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CHURCH BULLETIN – Febr. 17, 2013 - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

„For forty days he was tempted”

Readings: Deut 26.4-10 Rom 10.8-13
 Lk 4.1-13

Responsorial Psalm: „Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble” (Ps. 91)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 halottért (Reno, Pál)
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate
11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Viktor születésnapja (nagymamája)
a nyírbátori Cursillo (torontói magyar Cursillo)
Katona Klári felgyógyulása (Zentai Frigyes és Júlia)
Béla bácsi egészsége (Zentai Frigyes és Júlia)
Éva Eszter, születésnap (családja)
Sajgó atya biztonságos útja
Gábor Sándor család (Sándor Margit)
✠barátok és ✠családtagnok (Illés család)
✠Cristiano Pangrazio (felesége és fia)
✠Kosa Charles
✠Margit (Lajos Feri)
✠Rády-Péntek Zsuzsa (Nancy Frankovic)
✠Nemedi szülők (lányuk és családja)
✠Gáspár Rezső (családja)
✠Magdic Mária (Krajcic Rozália)
✠Horváth testvérek (testvérük, Horváth Zoltán és cs.)
✠dr. Papp Gábor, Cleveland (Caroline és családja)
✠Szabó Zoltán (Balatoni család)
✠szülők (Radocsay Mihály és családja)
✠Szikszay és Zentai szülők (Zentai Frigyes és Júlia)
✠Kusztos Katalin és Elemér (Kusztos Matild)

Monday (18)

7:30 ✠Anna Varazsdi (Évi and Zoli)
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate
✠Farkas Jenő, 17th anniversary (Julie, Terri, Frank)

Tuesday (19)

7:30 the conversion of atheists and non believers
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate

Wednesday (20)

7:30 the conversion of sinners
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate
7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

Thursday (21) Saint Peter Damian

7:30 ✠Haraszi Márta (family)
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate

Friday (22) Chair of Saint Peter

7:30 Joanna, special intention
our Jesuit provincial's intention
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate

Saturday (23) Saint Polycarp

7:30 Etelka and Pál
our benefactors (the Jesuits)
✠Magdic Mária (Krajcic Rozália)
repose of the souls of Antonio & Guia Zarate
11:45 Magyar iskola
3:30 Roma Hungarians in Toronto

Baptism: Götz Melánia

First Communion: Bagi Délia, Baksay Christina,
Csiszér Ádám, De Luca Anna-Sophia, Francis-Vaszi
Krisztián, Hencz Sophie, Herczeg Zsolt, Herman
Ania, Kedmenecz Alexandra, Kovács Ilona, Oszoli
Sydney, O'Toole Josette, Pál Dóra, Perlaky Anna,
Rémiás Botond, Rendimonti Daniela, Sebesi Salena,
Sváb Lucza, Szedlák Ádám, Tekse Andrew, Tibor
Gréta, Vass Matthew

PARISH EVENTS

Today, February 17 Distribution of the ashes during the Masses ♦ Married Couples Club Cabbage Rolls Sale ♦ Altar Servers' trip to Lakeridge Ski Resort **18** Parish Family Day in the Hall & Gym from 10- 4 PM **23** Mass of the Hungarian School at 11:45 **24** Schnitzel and Bake sale of Caritas **March 3** Lángos sale **6** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **9** Day Time Savings begins ♦ March Break – No Hungarian School **10** Bake Sale to support the orphans of Fr.Böjte ♦ Trip of the Altar Servers to Omnimax, Science Center **16** March Break – No Hungarian School and Scouts **17** Anniversary of the Consecration of our church; Luncheon at 12:30; to order tickets, please call Nora at 416-493-5133 (adults \$25, youth \$10, free under the age of 6) ♦ commemoration of the 1848 Revolution in the Hall at 5 PM ♦ Saint Elizabeth Scola Cantorum Lenten Concert, conducted by Imre Oláh at 2:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Everyone is invited to our **Parish Family Day** in the Hall and Gym between 10 AM - 4 PM on Monday, February 18th. Bring your family and relax a little in the midst of this February Winter! The program is similar to the previous years: games and activities for kids and adults (Pictionary, Play dough, Musical Chairs, Puzzle, painting, etc.), puppet show, folk dancing, trivia questions, volleyball, basketball, soccer, ping-pong. If you are planning to use the gym, please bring an extra pair of dry shoes. Lunch: Potluck style, please bring lots of food for all those hungry kids!

