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## **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church**

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## **CHURCH BULLETIN – April 7, 2013 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# **DIVINE MERCY**

**Readings:** Acts 5.12-16

Rev 1.9-11, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20.19-31

**Resp. Psalm:** „Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever” (Ps. 118)

### **WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:**

**9:00** Dobos Helen, születésnap (családja)  
Molnár Nóra, halából a segítségéért

Stocker Antal (családja)

szülők és rokonok (Marika)

✠Mátés Ernő (fiai, Miklós és Ervin)

✠szerettei (Ilonka és családja)

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

✠id.Gorzó Gyula és élő és ✠családtagjai (Piroska G.)

✠Darabánt Ilona és élő és ✠családtagjai (Piroska G.)

minden ✠hívó (Gorzó Piroska)

✠Gorzó János és élő és ✠családtagjai  
(húga, Piroska)

**11:00** az egyházközség (plébános)

Wohlfart János felgyógyulása (szerettei)

Mária Kongregáció élő és ✠tagjai (kongreganisták)

élő és ✠Szendi és Szervó családtagok  
(Szendi család)

✠Kusztos János (Matild)

✠Kázmér Lajos és Eszter (Forrai család)

✠Jeruska Józsefné és ✠Nádudvari Istvánné  
(Benkő Erika)

✠szülők és nagyszülők (Léránt Etelka)

✠Zydrón László, évforduló (család)

✠Tausz Zsuzsa (férje és családja)

✠Mikó Albin lelki üdve, évf. (felesége, Éva)

✠ifj.Bécsi Mátyás és élő és ✠családtagjai (Piroska)

✠Medvigy Tibor (Binns Ilona)

tisztítótűzben szenvedő lelkek (Piroska)

✠Viszt Ferentzy Mária, ✠Drágán Mária és ✠Horváth  
Ferenc és családtagjaik (Piroska G.)

### **Monday (8) Annunciation of the Lord**

7:30 peace in the world (Gorzó Piroska)  
the recovery of Mr. & Mrs. Navarro

Michael and Anna Ma (Elizabeth Mak & Maria Chan)

the intention of the Jesuit General

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

the repose of the soul of Dianne Worsley

### **Tuesday (9)**

7:30 blessings on Raffy Zamora on his birthday  
healing for Kitty Quish

blessings of good health on Fr Béla Somfai  
our ✠Jesuits

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

Michael and Anna Ma (Elizabeth Mak & Maria Chan)

7 PM Cursillo

### **Wednesday (10)**

7:30 blessings on Pilar Reyes on her birthday  
blessings on Fr. Szabi Sajgó

Jesuit vocations

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

Michael and Anna Ma (Elizabeth Mak & Maria Chan)

7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

### **Thursday (11) Saint Stanislaus**

7:30 blessings on Carlos Ramos on his birthday  
blessings on Fr Blaise Jaschkó

world peace

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

Michael and Anna Ma (Elizabeth Mak & Maria Chan)

✠Tausz Zsuzsa (mother, Klára and Tibor)

### **Friday (12)**

7:30 blessings on Imelda Muto on her birthday  
blessings on Fr László Marosfalvy

end of abortion

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

✠Tausz Zsuzsa (mother, Klára and Tibor)

Michael and Anna Ma (Elizabeth Mak & Maria Chan)

### **Saturday (13) Saint Martin I**

7:30 Etelka and Pál

the health of Maria's family and friends

healing of Noel Viola

blessings on Fr István Heszi

✠Tausz Zsuzsa (mother, Klára and Tibor)

✠Mary Jessie Hanrahan

### **The Holy Father's prayer intentions for April**

General: That the **public, prayerful celebration** of  
faith may give life to the faithful.

Missionary: That **mission churches** may be signs  
and instruments of hope and resurrection.

**Baptism:** Balogh Mirella, Rácz Anasztazia,  
Rézműves Jessyka  
**Funeral:** Bolla Lujza (81), Csizmadi Lajos (85),  
Györgypál Augusta (99)

### PARISH EVENTS

**Today, April 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** Meeting of the altar servers **16-21** Pilgrimage to Quebec **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) **May 1** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **4** Mothers' Day Dinner and Dance

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **SEEING WITH HEART. CATHOLIC PARENTS OF LESBIAN DAUGHTERS AND GAY SONS.** Day of Reflection on Saturday June 8, from 9am -5 pm. Fee: \$40.00 (includes lunch). MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT CENTRE, 2325 Liverpool Road Pickering Ontario L1X 1V4. For Brochure and information call John Montague 416-523-6449.

