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CHURCH BULLETIN – June 16, 2013 – FATHERS' DAY

The great love she has shown proves
that her many sins have been forgiven

Readings: 2Sam 12.7-10,13 Gal 2.16,19-21
 Lk 7.36-8.3

Resp. Psalm: „Lord, forgive the guilt of my sin” (Ps.32)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 ✠Petró Karcsi (Petró család)
✠nagy szülők (Zsuzsa, Pityu, Edward és anyu)
Lajos édesapja és ✠János nagypapa (Szendi család)
✠Malics István (felesége és családja)
✠Kovács Erzsébet (Nóra)
✠Katona László (felesége és családja)
✠Szentgyörgyi és Molnár szülők (Molnár Gyula és fia)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Suzy Scott felgyógyulása (édesanyja)

Wohlfart János felgyógyulása (szerettei)
id. Engyel Gyula (családja)
✠Börcsök édesapja (család)
✠Victor de Vietoris (daughter and family)
✠Ábrahám János, Ilona, és József (Ábrahám Gizella)
✠Szabó Tibor (felesége, Ábrahám Szabó Gizella)
✠Csizmazia János (children)
✠Szívek János, 4. évf (felesége, Katalin és családja)
✠Fazekas Zsuzsanna (szülei)
✠Louise MacDougal (Nóra)
✠Schenek Mária (Gajárszky Irén)
✠Kósa Mária (Engyel Terézia)
✠Gáspár Boldizsár (felesége, Ilona és gyerekei)
✠Bródi Lajos (felesége és családja)
✠Bródi és Meszesán szülők (Bródi Mária és családja)
✠Meszesán Mihály (felesége és családja)

Monday (17)

7:30 ✠Márton Márta (Richard and Kathy Schneider)

Tuesday (18)

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General

Wednesday (19) Saint Romuald

7:30 our ✠Jesuits

7 PM Kistóth Béla, születésnap (Piri)
béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (20)

7:30 Jesuit vocations

Friday (21) Saint Aloysius Gonzaga SJ

7:30 world peace

**Saturday (22) Saint Paulinus of Nola,
Saint John Fisher, Saint Thomas More**

7:30 Etelka and Pál
end of abortion

Baptism: Molnár Mirella, Poor Leticia
Funeral: Schenek Mária (83)

PARISH EVENTS

Today, June 16 Fundraising schnitzel and bake sale organized by our Caritas group ❖ Exhibition of our painter grandmothers in the Hall ❖ picnic of the Altar Servers and our youth in Oshawa **23** „Glorification of God through organ pipes”, the concert of Imre Oláh after the 11 AM Mass **24** Lecture in English at 7 pm: Rev. Henri Boulad, S.J.: „Theosis and our daily life in the shadow of mosques and secularized societies”; introduction by Fr. Szabolcs Sajgó, S.J. **July 3** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Glorification of God through the organ pipes.** The concert of Imre Oláh in our church on June 23rd, after the 11 AM Mass. Program: Festive Toccata (Denis Bedard, b. 1950); Toccata and Fugue in D minor (Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750); Trinitas (Elenor Daley, b. 1955): I. "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of waters." Genesis 1:2; II. "To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of life" Revelation 21:6; III. "And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" Acts 2:17. Songs of Praise (Robert Prizeman, b.1952); "Now thank we all our God" (Sigfrid Karg-Elert, 1877-1933). Donations will proceed to help the victims of floods in Hungary.

❖ Lecture by Rev. Henri Boulad, S.J. on Monday, June 24th at 7 PM: „Theosis and our daily life in the shadow of mosques and secularized societies.” Of Greek Melkite Catholic family, Fr. Henri Boulad, S.J. has been an educator and Principal at the Jesuit Colleges

in Cairo and Alexandria, has been very active as Vice President of Caritas in the Middle East and has established substantial missionary and educational programs in both The Sudan and Egypt. In addition to teaching at the Catholic Theological Institute in Cairo, his many writings and books have been translated to over 16 languages notably Arabic, French, English, Hungarian, and German. For over 30 years, Fr. Boulad has been invited to give lectures at several universities, and participate in conferences in North America and Europe in addition to several countries of the Middle East. He also was a distinguished guest in serious TV programs at EWTN in the United States and others in France. Some of his talks have been recorded and can be viewed on the Web.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done

There is something disarmingly candid about today's response to the Psalm: *Lord, forgive the wrong I have done*. The straightforward simplicity of this humble submission touches the heart of the listener as it would no doubt touch the heart of God: *Lord, forgive the wrong I have done*.

