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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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## November 11, 2012 CHURCH BULLETIN 46/2012 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17.10-16 Heb 9.24-28  
Mk 12.38-44

**Resp. Psalm:** „Praise the Lord, O my soul!” (Ps. 146)

**WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:**

**9:00** †Zinner Frank (édesanya)  
†Gilbert Tellis

†Galambosy Erzsébet és József (Galambosy család)  
†édesapa (Kovács György és családja)  
†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)  
†Meszesán Mihály (felesége és családja)  
†Balazsic József (Balazsic és Bernád családok)

**11:00** az egyházközség (plébános)

Kriszta felgyógyulása (Ica néni)  
Olajos Ilona felgyógyulása (Forrai család)  
Elek Babi felgyógyulása (Prokec Judit)  
†Galambosy Erzsébet (Nóra)  
†John és Elizabeth Gugg (leánya és családja)  
†Orbán és Békési atyák (Forrai család)  
†Reviczky Ilona (Rémiás család)  
†hozzátartozók (Benyó család)  
†Haraszi László és Márta (családjuk)  
†szülők és nagyszülők (Etelka Léránt)  
†Szendi és Szervó családtagok (Szendi család)  
†Stadler Mihály, 25. évforduló (felesége és leánya)  
†bajtársak (ifj. Engyel Gyula)  
†Nádasdy és Rajotte családtagok (Örzsé)  
†Néma Ágnes (lánya, Ildikó és Csilla és családjaik)  
†Tüske Pista lelki üdve (Tüske, Kaiss, Komáromi,  
Stewart és Molnár családok)

**Monday (12) Saint Josaphat**

7:30 our Jesuit provincial's intention  
healing for Ken and Imelda Muto

†Antonio & Guia Zarate  
†Gilbert Tellis  
†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)

9:00 the funeral Mass of †Pászti István (84)  
11:30 the funeral Mass of †Katona László (95)

**Tuesday (13) Saint Stanislaus Kostka SJ**

7:30 the conversion of atheists and non believers  
healing for Danny de la Cruz

†Leon & Rosario Viola  
†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)

7 PM Cursillo

**Wednesday (14) Saint Joseph Pignatelli SJ**

7:30 Etelka and Pál  
the conversion of sinners

healing for Juliet Rasco

†Jose & Perpetua Sazon  
†Thomas and Nora Crawford  
†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

**Thursday (15) Saint Albert the Great**

7:30 the Holy Father's missionary intention  
protection of the unborn

Gene & Linda

Patricia and Pamela de Veyra

†Kálmán (Sajgó)  
†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)

**Friday (16) Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint  
Gertrude, Saint Roch González SJ, Saint  
John Del Castillo SJ and Saint Alphonsus  
Rodríguez SJ**

7:30 blessings on Fr. Fernando Suarez &  
Fr. Jeff Shannon

our benefactors (the Jesuits)

God's guidance on Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel

†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)

**Saturday (17) Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**

7:30 the Holy Father's general intention  
blessings on Jay and Pauline

special intention of Adrienne & James

†Paul Lim (Patricia Lim)

**Funeral:** Basilidesz Mária (93)  
**Marriage (2):** Csercsa Zoltán & Dujic Ana

### EVENTS

**November 18** Shepherd's Trust collection ❖ Saint Elizabeth Festive Luncheon at 12:30. For tickets call Nora Molnár at 416-493-5133. Prices: \$25 adults, \$10 youth (11-15 years), \$5 children (6-10 years)  
**24-25** Bake Sale of the Hungarian School **24** ❖ Katalin Dinner and Dance **December 2** Concert of Kamilla Dévai Nagy **5** all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **9** Fundraising Sausage Sale.

❖ The traditional Christmas Club donations in memory of the Jesuit missionary working in Taiwan, †Fr. **Jaschkó István**, are collected by Emma Varga across the church office on Sundays (Nov. 11, 18, 25 and Dec. 2) from 10-12. Also here you can buy the M.C.C. Cook Books for \$5.00. Wonderful Hungarian recipes in English. Excellent Christmas Gift.

