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Readings: Mic 5.2-5 Heb 10.5-10 Lk 1.39-45

R. Psalm: „Restore us, O God; let your face shine,
that we may be saved” (Ps. 80)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Szent Család tisztelete (Kovács György és cs.)
✠szülők, Barna József és Franciska (családjuk)

✠Katona László (felesége és családja)

✠Drenkó András (családja)

✠Takács család (testvére)

✠Balazsic József (Balazsic és Bernád családok)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
hálából (Rita)

Benedek, hálából (nagyszülők)

Moldován Ildikó felgyógyulása

Bíró Júlia felgyógyulása (Juhász Sándor és Márta)
édesanya (fiai, Kálmán és Nándi)

élő és ✠Szervó és Szendi családtagok

Kerekes család élő és ✠tagjai (Forrai család)

✠Sikler Anna (férje)

✠Joseph Vilardo (Juhász Sándor és Márta)

✠Szentiványi György (Juhász Sándor és Márta)

✠édesanya (lánya)

✠Tréki Béla (felesége és fiai)

✠Wyhovszky Gyuri (Diósadyék)

✠Stefáni és Fügedi szülők (Anna)

✠szülők (Rita)

✠felesége, Margit (Feri)

✠Székes Márta (Lajos Feri)

Monday (24)

7:30 ✠Pekár Anna (Medve Mária)

✠mother (Erzsi)

victims of the tragedy in Connecticut (Kitty)

Readings: Is 9.1-6 Tit 2.11-14

Lk 2.1-14

R. Psalm: „Ma született a Megváltónk,
az Úr Jézus Krisztus” (Zs 95)

9 PM István születésnapja (keresztstülei)

Tom születésnapja (családja)

✠édesanya és ✠férj (Erzsi)

✠Farkas Erzsi lelki üdve (Erzsi)

✠ifj. Deutsch Lajos (Erzsi)

✠Ferth Pierrette (férje, János)

12 AM a kétéves Váradai Dávid felgyógyulása
(édesanyja)

Andrea, Lianne és John (Évi és Zoli)

Évi és Zoli

✠Varazsdi Anna és Alajos (Évi és Zoli)

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December 23, 2012 **CHURCH BULLETIN 52/2012**

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

élő és ✠Szendi és Szervó családtagok
(Szendi és Csermely családok)

✠Farkas László és családja (felesége)

✠Bukovec Dávid (Mónika)

Tuesday (25)

Readings: Is 52.7-10 Heb 1.1-6 Jn 1.1-18

R. Psalm: „A föld minden határa

látta üdvözítő Urunknak jóságát” (Zs 97)

9:00 hálából (Nelia)

✠férje és ✠fia (Málics Istvánné és családja)

✠Molnár Erzsébet, évf. (férje, fia és négy unokája)

✠Katona László (felesége és családja)

11:00 gyermekük és unokáik (szülők)

✠Koczka József és Erzsébet (Benyó család)

Bátori és Horváth szülők és testvérek (Bátori család)

✠Csuha István (lánya és családja)

✠Pozsonyi Mária (leánya, Erzsébet)

✠Tóth Antal (felesége)

✠Filó Erzsébet (testvére, Margit)

✠Gáspár Borbála (leányai)

✠Gáspár Vince és neje Wanda (Gáspár Jolán)

✠Berec Piroska (férje és családja)

✠Farkas László (felesége)

✠Fabók Leslie (édesanyja)

✠Pál testvérek (testvérük, Horváth Ilona és családja)

Wednesday (26) Saint Stephen

7:30 our Jesuit provincial's intention

3:00 hálából (Rita)

Thursday (27) Saint John

7:30 Etelka and Pál

the conversion of atheists and non believers

souls in purgatory

Friday (28) Holy Innocents

7:30 Zoli (Évi)

Tamás, on his birthday (parents)

veneration of Holy Innocents

✠Elizabeth Zogheib (Alexa Hamam)

Saturday (29) Saint Thomas Becket

7:30 ✠Mary Falvella

the conversion of sinners

2:00 the marriage of Magyaródy Nóra &

Meret Aleksander

Baptism: Harsányi Brendon, Maticzevic Madeline

Funeral: Fülöp Sándor (78), Murányi Matild (88),

Wyhovszky György (87)

Marriage (3): Magyaródy Nóra & Meret Aleksander

Merry Christmas to all our parishioners!