❖ The **World Day of Prayer** is being held at Blessed Trinity R.C. Church, (Finch and Bayview) on Friday, March 1st, at 1:30 P.M. with refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome. There will be 6 neighbouring churches taking part – Church of the Incarnation, Forest Grove United, Trinity Presbyterian, St. John's Anglican, St. Elizabeth R.C. and Blessed Trinity R.C. Church. The women of France have written the Service this year. And the theme is "I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME." Frances Horvath, Irene Birinyi and Anne Hermann, will be the 3 people from our church taking part in the Service.

Homily for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Fr. Ron Stephens, St. Andrew's Church, Warrenton, VA

A lot of the horror movies today seem to deal with the theme of possession in the sense that some outside force makes people do horrible things. People are always looking for ways to put the blame for their actions on someone or something else, and these horror movies just put those wishes and dreams into a story form.

Since early times, men and women have claimed that there was an outside force that was in control of the material world that tempted people and brought out their worse side. In Hebrew tradition, this devil or devils had many names, the most common being Satan and Beelzebub. While I do not doubt the presence of evil in the world as a force for temptation and tragedy, I also know that we ourselves are often the source of evil, the source of temptation – as well as being tempted to do wrong ourselves. In religion we are dealing with the supernatural world and it is not easy to prove or disprove some of the theories, traditions, or beliefs of our ancestors or even from the Bible. What all these stories do tell us, is that there IS evil and temptation in the world and that we pray to be delivered from that evil. Our Catholic tradition tells us that there is a devil, a force for evil. Many cultures beside the Hebrew and Christian ones recognize that presence. Some cultures have customs or formulas for warding off the evil one – spitting, wearing certain colors, making certain signs... I am sure you are aware of some of these as well.

So what does all this have to do with our readings today? In the Hebrew culture it was believed that if a boast is made, the spirits would test that person. In Luke's Gospel, if you recall, when Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven was heard, not just by those around, but also by the spirits. *"You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased."* The early readers would all know that there would be a test soon after - that the evil spirits will test Jesus to make him do something that displeased God.

There are three temptations. The first was to have Jesus create food for himself, since he had been fasting. The second was for power and glory. The devil indicates that he is the ruler of all the kingdoms of the world and that he can dispense his power howsoever he wishes. All Jesus needed do was worship Satan, embrace evil. The final test was for Jesus to do something to show that he was the Son of God – to exert his power to save himself. In each case, Jesus quotes Old Testament scripture to the devil as he resists the temptation.

Jesus, our God, has become human, and is subject to the same temptations that we have. It makes me feel good to know that God understands us in our temptations. Unlike Jesus, we sometimes give in to those tests. But our God knows what we are going through, and he will give us the grace to fight it. Unlike Jesus, who was sinless and was able to fight temptation, we struggle and fall and rise again with God's grace. As the Book of Deuteronomy told us today: "We cried to the LORD GOD of our fathers, and he heard our cry, and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression." And St. Paul completes this with the joyful news that *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

This time of Lent is the time of year that we ponder these difficult struggles and temptations, that we ask for help in our resolve to be better and not succumb to temptation. While there is a place for fasting and giving up things, I think it even more appropriate to give time, money, expertise to others and get out of ourselves. Do something to aid others or do something positive for your own spiritual growth. Above all, use the Lenten season to put your life in perspective. It may be that you need to clear a different path, that you need to take larger steps, that you need to help someone along the way with you. Lent can be a time for us take stock and give ourselves again to God, and if we have fallen, get up and start over. We too then will be given the heavenly kingdom, the land flowing with milk and honey.

Lastly, I want you to note that Luke says that the devil never really went away from Jesus, but he "departed from him for a time." When we get to the Passion, I want you to see how the final temptation of Christ is yet to come, when he is on the cross – at his most human, at his death!