### We are all Thomases

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." If you are sitting here right now, and you believe in Christ, and believe that he is the Risen Lord – then you are blessed. But that does not mean that you have not nor ever have had doubts. This story of Thomas we read today may or may not have been a fact in all its details, but for sure it is a story of how the early church members had doubts. And what thinking person would not be skeptical about someone rising from the dead – even someone they had great respect for and knew intimately. If I came in and told you that Mother Theresa was back, raised from the dead and many people have seen her, what would your reaction be. Would you have such faith that Mother Theresa was a holy and unique person that this can very well be true, or would say it was wishful thinking on the part of her community and followers? Thomas is representative of all of us who have doubts that any human could be raised from the dead.

My childhood understanding of the resurrection was that Jesus came back in exactly the same flesh as before but with the marks of crucifixion. If we study the Gospels, this wasn't the case. This actually helps me, because in my skepticism, I can understand coming back in a changed form or appearing. My mother, who died recently had had a number of experiences somewhat like this. When her sister, nine months older, died, my mother woke up during that night to someone poking her and pushing her finger into her chest, as her sister used to do. She swears it was a physical

sensation and she first blamed my father, but when it wasn't, she realized and had the strongest feeling it was her sister. I do believe that there is something after death, and so I have no problem believing in Jesus as this real, but also ethereal Being who could appear and disappear, do things he had done before, like eating a meal with the Apostles, and could pass through walls, go great distances in a moment, and appear to many different people. All of these things are part of the descriptions of the followers of Jesus after the Resurrection. It was a resurrected body – corporeal and not.

It certainly was true that Jesus was physically present, for the apostles who had run away frightened, now had their hope restored and their ability to convince others became heightened. In the first reading today we have indication that the apostles too were given the power to work miracles, especially of healing, and we are told that people sought them out, even to stand in their shadows so they could be cured.

They were also inspired to write. The follower named John was inspired to write Revelations, as we see in the second reading, when he, like St. Paul, had an experience of the risen Jesus. Listen again to his description of it: I was caught up in the spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet. When he turned to the voice, he saw one like a son of man wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. He touched me with his right hand, and said "Do not be afraid." While the accounts of others may have their differences, the most common thing about Jesus' appearances was that he didn't quite look the same, but was in human form still, and he offered "Peace." "Peace" seems to be the common element to all the visitations. Similarly at each mass we are reminded of this when we say the prayer "My peace I leave you, my peace I give you."

So too, in the Gospel reading, Jesus appears in a locked room. His first words to them were "Peace be with you." To make sure they knew who he was in the resurrected body, he showed them his wounds, and again says "Peace be with you." Seeing is believing for this group. And they do believe. No-one asks for more proof or has a need to touch the wounds. His resurrected body still bore signs of his suffering and passion.

Thomas was not with the group, but was obviously told the wonderful news by the others. In contrast, however, he is skeptical. That is probably the Gospel author's purpose here – to provide a contrast with those Apostles who had seen with those who had not seen. Thomas was a typical Mediterranean person and would be very skeptical about anything he didn't experience himself. Also, when this Gospel was written – the last of the four Gospels – there would have been very few, if any, of the original disciples around who had seen the Resurrected Jesus. They were all Thomases. They all were in the position of having been told, but not having experienced it for themselves. Much like us today. So Thomas is us.

But Thomas does, a week later, experience the Risen Christ, and to cure his doubt even is told by Jesus he can touch the wounds to see if they are real. Unfortunately, we don't get to have our doubts relieved in the same way that Thomas did. The question I want to ask you is: if Thomas is us, how are we given the experience of the Risen Christ? Or are we just blessed people who don't have to experience the Risen Jesus to believe and have faith.

I believe that we do see the Risen Christ in our lives in many ways. And that we are asked to experience his wounds. And that Jesus takes many forms in his risen body. He is the outcast street person who asks us for change. He is the person dying of cancer in great pain that we sit with and comfort. He is the baby that smiles up at us when we talk with her. He is the grocery store cashier who calls us by name and thanks us for shopping there. If we can just stop for a minute and see that Jesus is that person, he will appear to us, and we will believe and be changed.

On Easter I reflected that our religion is an Easter religion, but this is just part of the resurrection. Jesus' strongest message during his life was to have us love one another. How appropriate that Jesus can be seen then in others, if we only open our eyes to it. Try it out for yourselves this week. Stop your busy life and choose one person this week to see as Christ. How will that change your reaction to that person? How does that person then change you? If the kingdom can be experienced to a lesser degree here on earth now, how might that be one of the ways we can experience it?

In the next few weeks we are going to explore, along with the Apostles, the various appearances of the risen Jesus, the reactions of the Apostles to these experiences, and how we can apply these to our own experience of the Risen Lord. This week let Jesus appear to you!

And this is the Good news I want you to experience and the Jesus I want you meet again this week!

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