshua and the Hebrews at Shechem. Joshua called the People together and said: ... *choose today whom you wish to serve...* As Bob Dylan sings in *Gotta Serve Somebody* - *'It may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody.'*

All we have to do is choose - but this is not as easy as it sounds - even when the People say with one voice: *We ... will serve the Lord, for he is our God.* Their decision to serve (we will serve) goes hand in hand with their statement of belief (for he is our God). It makes it very clear that the modern distinction between believing and serving (practicing) is totally unscriptural.

'Oh, of course, Father, I believe, and so does my husband. It's just that, well, we don't go to Mass because we don't believe it's necessary. We pray at home. We have our faith.' Note what the couple is really saying: 'We believe ... it's just that ... well ... we don't believe.'

Ok, so what's going on here? Let me ask this couple some questions: Do you believe you have a grave obligation to attend the Eucharist with the faith community each Sunday? - NO! Do you believe it's a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sunday? - NO! Do you believe you need to confess missing Mass deliberately before you can go to Holy Communion? - NO!

So now at least we know one thing clearly - this couple do not believe what the Church teaches. This is why they do not practice. They may be baptized, they may have been brought up in a Catholic home, they may have attended a Catholic school, but they do not believe what the Church believes.

Please understand me, this is not an accusation! I'm not judging this couple. I have no idea of their spiritual journey and what has brought them to this point. I am merely making an important diagnosis. This couple does not hold the faith of the Church. They are living according to their faith but not according to the Faith.

Well, what now? What are some of our options?

- Go ahead and baptize the child and hope the parents will find faith at some later time and raise the child as a practicing Catholic?

- Give the parents an hour's worth of instruction on the meaning of being a Catholic and then hope for the best and baptize the child?

- Tell the parents how important it is to attend Mass on Sundays and then baptize the child?

- Delay the Baptism till the parents come to some faith of their own?

- Refuse the baptism because they have no intention of raising the child in the practice of the Faith?

My own answer to this very difficult question is that we should offer this couple an opportunity to choose. This is what my father was offered; this is what Joshua offered the People; this is what Jesus offers his followers in today's Gospel: What about you, do you want to go away too? On a practical level this will involve a prolonged, prayerful, gentle catechesis similar to the Catechumenate - during which couples can be renewed in their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Somewhere within this process the couple will choose. If they choose not to enter the process they have still chosen. All concerned will find this a difficult decision to accept but it must be respected. Jesus, too, experienced the disappointment of watching people walk away.

Faith is a grace-filled choice. We cannot make it for others, nor can we insulate people from the need to make it. This has been one of our most unhelpful tactics in the determination we have to keep people somehow attached to the Church at all costs. We sacramentalize them because we don't know how to evangelize them.

My father chose for the Church he knew so well but which he had left. The faithfulness with which he lived his decision over the years was an example and an encouragement for each one of his children, all eight of whom still practice the faith.

I thank that priest for allowing my father to choose.