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December 16, 2012 CHURCH BULLETIN 51/2012

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Zeph 3.14-18 Phil 4.4-7
 Lk 3.10-18

R. Psalm: „Shout aloud and sing for joy:
great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel” (Ps. 12)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

- 9:00** †szerettei (Ilonka és családja)
†édesapa lelki üdve (Márai János)
†tisztítóüzben lévők (Kovács György és családja)
†Dosztán János (felesége és családja)
†Emma (húga, Jutka)
†Barbolyás Lajos (özvegye)
†Katona László (felesége és családja)
†Mariska néni és Péter emlékére (Éva és Gyuszi)
†Balazsic József (Balazsic és Bernád családok)
11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
hálából, 57. házassági évforduló
(Sztanyó Mária és László)
Mária, László, Katalin felgyógyulása (Petőfi András)
†Ámon Ferenc (felesége, Ámon Anna)
†Sikler Anna (férje)
†Jagodits Julianna (családja)
†Székes Márta (Házások Klubja)
†Pál József (lánya és családja)
†Olti László (unokája és családja)
†Szabó Ilona és elhunyt családtagjai
(fia, Mihály és családja)
†Miricz Gabriella (Ábrahám Szabó Gizella)
†Haszilo József és élő családtagjai
(Ábrahám Szabó Gizella)
†szülők (Léránt Etelka)
†Joe Vilardo
†Szentiványi György lelki üdve
(Pouzar Magda és Szűcs Béla)

Monday (17)

7:30 Mary Ann Mendoza, for wisdom on her exam
end of abortion

Tuesday (18)

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Wednesday (19)

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General
7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (20)

7:30 our †Jesuits

Friday (21) Saint Peter Canisius

7:30 Etelka and Pál
Jesuit vocations

Saturday (22)

7:30 world peace

Baptism: Kótai Laura, Berger Mátyás
Marriage (2): Magyaródy Nóra & Meret Aleksander

EVENTS

TODAY: Christmas Concert of the *Saint Elizabeth Scola Cantorum* Choir at 3 PM followed by reception
22 No Hungarian School, Scouts, and First Communion classes
23 Bake Sale ❖ Fundraising Classical Concert in the church for the Art Center of Roma Hungarians at 12 PM
24 Christmas Carols and Nativity at 11:15 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass
25 Christmas
26 Seniors' Christmas at 3 p.m.
31 Thanksgiving Mass at 6 p.m. ❖ New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance at 7 p.m.
January 12 Hungarian School, Scouts, and First Communion classes restart
13 Lángos sale.

❖ St Elizabeth Scola Cantorum conducted by Imre Oláh invite you and your family for their annual **Christmas Concert!** **Program:** Christmas Carols, parts of Rutter: Magnificat. **When:** Today, Sunday, December 16, 3 p.m. **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 or <http://www.scolacantorum.ca/>.

❖ **New Beginnings:** For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce. Come and join us for an informative evening: Our Facilitators will be Henny DeLange MSW., RSW. and Greg Badcock MSW., RSW., The Topic: Demystifying Anger. Date: January 8, 2013, Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre:
1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor, Toronto, On. (It is on the
North East corner of Yonge and Shaftebury - Free
underground parking off Shaftebury and we are
beside the Summer Hill subway station.) Pre-
registration is NOT required. Enquiries Deacon
James Shaughnessy MSW., RSW., Psyn.D. 416-
921-1163 ext 2227 or email
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❖ The event calendar of St. Augustine's Lay Spiritual
Formation Program for 2012 - 2013:

January 26: „Year of Faith Workshops“

March 2: „Lenten Retreat Day“

Details: 416-261-7207 or www.staugustines.on.ca.

Gaudete Sunday

by Fr John Speekman

Today is Gaudete Sunday, Joy Sunday! It is a day for
considering all that we as Christians have to rejoice
about and, of course, what we have to rejoice about
is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I asked a few
people around the place what they especially had to
rejoice about and here are a few of the answers I got.
I confess that I did edit them a bit to bring a few of
their thoughts together more neatly.

*"I rejoice mostly when I pray. This is where I meet
God and it really makes me happy that he is so
available. I love to pray and make an effort to pray
every day. I love the Rosary and also the Divine
Mercy chaplet."*

*"I rejoice because God is looking for me. I still
remember that young man Stuart Diver and what he
must have felt like when he was buried all that time in
the avalanche in the snow fields. He felt so helpless
and alone. He thought he was doomed. He must
have been so glad to hear the noise of the people
looking for him. I read in the scriptures and I hear it in
the prayers of the Mass that God is looking for me.
He has sent his Son Jesus to find me. I lie there
trapped in all the weakness of my life and I long to be
rescued, to see the face of my rescuer. I know he will
find me and that he will come for me and save me.
Not everyone has this longing for him or this trust in
him. I rejoice that I have been granted this gift."*

*"I rejoice that the teachings of the Church are so
crystal clear. My faith is certain; black and white. So
many of my friends move from church to church
looking for one which suits their beliefs. They change
every few years and never seem content."*

*"I rejoice because he is near and I find this exciting!
He is not far away. He is near because my stay on
earth, however young I am, will soon end. Death is
not a falling asleep - it is waking up. And he is near in
his Second Coming. He has promised and I believe
his promise. This gives me so much joy. Many*

*people do not have this sense of meaning in their life.
They wait for death. Christians wait for life and life is
coming; it is near."*

*"I rejoice because he is here. As the Scripture says
'He stands among you.' Jesus is in our world but he
is not recognized. He is here already among us
actively working to save us in all sorts of ways. What
a gift this presence is! He is present in my heart, in
my life."*

*"I rejoice because He is my Savior who came to save
me from all those things I am so afraid of: my sins,
Hell, Satan and death. He is my Savior and stronger
than any other person or thing. He is Lord of all and
has power over all. I rejoice that my God is THE God
and that I am safe."*

*"I rejoice that I am a member of such a big lovely
family, God's family. Whenever I meet a Catholic
who believes I am immediately at home. I click with
that person, we are friends. We understand each
other and even 'love' each other."*

*"I rejoice that I have a gift to give God that is worthy
of him in the Mass. I know that when I give this gift to
him it is pleasing to him and it expresses my love for
him in a way that he accepts. The Eucharist is the gift
that God wants me to give him and it is the gift I want
to give him."*

*"I rejoice that I have a place to confess my sins
where Jesus forgives me through the priest. Jesus is
waiting for me with the priest. He always forgives me.
He understands me. He is gentle with me. He helps
me. I rejoice in this sacrament because it gives me a
new start. It is God's mercy at work on my behalf."*

*"I rejoice that I know where I am going in life. My life
is a journey and I know its destination. So many
people don't know where they are going. I do. And I
have all the help I need to get there from the Church
and from the sacraments."*

*"I rejoice that Jesus has taken the one thing I don't
like about life, that is, suffering, and given it meaning.
He has made it into a kind of treasure for me. I have
plenty of sufferings and, with Jesus, they help me
grow in love for people and for him. I am so glad that
I have found joy in suffering. I never thought it was
possible but it is. He has given it meaning and I find
him there."*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is
near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by
prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your
requests known to God. Then the peace of God that
surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-8)