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Readings: 1Sam 1.20-22,24-28
 1Jn 3.1-2,21-24 Lk 2.41-52

Responsorial Psalm: „Blessed are those
who live in your house, O Lord.” (Ps. 84)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 † barátok (Kovács György és családja)
† Bartók Anna (leánya és unokája)
† Mátés Ernő (fiai, Miklós és Ervin)
† Balazsic József (Balazsic és Bernád családok)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
† Papp Sándor (Léránt Etelka)

† Fülöp Sándor (Karcsi és Ilonka)
† Fülöp Sándor (Fésűs család)
† Fülöp Sándor (Anna és Steve Somlai)
† Kiss Katalin (Fésűs család)
† Cziraky László, 30. évf. (Kati és családja)
† Miricz Gabriella (Anna és Steve Somlai)
† Miricz Gabriella (Léránt Etelka)
† Sikler Anna (férje)

Monday (31) Saint Sylvester I

7:30 thanksgiving (Tellis family)
the intention of the Jesuit General
the repose of the soul of Bobby De Veyra
6 PM † dr. Györgypál Lajos (felesége és családja)

**Tuesday (1) Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The giving of the Holy Name of Jesus,
titular feast of the Society**

Readings: Num 6.22-27 Gal 4.4-7
 Lk 2.16-21

Responsorial Psalm: „May God be gracious to us
and bless us.” (Ps.67)

9:00 a tisztítótűzben szenvedő lelkek (Szendi Ica)
11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
† Fülöp Sándor (Anna és Steve Somlai)
† Miricz Gabriella (Anna és Steve Somlai)

**Wednesday (2) Saint Basil the Great and
Saint Gregory Nazianzen**

7:30 Aidan Sazon, on his birthday
our † Jesuits
7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (3) Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 Jesuit vocations
Gene and Adrienne Sazon, on their birthday

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HOLY FAMILY

Friday (4)

7:30 world peace
the repose of the soul of Danny De La Cruz
7 PM Gizi felgyógyulása (Piri)
Etelka és Pál

† Lajos (felesége)

Saturday (5)

7:30 end of abortion
thanksgiving from Gene and Linda
the priests of St Elizabeth of Hungary Church
† Nagy and Erdős family members (Zoli and Marika)

Baptism: Komjathy Mark, Ricsak Sándor
Funeral: Miricz Gabriella (79)

EVENTS

31 Year End's thanksgiving Mass at 6 p.m. ❖ New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance at 7 p.m. **January 2.** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; please sign up at the back of the church **12** Hungarian School, Scouts, and First Communion classes restart ❖ Mass of the Roma Hungarians at 3:30 **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 **26** Scouts' Dinner and Dance.

❖ **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

Happy New Year to all our parishioners!

The Holy Family persevered through trials just as our families

by Fr. Tommy Lane

Christmas is a family time. Families have reunited once again. During this time when families have the grace and privilege to spend much time together, to enjoy each other's company, to relax together, to have special family meals together, let us thank God for all the graces and blessings our families enjoy and let us also ask God to bless our families and help our families continue to grow to become what they are called to be.

It is fitting that during this family time every year we reflect on The Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We call it "The Holy Family" because it was the most holy of families: Mary was immaculately conceived and was sinless all her life and conceived Jesus of the Holy Spirit; Joseph was her chaste spouse; and Jesus was the Son of God.

Yet in our Gospel we see a moment of tension in The Holy Family as Jesus is lost and found again in the Temple. Like Jesus on the cross who asked, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and did not receive a reply from his Father, Mary asks Jesus "why have you done this to us?" and Jesus' reply does not seem to take account of her pain or that of Joseph, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's affairs?"

And then Luke goes on to write that Mary and Joseph did not know what Jesus meant. And sometimes our families too do not understand why we have a particular cross to carry and like Mary we ask, "Why did you do this to us?" And as in the case of Mary there is no satisfactory answer but with faith we continue to live the Christian life, to be about our Father's affairs because no other way will bring true or lasting peace and happiness.

The Holy Family was a family with special grace but yet a family with trials. Every family has particular graces and blessings and every family also has difficulties and crosses. The Holy Family is a model for families because despite their many trials, and there were many as we know from reading the Gospels, the family remained faithful, loving and united. It is good to pray today to the Holy Family, to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, asking them to help our families persevere through their trials just as The Holy Family persevered.

To encourage families today I want to share with you words that we first heard from our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. On the day he left Ireland on October 1st 1979, much of his homily in Limerick was giving

encouragement to families and in particular to parents. The Pope reminded us that the family is primary and has been our greatest resource and due to contemporary challenges is more important than ever:

"Modern conditions and social changes have created new patterns and new difficulties for family life and for Christian marriage. I want to say to you: do not be discouraged, do not follow the trends where a close-knit family is seen as outdated; the Christian family is more important for the Church and for society today than ever before...May Irish mothers, young women and girls not listen to those who tell them that working at a secular job, succeeding in a secular profession, is more important than the vocation of giving life and caring for this life as a mother. The future of the Church, the future of humanity depend in great part on parents and on the family life that they build in their homes. The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation, just as the dignity of man is the true measure of civilization." (Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979)

Our Holy Father, the Pope, also reminded us on that day that marriage means being open to the receive the gift of children from God:

"I want to say a very special word to all Irish parents. Marriage must include openness to the gift of children. Generous openness to accept children from God as the gift to their love is the mark of the Christian couple. Respect the God-given cycle of life, for this respect is part of our respect for God himself, who created male and female, who created them in his own image, reflecting his own life-giving love in the patterns of their sexual being." (Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979)

As the Pope left Ireland that day, he asked families to give him a parting gift, that our homes would always be places of prayer:

"Your homes should always remain homes of prayer. As I leave today this island which is so dear to my heart, this land and its people which is such a consolation and strength to the Pope, may I express a wish: that every home in Ireland may remain or may begin again to be, a home of daily family prayer. That you would promise me to do this would be the greatest gift you could give me as I leave your hospitable shores." (Homily of Pope John Paul II in Limerick, Monday October 1st, 1979)

As families reunite again during Christmas and celebrate being a family, let us thank God for all the graces and blessings our families enjoy. Let us pray to the Holy Family, to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, to help our families fulfill our call to be Christian families, to continue to grow to become what we are called to be.