## Scribes, prophets, and widows.

by Fr John Speakman

Every week, in our Liturgy of the Word, we meet new people. We see them interacting with one another, we listen to them speak, we admire them, pity them, are attracted to them or repulsed by them. Some are close to God, some are far from him, some repent, others fall away.

There are prophets and prostitutes, rich young men and lepers, priests, widows and fishermen, tax collectors, kings, eunuchs, children, the demon-possessed, soldiers and paralytics. The Liturgy of the Word is like a huge stage and each time we celebrate Mass one or other of these characters makes an appearance. This week we have a prophet, two widows, some scribes, and Jesus.

**The Scribes.** Jesus doesn't like the Scribes at all and warns us about them. *Beware of the scribes...* These men, Jesus tells us, like to walk about in long robes. That is rather funny. Can you see them in your mind's eye? They are not going anywhere, really, they are just, well, walking about - taking their long robes for a walk. Like the man who says his wife is out taking her new hairdo for a walk. These long robes would be the dress of the scribes which were not easy to get. Like a lawyer's wig or an academic's funny hat and gown, or a doctor's stethoscope, they are a status symbol. We all have them - even if it's only the new car.

Which brings us to a serious point in our reflection. Jesus does not just hold the scribes up for ridicule, he wants us to recognise ourselves in the scribes and perhaps make some necessary changes in our attitudes and behaviour. To be perfectly honest, I can recognise a bit of the scribe in myself from time to time. Can you? No, not in me, in you!

Still, we can't blame ourselves for smiling at these men as we see them soak up the obsequious (flattering, fawning) greetings in the market squares and scampering for the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. Poor fellows - and how easily pleased!

If there weren't such a sinister side to them we could almost like them but Jesus warns us they swallow the property of widows. It's not like they do really good business deals and get rich through their astuteness. No, these men swallow (what a greedy sounding thing to do) - they swallow up what belongs to poor defenceless widows! - all the time making a show of prayerful piety.

No wonder Jesus says: *Beware of the scribes*, and of the severe judgment they will receive.

**The Prophet.** Elijah, the prophet is person of vastly different character. He is a wonderful man. When God speaks, Elijah obeys. God tells him to go into the wilderness where the ravens will bring him food and where he can drink from the stream. Elijah goes at once and when the brook dries up God sends him to Sidon where a widow will look after him. That's the widow he meets in today's First Reading. Elijah is a marvellous character. He journeys the roads of his prophetic mission with all the confidence and trust and power of a man who walks only the paths of God's holy will. It is this intense obedience to God which gives him the moral authority to speak in God's name: *Do not be afraid ... bring it to me.*

**The Widows.** This widow (and the one in the Gospel) is dirt poor. She has only a handful of meal (flour) and a little oil left and after that, nothing. Note the utter simplicity of the scene. There are no 'long robes', no 'places of honour', no obsequious greetings, and no gold coins tumbling into the treasury - there is only a widow gathering sticks. The prophet politely asks for a little water and a scrap of bread. *Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink... Please bring me a scrap of bread in your hand...* Without realising it, he is asking her for all she has.

Like the scribes in the gospel, Elijah is about to swallow the property of this widow but with a huge difference. He knows that God will reward the poor woman for her kindness and work a miracle in her favour. In fact, although our short reading does not mention it, she and her son continue to live for a whole year on the flour in the jar and the oil in the jug. The widow in the Gospel, in total obscurity and anonymity, gives all she has voluntarily - two small coins.

**Jesus.** Jesus was watching. He is always watching and we do well to remember it. He is so thrilled that he calls his disciples (that's us) onto the stage and teaches them the immensely important truth: *...this poor widow has put more in, than all who have contributed to the treasury.*

What an amazing thing this is! Once again, in the paradox of Christian discipleship, we discover what we really already know - God does not need money; he needs, he wants - us. And the lesson comes not from those entrusted with teaching it, it comes from a poor widow! She did not give God money, she gave him herself, her present and her future. Her song of praise was not the jingling of coins but a heartfelt, wordless hymn of trust. Alone in a dangerous world she divests herself of the last thing which stands between her and total dependence on the providence of God - a penny.

Jesus speaks of a severe judgment for the scribes and we could be forgiven for suspecting that among the celestial judges, humble and beautiful, will stand two widows.