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January 20, 2013 CHURCH BULLETIN - 3/2013

CANA AND CHRISTIAN UNITY

Readings: Is 62.1-5 1Cor 12.4-11
 Jn 2.1-12

Resp. Psalm: „Declare the marvellous works
of the Lord among all the peoples” (Ps. 96)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Raymond , special intention
✦ Magdic Mária (Dobos Helen és gyermekei)
✦ Magdic Mária (Lonkovics család)
11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Gizi felgyógyulása

Salati Imre felgyógyulása (családja)
✦ Bródy József (Bródy Józsefné)
✦ Gug Jánosné Erzsébet (Bródy Józsefné)
✦ Magdic Mária (Sztanyó Mária és László)
✦ Magdic Mária (Lonkovics család)
✦ Magdic Mária (Házások Klubja)
✦ Sikler Anna (Sztanyó Mária és László)
✦ Sikler Anna (Meszesán Erzsébet)
✦ Sikler Anna (Sógor Elizabeth és családja)
✦ Stadler Mihály (családja)
✦ Dobai Ágnes (Stadler család)
✦ Pécsi Mária, évf. (Éva és családja)
✦ Kálmán Etelka és Pál (Matild)
✦ Aykler Karola születésnapja (családja)
✦ Medgyessy Mihály (felesége, gyerekei és családjaik)

Monday (21) Saint Agnes

7:30 healing of Rody Rasco
our Jesuit provincial's intention

Tuesday (22) Saint Vincent

7:30 blessings on Fr. Jaschkó
the conversion of atheists and non believers
Cecilia and Raymond, special intention

Wednesday (23)

7:30 the wellbeing of Kitty Quish
the conversion of sinners
7 PM Horváth Piroska felgyógyulása (Piri)
Louis Horváth

a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

Thursday (24) Saint Francis de Sales

7:30 blessings on Fr. Sajgó
our benefactors (the Jesuits)

Friday (25) Conversion of Saint Paul

7:30 Éva and György Kovács, marriage anniv.
the healing of Jeannette Fabella
blessings for Fr. László Marosfalvy
+Gilbert Tellis

Saturday (26) Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

7:30 Etelka and Pál
blessings on Jay and Pauline
✦ Pálmay Lóránt (Pálmay family)
3:30 Roma Hungarians in Toronto

Funeral: Pista Pál - Öcsi (68)

EVENTS

Today: Sit-down or take-out lunch of the Catholic Men's League, everyone is invited ❖ 44th Ecumenical Prayer Service of the Hungarian Christian churches of Toronto at 8 Robert St at 3 PM **26** Mass for the Roma Hungarians at 3:30 ❖ Scouts' Dinner and Dance at 6:30 PM; tickets and info: 416-441-9300 from 7-10 PM **February 3** First Communion at the 11 AM Mass, followed by reception **5** Lunch of the Married Couples Club at 12 PM **6** All-Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **9** Farsang Dinner and Dance; tickets and info: 905-884-3570 **13 Ash** **Wednesday 16** No Hungarian School and Scouts **17** Cabbage roll sale **18** Family Fun Day in the Hall and Gym between 10 AM - 4 PM.

❖ The **Roma Art Center** was officially registered as a charitable organization on January 4th. The contribution of their fundraising concert, co-organized with us and held in our church on December 23rd 2012, was significant: \$745. Thanks to our parishioners for supporting the cause.

❖ **THEOLOGY ON TAP: Celebrating the Year of Faith.** Monday, January 28, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto. Young adults (19-39) are invited join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a

comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt + Light TV. Fr. Rosica will inspire and challenge us with the message of hope carried by the followers of Christ, reflecting on the true meaning of the word "faith." Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! For more information call Héctor Acero Ferrer at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca.

❖ **WOMEN'S RETREAT** – JANUARY 25-27 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Theme: Who do YOU say I am? Why not consider a retreat experience during this Year of Faith? For further information please call 905-278-5229.

❖ **LENTEN LISTENING: A Busy Person's Retreat.** Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 13, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, at Regis College, 100 Wellesley St, Toronto. Faith Connections, Regis College, and the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association invite young adults (18-39) to experience the gift of Spiritual Accompaniment this Lent! The retreat will begin and end with a group gathering. In the six weeks between these gatherings, you will be invited to meet with a spiritual companion in your area 3 times for 1 hour. Cost: \$25. Please register by February 6. To register or for more information call Héctor Acero Ferrer at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca - a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

❖ **FATHER RON ROLHEISER**, OMI will preach a **retreat weekend** for men and women on the theme "Solitude and Prayer" at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga on February 15-17. For information or reservation please call 905-278-5229.

Christian Unity

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu cssp

The three tenors Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo, and Luciano Pavarotti were performing together in Los Angeles. A reporter asked them about rivalry among them, and they said there was none. But the reporter was not satisfied and kept coming back to the issue of rivalry among the three superstars. Then Domingo explained, "You have to put all of your concentration into opening your heart to the music. You can't be rivals when you're together making music." As Christians, are we called to be rivals, or are we called to make music together?

This week we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, more simply known as Christian Unity Week. That the different Christian churches together agree to set aside one week for intensive prayer and action in view of Christian unity shows that they all feel the need for more unity among believers in Christ. The World Christian Encyclopedia has documented 34,000 different Christian denominations. The figure keeps rising. Many Christian churches today spend much of their resources not in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth but in fighting and

cannibalizing other Christian churches. To maintain their identity and show that they are distinct from other Christian churches, they emphasize their differences rather than the things they have in common. They fight each other and forget that as Christians we are called to make music together in the world. This is a misunderstanding of what Christianity is all about, as Paul tells us in the second reading.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1Corinthians 12:4-6)

The varieties of gifts God gives to His daughters and sons for the common good, we have selfishly used as grounds for rivalry. As a parent, how do you feel when you bring home gifts for your children as a way of making the whole family happy, and they start a fight. Imagine then how God feels at the way His children are using His gifts as cause for sibling rivalry and violence. And God has a very large family with many, many children. The disunity and infighting among Christians is an abuse of God's gifts. It is a scandal to the world. It is a sin for which we all need to repent.

Many people feel uneasy when they hear of Christian unity. They fear that Christian unity means putting everyone into the same mould, the same form of worship, the same way of serving God. No, Christian unity is not Christian uniformity. God gives His children varieties of gifts. Some are more intellectual and love to spend hours reading and reflecting on the Word of God, others are more charismatic and would rather sing praises, pray in tongues, shout alleluia and make a joyful noise to the Lord, and yet others are more service oriented and would rather spend their time helping the sick and feeding the hungry. Paul encourages us to engage in different services and ministries because we have different spiritual gifts. But he warns that we should not be so engrossed in the various works we do for the Lord, that we forget the one Lord of the work. In the various services we see diversity, in the one Lord we see unity. Christian unity, therefore, is a unity in diversity.

The disunity in Christianity is a scandal to the world that we are called to bring to God. It is a scandal that weakens the Christian message and witness. What moral right have we to ask the world to reconcile their differences when we as Christians cannot reconcile our own differences? Let us today ask God's forgiveness for all of God's children for the sin of disunity. Let us pray for Christian unity, and resolve to extend a hand of reconciliation and friendship to our estranged brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people and bring the hearts of believers together in your praise and in common sorrow for their sins. Heal all divisions among Christians that we may rejoice in the perfect unity of your Church and move together as one to eternal life in your kingdom. Amen.