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CHURCH BULLETIN – Mar. 31, 2013 – EASTER SUNDAY

The tomb is empty, he is risen!

Readings: Acts 10.34,37-43 Col 3.1-4
 Jn 20.1-18

Responsorial Psalm: „*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*” (Ps. 118)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 ✠ Jeruska Józsefné (Benkő Erika)
✠ férje és ✠ fia (Málics Istvánné és családja)

✠ Elek szülők (család)
✠ Horváth Mária és Béla (bérmakeresztlánya)
✠ Katona László (felesége és családja)
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan
✠ Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

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

Wohlfart János felgyógyulása (szerettei)
Marili Kalt-Senn (Béla és családja)
élő és ✠ Szendi és Szervó családtagok (Szendi cs.)
✠ Tóth Antal (felesége)
✠ Filó Erzsébet (testvére, Margit)
✠ édesanya (leánya, Margit)
✠ Farkas Imre (felesége és családja)
✠ szülők és hozzátartozók (Rita)
✠ Domokos Antal és ✠ Nagy Erzsébet (Forrai család)
✠ Bátori és Horváth szülők és testvérek (Bátori család)

Easter Monday (1)

7:30 our Jesuit provincial's intention
✠ Varazsdi Alajos, anniversary (Évi and Zoli)
✠ Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan
11 AM ✠ Pécsi mama, halotti évforduló (Éva és csal.)

Tuesday (2)

7:30 Joey DaCosta, special intention
the conversion of atheists and non believers
✠ Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan

11:00 the funeral Mass of ✠ Bolla Lujza

Wednesday (3)

7:30 the conversion of sinners
✠ Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

Thursday (4)

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan
✠ Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

Friday (5)

7:30 souls in Purgatory
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan
✠ Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

4 PM Roma Hungarians in Toronto

7 PM Bálintok
Etelka and Pál

Miklósházy püspök atya, születésnap (Piri)

✠ Lajos (felesége)

Saturday (6)

7:30 Bálints
Nagy and Erdős families (Zoli and Marika)
✠ Mary Jessie Hanrahan

Baptism: Szabó Nicolas

First Communion: Huber Sándor, Kálé Sándorné,
Palásti Gábor

PARISH EVENTS

Today, March 31: Easter Sunday; Food blessing after the 9 a.m. Mass (office closed) **Apr. 1 (Easter Monday)** Mass at 7:30 AM in English and 11 AM in Hungarian **3** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; please sign up if you can at the back of the church **5** Mass for the Roma Hungarians in Toronto at 4 PM, followed by Easter celebration in the Hall **7** Divine Mercy Sunday ❖ Crepe sale of the Scouts **9** Married Couples Club at 1 PM **13** Concert of the Hungarian folk group Kaláka at 5 p.m. followed by reception **14** Trip of the altar servers **21** Fundraising Schnitzel and Bake sale of Caritas ❖ Second ShareLife collection **27** Spring Dinner and Dance; for tickets please call 416-225-9024 (Varga Emma).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ New Beginnings for those who have **lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce.** The facilitator is Dr. Josephine Lombardi, the author of "*On Earth as It Is in Heaven.*" She holds a doctorate in theology and is Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at St. Augustine Seminary. Her Topic: "*A Walk Through The Lord's Prayer.*" Date: April 2, 7-9 p.m. at Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre - 1155 Yonge St., 4th Floor. Enquiries: 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

We are to live forever

Three non-church-goers died and met at the pearly gates of Heaven. St. Peter told them that they could enter the gates if they could answer one simple question. St. Peter asks the first man, "What is Easter?" The man replies, "Oh, that's easy! It's the holiday in November when everyone gets together, eats turkey, and are thankful..."

"Wrong!" replies St. Peter, and proceeds to ask the second man the same question, "What is Easter?"

The second man replies, "Easter is the holiday in December when we put up a nice tree, exchange presents, and celebrate the birth of Jesus."

St. Peter looks at the second man, shakes his head in disgust, tells him he's wrong, and then peers over his glasses at the third man and asks, "What is Easter?"