EVENTS

TODAY: 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 **20** Lunch of Catholic Men's League ❖ 44th Ecumenical Prayer Service of the Hungarian Christian churches of Toronto at 8 Robert St at 3 PM.

❖ **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 jshaughn@cfstoronto.com

The Perfect Gift

Fr. Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.

Little Anita has a very busy father. He is a dot-com technocrat who makes a lot of money but has little time to be with his family. Every night, however, Anita insists that her father read her a story before she would go to sleep. This continued for some time until the man found a "solution." He bought Anita a colourful kid's tape player and made a tape of her favourite stories in the story book. Whenever, therefore, the child asks him to read her a story he would simply push the button and play back the tape-recorded stories. Anita took that for a few days and then revolted and refused to accept the stories on tape. "Why," asked the father, "the tape reads the stories as good as I do!" "Ya," replied the little girl, "But I can't sit on his lap."

One thing that is associated with the celebration of Christmas everywhere is giving. Christmas is the feast of giving. Christmas is the one time in the year when everyone is sure to give and receive a present, even if be only a Christmas card. People spent a lot of time and money shopping for the perfect Christmas gift. We put up Christmas trees to surprise family members with our gifts and to be surprised with theirs. Santa Claus is the perfect symbol of Christmas because Santa is the

one who gives and gives and never gets tired of giving. Christmas is a feast of giving even from God's point of view. For at Christmas we celebrate the mystery that **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life"** (John 3:16). God gives, and the people of God give, and that is Christmas.

If Christmas is the feast of giving, then the question of what to give and how to give becomes very important. After all what is worth doing is worth doing well. How can we improve on the quality of our giving? How can we improve on the quality of our Christmas celebration? Today's Gospel reading helps us to answer some of these questions.

In today's Gospel we read the story of Mary visiting with Elizabeth. What gift did Mary bring to Elizabeth? We are not told that she brought foodstuff, although she might as well have brought some. We are told she brought just one thing: herself. She gave Elizabeth the gift of her very presence. And, dear friends, this is the best and the hardest gift of all. It is easy to send flowers, it is easy to send a parcel, but to give the gift of ourselves, to make out the time to be with somebody, that is the gift that many people long for but do not receive at Christmas. Anita's father gave his little girl a costly tape recorder and made tapes for her, but he did not give her himself, his presence, his time. Following Mary's example in today's Gospel story, we must, in addition to the flowers and parcels, give of ourselves, our presence, our time. We must find the time to visit and be with people. This is the greatest gift because its value cannot be calculated in terms of money.

Another point we can make out of Mary's gift to Elizabeth is that one should give not according to one's convenience but according to the needs of the receiver. It was not convenient for Mary to travel the lonely, dangerous road from Galilee to the hills of Judea. It was certainly for her an uphill task. But Elizabeth needed a helping hand. She was six months pregnant and would no longer be able to go and draw water from the village well, to look after the crops in her garden and the animals in her farm, she would no longer be able to go to the market to do her shopping. So Mary, as soon as she learned that Elizabeth was six months pregnant went with haste and stayed with her for about three months, meaning, until she gave birth. Mary gave to Elizabeth what she needed when she needed it. That is the perfect gift.

Do you know one thing everybody needs today? Everybody needs encouragement. Everybody needs the interior peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. This is what Mary's visit did for Elizabeth. Mary's visit was an inspiration to Elizabeth. When we visit people this Christmas, let us try to bring some inspiration into their lives, let us seek to bring them closer to God, and let us try to share with them the Spirit of God in us, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did.