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CHURCH BULLETIN – June 30, 2013 – 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I'VE COME NOT TO DESTROY, BUT TO SAVE!

Readings: 1Kings 19.16,19-21 Gal 5.1,13-18
 Lk 9.51-62

Responsorial Psalm: „You are my chosen portion,
O Lord” (Ps. 16)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 †Barbolyás Lajos (özvegye)
†Wohlfart János (Kristóf Jutka)

†Mátés Ernő (fiai, Miklós és Ervin)
†Hazina Sándor, 3. évf. (nővére, Fehérváry Irene)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Horváth István (családja)

Tibold szülők (családjuk)

Ladocsi Margit (családja)

†Szalontai Kenéz Mihály (felesége, Erzsébet)

†Papp Sándor (Ábrahámné Szabó Gizella)

†hozzátartozók (Mrs. Benyó)

†Kolmann László (lánya és családja)

†Wohlfart János (szerettei)

†Tóth Manyi, szeretettel (Illus és családja)

Monday (1) Canada Day

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General
†Julie Tellis

**Tuesday (2) St. John Francis Regis SJ, St.
Bernadine Realino SJ, St. Francis Jerome SJ, Bl.
Julian Maunoir SJ, Bl. Anthony Balducci SJ**

7:30 our †Jesuits
the repose of the soul of Norberta Fabella

Wednesday (3) Saint Thomas

7:30 Jesuit vocations
healing of Shireen Areff

7 PM Tóth Anna (leánya és családja)
béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (4) Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7:30 Etelka and Pál
world peace

special intention of Lyn and Rod Tonogbanua and fam.
†Diosady Irén (family)

Friday (5) Saint Anthony Zaccaria

7:30 poor souls in the purgatory
thanksgiving (Nelia)

end of abortion

7 PM Bálintok (Rita)

Saturday (6) Saint Maria Goretti

7:30 Nagy and Erdős families (Zoli and Marika)
Bálints (Rita)

the Holy Father's missionary intention

thanksgiving from Gene & Linda on their 40th wedding
anniversary

†Katalin (husband Jenő and family)

Baptism: Bognár Cheyenne

Funeral: Szőnyi Emília (93), Wohlfart János (81)

PARISH EVENTS

July 3 All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;
please sign up if you can at the back of the church
28 the farewell reception for Fr. Sajgó in the Hall at
noon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Canada Day.** July 1 is a special day of prayer in
Canada. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to
Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue
working to influence those in government to act from
Christian principles and attitudes. Christians, realizing
they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and
work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout
the world, so that all God's people may share in the
goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only
when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide
and rule their lives and actions.

❖ **Parish "Council" 2013.** On the spring meeting of
the representatives of our church the idea came up
that it would be desirable to analyze together in more
detail the situation of our parish, the challenges of our
society, our possible responses, to work out a pastoral
plan for the upcoming years in view of our special
circumstances. So far we had two preparatory
sessions; the actual "council" will take place in fall.
Here is the list of the topics that were compiled on the
preparatory meetings: 1 pastoral service 2 The
preservation of Hungarian Culture in Canada 3 mission

towards our youth 4 social service 5 church groups 6 our relations with the Canadian Church and society 7 the material and real estate issues of our parish. We welcome your ideas and suggestions, preferably in writing, about the above mentioned issues and the possibilities you see for renewal. Please let the pastor know, if you wish to organize a discussion group representing the English speaking members of our parish community. Everyone is encouraged to pray asking the Spirit to lead our parish through this period of change and renewal.

❖ **Changing leadership of our parish.** Fr. Tamás Forrai S.J., the provincial of the Hungarian Jesuit Province needs the service of Fr. Szabolcs Sajgó S.J. in Budapest, Hungary. The new pastor, Fr. Jenő Rigó S.J. will arrive in the middle of July and starts his service as pastor of St. Elizabeth's on August 1st. Fr. Rigó visited us recently for one week in May. His last assignment was at St. Joseph's Church in Szeged, Hungary. Fr. Sajgó will celebrate the Sunday Mass last time as our pastor at 11.00 on July 28., then will prepare himself for his new responsibility at "Párbeszéd Háza", a Jesuit center in Budapest, starting his task there in December. - *After the Mass on July 28 there will be a reception in the Hall. Everybody is most welcome.*

❖ **Office hours in July and August:** 9:30 - 3:30 on weekdays (Mondays and Saturdays closed); 10-12:30 on Sundays.

All or Nothing

Ernest Munachi Ezeogu, C.S.Sp.

A guard in charge of a lighthouse along a dangerous coast was given enough oil for one month and told to keep the light burning every night. One day a woman asked for oil so that her children could stay warm. Then a farmer came. His son needed oil for a lamp so he could read. Another needed some for an engine. The guard saw each as a worthy request and gave some oil to satisfy all. By the end of the month, the tank in the lighthouse was dry. That night the beacon was dark and three ships crashed on the rocks. More than one hundred lives were lost. The lighthouse attendant explained what he had done and why. But the prosecutor replied, "You were given only one task: to keep the light burning. Every other thing was secondary. You have no excuse."

Temptation is a choice between good and evil. But perhaps more insidious than temptation is conflict where one must choose between two good options. The lighthouse keeper in our story found himself in such a conflict situation. So also are the would-be disciples in today's gospel story. In such cases the good easily becomes the enemy of the best. One must then say no to a good thing in order to say yes to the one thing necessary. Today's gospel is a sequence of four incidents and encounters with people who could have become followers of Jesus but who were held

back by ulterior concerns and motives. Each encounter highlights a different concern.

The first incident is the encounter between the messengers of Jesus and the Samaritan villagers. The concern that holds the Samaritans back from accepting and following Jesus is patriotism. Samaritans and Jews were bitter enemies. The Samaritan villagers had probably heard about Jesus and what he was doing and were interested. But as soon as they learnt that Jesus and his disciples were Jews and were heading for Jerusalem, their admiration turned into opposition. Patriotism and devotion to the national cause is, of course, a good thing. But when national interest becomes the spectacle through which one sees all reality, including spiritual and eternal reality, then one is in danger of losing perspective. The second incident involves a man who says to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replies, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Luke (9:57-58). Why did Jesus say that? Probably because he perceived that here was a man who valued financial independence and security. It is a good thing to have high economic goals so that one could provide adequately for oneself and for those under one's care. Yet when this stands in the way of wholehearted following and service of God, then something is wrong.

The third incident is that of the man who wanted first to go bury his father before following Jesus. Burying one's parents is part of the command to "Honour your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12). So this is a man with high moral principles, a man who keeps the law and is highly concerned for his religious duties. Again this is a very good virtue. Yet Jesus is saying that we should not allow religious observance to immobilise us and keep us from following Christ who is always on the move into new territories and new challenges.

Finally there is the man who wants to go and say farewell to his family before following Jesus. He wants to follow the example of Elisha (1st reading) who bid his family farewell before becoming Elijah's disciple. This man has high social and family values. One could only wish that all men could be this sensitive to let their families know their whereabouts at all times! Yet before the urgent call of the kingdom of God, social and family concerns take a back seat. "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

These stories show that to follow Christ is to follow him unconditionally. Can you complete the sentence: "I will follow Christ on the condition that ..." If you can complete the sentence then you are in the same situation as any of these well-meaning but mistaken disciples. Jesus will not accept a second place in our lives. He will be first or nothing. It is all for Jesus or nothing at all.