The third man smiles confidently and looks St. Peter in the eyes, "I know what Easter is."

"Oh?" says St. Peter, incredulously.

"Easter is the Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish celebration of Passover. Jesus and his disciples were eating at the last supper and Jesus was later deceived and turned over to the Romans by one of his disciples. The Romans took him to be crucified and he was stabbed in the side, made to wear a crown of thorns, and was hung on a cross with nails through his hands. He was buried in a nearby cave which was sealed off by a large boulder."

St. Peter smiles broadly with delight.

The third man continued, "Every year the boulder is moved aside so that Jesus can come out... and, if he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter."

If Jesus had not risen and had not appeared to the apostles, there would be no Christianity today and none of these men would have even heard of Easter to get it wrong. After Jesus' death, all the hopes of the followers of Jesus were dashed. Many of them went into hiding. This Messiah that they had decided Jesus was, died the worst death, that of a criminal and achieved none of the expectations of a Savior. Jesus' death may have saved the world, but we would have never heard about it.

This is a major event, very hard for any of us to comprehend. We cannot find in the Scriptures any consistent, single or unified explanation of the resurrection. What makes it believable, for me, is that these people who were in hiding, totally disappointed, totally lost, suddenly changed. Not just one of them, but all of them. They had an experience of the risen Lord, came out of hiding, and understood finally what Jesus was all about all along.

As a child, I used to think that Jesus rose and was exactly the same as he was before, only with holes in his hands and feet. As an adult, I read more carefully the Gospels, and realize that Jesus raised was not the same as he was before. He could appear and disappear, he could change his looks so he wouldn't be recognized, yet he could eat and be touched. This is

something new to grasp. In every case, however, the followers of Jesus recognized him, believed in him and changed. We went from a group of frightened and scattered followers to a group of excited men and women, anxious to share their joy, their insights, their love. That is the miracle of Easter.

We need to not take this for granted. Each time we hear this story we need to examine it and get excited about it just as the Apostles did. Isn't this why the church reminds us each year with this glorious feast, made all the more glorious by the contrasting days of Holy Week. Let us awaken to this glorious news of the Resurrection, be as excited as the women who saw the empty tomb, be changed in the way Jesus' followers were.

Last night we celebrated the Easter Vigil. Without being present at the vigil we miss out on some amazing stories and symbols that lead up to this great event. In the opening prayer which is sung called The Exultet we sing about the people of Israel escaping from their Egyptian slavery and escaping the waters of the Red Sea, We hear about the pillar of fire that guides our ancestors through the desert to the Promised Land. This moves into a description of our being brought through the waters of baptism into the Promised land of our faith in Jesus. This is the night we are baptized, forgiven and given heaven. It is explained to us by St. Paul that because we share in his death, we also share in his resurrection. Thus, Jesus has conquered death and so we also can conquer death as well.

We are an Easter religion. We believe that despite all the evils surrounding us, all of the natural disasters that hit us, the poverty, hunger and discrimination of the world, that we will not give ourselves over to that power, but through faith in the resurrection, we believe that all this suffering will be vindicated, and that like Jesus, we will be raised up and renewed. We realize that risen life will come because of our self-sacrificing love of others, with Jesus as our prime example of that.

Today's Gospel reading, you may have noted, is not only about the appearances of Jesus, unrecognized, but also about an empty tomb. I doubt that any of us will see the risen Jesus in this life. We have to take our faith from what is unseen – that empty tomb. Faith in Jesus' resurrection came originally from the empty tomb, the tears of Magdalene, her recognition of Jesus, and the gradual belief of the followers in what had happened. We too must take our faith from the empty tomb. Let it be a symbol for us of the faith that we are all developing, our own gradual understanding like Peter and the Beloved disciple of what it all means, and a growing awareness that we too will conquer death and be with Jesus in the kingdom! Philip Brooks, an Episcopal Bishop, said "The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death – that is not the great thing – but that...we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever." – Happy Empty Tomb! Happy Easter! This is the Good News and the Best News of the year that we celebrate today!

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