King David had the same 'fuss free' honesty when it came to admitting his grave sin to the prophet Nathan: *I have sinned against the Lord*. No pretense, no minimisation, no excuses, just: *I have sinned against the Lord*.

With the same pleasing simplicity the psalm itself declares: *I have acknowledged my sins I will confess my offence to the Lord*. A pure, simple, straightforward, unassuming, uncomplicated, unconditional, childlike admission of guilt. '*Lord, I have sinned!*' And the Lord, as in the Gospel today, responds in kind: *Your sins are forgiven*.

What I am speaking of, what I am describing here, is really the intimate exchange of love which occurs in every good confession: Lord, forgive the wrong I have done – Your sins are forgiven. So effortless! So efficacious! So life-changing!

To appreciate the wonder of this moment we need to grasp with our spiritual understanding both the horror of mortal sin and the compassion of God. The former deprives us of the divine life, leaving us fit only for hell should we die in its grip; the latter, recognising our contrition, restores us to the friendship of God, reanimating our soul with sanctifying grace and directing our steps once again to the kingdom of heaven. As God spoke to David through the prophet Nathan: You are not to die.

No matter the gravity of the sin, no matter the number of times committed, sincere contrition flies directly to its target like a razor-sharp arrow, traversing the infinite distance between the sinner and his God in less than an instant, and pierces his merciful heart with the accuracy of which only humility is capable. How good is our God! And how wonderful his mercy and love!

And yet there are those who hold back. They either refuse to recognise their sin as sin, or they fail to trust in the mercy of God. And then, of course, there are those who refuse to acknowledge the role of the priest in the reconciliation process. It was to Nathan that David declared his guilt – and it was through Nathan that God declared David forgiven. Already here, in the Old Testament, God foreshadows the intermediary roles of his chosen ministers in effecting his saving will.

My own experience has been that those who decry most loudly the need to confess to a priest often have some sin(s) they are deeply ashamed of and which they cannot bring themselves to confess. Fulton Sheen, a braver man than I, and acting in response to a deep pastoral understanding, asked one such person how many abortions she had had. Then it all came out. She bravely and fully confessed her sins and was, at the same time, healed of her self-deception that confessing to a priest was not necessary.

If you are one of these people, clinging to a sin because you are too embarrassed to confess it – and dealing with that embarrassment by denying that it is a sin – I can only offer you the example of the spontaneous honesty of King David, who when Nathan told him his sin, immediately cried out: *I have sinned against the Lord*. His acknowledgment was his confession and Nathan, without delay, replied: *The Lord ... forgives your sin; you are not to die*.

What follows this beautiful moment of reconciliation, though it is not mentioned in our short reading, is that Nathan, still speaking on behalf of God, inflicts a punishment on King David. Though his sin is forgiven it still has consequences which must be redressed. I may be forgiven for stealing but I still have to give the money back, or perform some other penance. Every sin has Purgatory attached!

David cannot avoid the consequences of his sin and they are serious and, by the way, they involve the whole community. He humbly submits and soon the whole affair is done with.

No wonder David was a man '*after God's own heart*'. It is not so much the sins we commit that counts – it is the sincerity and humility with which we acknowledge them, repent, confess, do penance – and, in the forgiveness of God, move on.

I cannot conclude this reflection without pointing out the incredible paradox that love grows in direct proportion to our willingness to be forgiven. David's love for God was as great as the number of times he humbly acknowledged his sins and accepted God's loving mercy. Of the woman who washed his feet with her tears Jesus said: Her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love.

Can you see now what those who refuse to own up to their sin, or refuse to confess it in the way God wants them to confess it, are missing out on? Nothing less than an opportunity to grow in the love they so much desire.
(Fr John Speekman)