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CHURCH BULLETIN – July 14, 2013 – 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHO IS THE REAL NEIGHBOUR?

Readings: Deut 30.10-14 Col 1.15-20
 Lk 10.25-37

Responsorial Psalm: „Seek God in your need,
and let your hearts revive!” (Ps.69)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 ✠ nagymama, Debrecenszki Anna, MO
(Kovács Éva és családja)

✠ Gál Lajos és felesége (leánya és családja)

✠ Nacsa Ibolya, MO (Kristóf Jutka)

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Lukács Imre és Marika (Erzsike és Ilonka)

✠ Papp Valéria (leánya és családja)

✠ Szvath János és Katalin (fiuk és családja)

✠ Csákány Béla, MO (Stefánia)

Monday (15) Saint Bonaventure

7:30 blessings on Fr. Jenő Rigó
the intention of the Jesuit General

Tuesday (16) Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 blessings on Fr. Szabi Sajgó
Jesuit vocations

Wednesday (17)

7:30 healing of Ramon Reyes
our ✠ Jesuits

7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (18)

7:30 world peace
the repose of the soul of Nene Viola

Friday (19)

7:30 the conversion of Patricia and Pamela
✠ Nicklaus Tolnai (Nenita Tolnai)

the intentions and wellbeing of Ayyun Jeganathan

11:00 the funeral Mass of ✠ Hajtó Ernő Jr.

Saturday (20) Saint Apollinaris

7:30 Etelka and Pál
end of abortion

Registration to Hungarian School, Kindergarten,
Scouts ♦ Concert of Katalin Pitti in the church at 6
PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **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. arrived. He starts his service as pastor of St. Elizabeth's on August 1st. Fr. Rigó visited us recently for one week in May. He joined the Jesuit Order 18 years ago at the age of 32 and then studied in Germany and England. He was ordained in 2006. On June 30th 2013 he gave over the leadership of the Saint Joseph church in Szeged to Fr. István Hesz. Welcome, Fr. Jenő!

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.*

♦ **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 and including 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

PARISH EVENTS

July 28 the farewell reception for Fr. Sajgó in the Hall at noon; all are welcome! **August 7** All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **17** Pilgrimage to Midland **September 3** Married Couples Club at 7 PM **7**

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.

❖ Forty years ago, on July 20th, 1969 two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. **Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon.** Some months after his return, he wrote about it in *Guideposts* magazine. It is interesting to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements; and that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon — and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars." See the full article here: <http://www.snopes.com/glurge/communion.asp>

Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

This is not the first time Jesus is asked this question. The rich man in the Gospel of Mark asked it too, though he added the word 'Good' to his question: Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life? The fact that the Gospels record two men with the same question seems to underline its importance, as well as its universal relevance. What must I do? Have you asked Jesus this question — when you were young, maybe — or maybe you are older but find yourself asking it again?

What must I do? In answer Jesus tells a parable, makes sure it is understood, and then directs: Go, and do the same yourself. Unambiguous, straightforward, and almost a little cynical; it seems like something is missing. I wonder if you get the same feeling. There is something strangely dispassionate in Jesus, a kind of holding back, a seeming lack of engagement with this lawyer.

Or perhaps Jesus is aware that this man is fragile in his all too obvious conceit. He sits there in the group of listeners, conscious of his status as a lawyer, awaiting his opportunity to 'disconcert' Jesus. Do you know what this word 'disconcert' means? Well, you can take your pick from any of these synonyms: agitate, baffle, bewilder, cause embarrassment, confuse, derange, discomfit, discompose, dismay, disturb, embarrass, fluster, nonplus, rattle, sadden, trouble, unnerve, upset.

All of this, of course, is just another way of saying, the lawyer wanted to big note himself and, what's more, that he had absolutely no idea who Jesus really was. The man in the gospel of Mark is very different. Driven by an inner urgency he comes running up to catch

Jesus who was just leaving on a journey. His question is personal. He comes running up, kneels before Jesus, and puts his question to him. Everything speaks of sincerity.

The lawyer, on the other hand, sits there and then stands up before the master and puts his question. No wonder Jesus is on his guard and wisely makes him answer his own question. What is written in the Law? What do you read there?

[If only more people would ask themselves this question before they answered the questions of others — What is written in the Law?]

The lawyer cannot resist the challenge and answers comprehensively: You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself. He proves that he already knew the answer and must now accept from Jesus the compliment (You have answered right ..) which makes it clear who is the master and who is the pupil.

Now it is the lawyer who is disconcerted. He had been caught red-handed, stealing from the cookie tin of pride. His discomfort was his own fault and if he had had any common sense he would have let the matter go there.

What a far cry this scene is from the Gospel of Mark: Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him. With the lawyer, Jesus stays out of the loop, keeping his distance from the man, letting him deal with consequences of his own impudence.

But instead of just sitting down and thinking things over, the lawyer is anxious to justify himself; and asks a second question: And who is my neighbour?

Jesus tells a parable which he asks the lawyer to interpret: Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands? Again the answer is confident and correct: The one who took pity on him.

No compliment this time but simply a command: Go, and do the same yourself. Nor does Jesus invite the lawyer to follow him, as he does the man in Mark's account. Certainly this is because the lawyer is not yet ready for discipleship. In a way he first needs to let go of himself.

Ironically, it seems to me, the lawyer manifests exactly the same self-absorbed, self-protective preoccupation with self which caused the priest and the Levite to cross the road and avoid involvement with the man who had fallen into the hands of brigands.

Jesus invites the lawyer, as he invites you and me, to cross the road from thinking to doing, from detachment to compassion, from self to others. It is a wide road but there is no reason why, with God's grace and a little humility learnt from a painful lesson, this man (and you, and I) should not one day succeed in the challenge (*Fr. John Speekman*).