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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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**Masses in English:** Monday - Saturday at 7:30 AM

**Masses in Hungarian:** Sunday at 9 and 11 AM, Wednesday at 7 PM

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### CHURCH BULLETIN – December 15, 2013 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

„See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”

**Readings:** Is 35,1-6a 10 Jam 5,7-10 Mt 11,2-11

#### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

**9:00** atyák (hétfői imacsoport)

Szárics Margit felgyógyulása

Kniss Margaret felgyógyulása (család)

✠Alföldy-Boruss Tamás (felesége Éva és gyermekei

Katalin és Tamás)

✠Emma nővér (Kristóf Jutka)

✠Verseghy Ferenc és Jozefa (család)

✠Szarka Melinda és István (család)

**11:00** Kniss Margaret felgyógyulása (család)

Imi felgyógyulása (Annamária)

élő és ✠családtagok (Majzik Valéria)

✠Fülöp Sándor (felesége és családja)

✠Dosztán János (szerető özvegye és családja)

✠szerettei (Fazekas Anna és János)

✠id. Rémiás János (Házások Klubja)

✠Pál József (gyerekei és unokái)

✠Olti László (unokái)

✠Domokos Fábrián és ✠szülei (Forrai család)

✠Jagodits Julianna (család)

✠Stadler Iona (Timea)

#### **Monday (16)**

**7:30** the intention of the Jesuit General

successful surgery (mother)

✠mother (Erika and family)

healing of Irene Turner and Margarita Flores

#### **Tuesday (17)**

**7:30** our ✠Jesuits

healing of Gene Sazon

special intention of Adrienne

#### **Wednesday (18)**

**7:30** Jesuit vocations

living and ✠loved ones (Wohlfart Anna)

healing of Deling and Lawrence

**7 PM** a magyar politikusok megtérése

✠Gerencsér Ferenc (Hári Piri)

✠Kökényesi Elizabeth (Zizek Steve és Mária)

#### **Thursday (19)**

**7:30** the conversion of non believers

special intention of Fr Jenó Rigo

#### **Friday (20)**

**7:30** our benefactors (the Jesuits)

priests of St Elizabeth

#### **Saturday (21) Saint Peter Canisius**

**7:30** world peace

Etelka and Pál

✠Anne-Marie Fowell (Alexandra Fowell and family)

✠Chithra Ferdinand (Alexandra Fowell)

✠Agatha Leo (Alexandra Fowell)

special intention of Jay and Pauline

#### **The Holy Father's December prayer intentions**

**General:** That **children** who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

**Missionary:** That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the **Savior's coming**.

**Marriage (dec. 28)** Blake Pesterson & Miklósy Zsuzsanna

#### **PARISH EVENTS**

**Today, 15.** Crepe sale of the scouts **22.** Langos Sale of the Altar Servers **24.** Early Midnight Mass at 9 PM ❖ Christmas Carols at 11:15 PM, Scouts' Nativity play, followed by the Midnight Mass **25.** **Christmas** (Sunday Mass Schedule) **26.** Saint Stephen's Day; Mass at 11 AM and 3 PM (**No English morning Mass at 7:30 AM!**) ❖ Senior's Christmas in the Hall at 3 PM; please bring with you some sweet baked donations if you can **31.** Thanksgiving Mass at 6 PM ❖ New Year Eve's Party at 7 PM; please call the office to order tickets (\$70) **January 1.** New Year's Day – Sunday Mass Schedule **7.** Married Couples Club at 1 PM **11.** Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion classes **12.** Langos sale.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **Varga Emma**, the president of the Married Couples Club, received two awards for her volunteering in North York: one from Toronto mayor Rob Ford, and one from Jim Hart, General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation. She was actively involved in organizing the Senior Games. Congratulations!

### **Eight Gems from Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium***

His new apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, is a sweeping 224-page meditation on the state of the Church and its role in the world that touches on wide range of topics, from boring homilies and the brutalities of human trafficking to how to lead a true virtue-driven life. *Evangelii Gaudium* outlines Francis' vision in now-familiar terms. He seems concerned the Church is becoming more judgmental than merciful. He wants a Church that has the outgoing spirit of the pilgrim, always willing to joyfully bring the gospel to the ends of the earth—as opposed to a Church closed in on itself, languishing in the dull ennui of institutional inertia as history passes it by. And he worries that some Catholics have become too attached to the external forms of the faith, while their hearts have grown cold. (We read again about the 'obsession' with the 'disjointed transmission of a multitude of doctrines' and the 'neo-Pelagianism' of traditionalist Catholics.) Within his treatment of these broader themes, are numerous insights into the spiritual life and the challenges of the modern era. Here are eight:

**1. God's inexhaustible mercy.** One of the most important themes of *Evangelii Gaudium* is mercy, which Francis reminds us was viewed by St. Thomas Aquinas as the greatest of virtues. *Evangelii Gaudium* issues a passionate call for us to renew our commitment to mercy. Not only are we called to practice mercy, but also we are urged to not tire of seeking mercy from God: "*How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.*"

**2. Genuine religion is incarnate.** "*Genuine forms of popular religiosity are incarnate, since they are born of the incarnation of Christian faith in popular culture. For this reason they entail a personal relationship, not with vague spiritual energies or powers, but with God, with Christ, with Mary, with the saints. These devotions are fleshy, they have a face. They are capable of fostering relationships and not just enabling escapism,*" Francis writes. This fundamental characteristic of Catholic faith is a vital antidote to the two extremes so common in our culture: on the one hand, the materialist gospel of health and wealth, and, on the other, those forms of spirituality that seek total detachment from the body and deny the good of the created world.

**3. Faith is always a cross.** "*Faith always remains something of a cross; it retains a certain obscurity which does not detract from the firmness of its assent.*

*Some things are understood and appreciated only from the standpoint of this assent, which is a sister to love, beyond the level of clear reasons and arguments."*

**4. The way of beauty.** "*Every form of catechesis would do well to attend to the "way of beauty" (via pulchritudinis). Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties. Every expression of true beauty can thus be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus."*

**5. Life in community.** Another great theme of *Evangelii Gaudium* is Francis' emphasis on our divine call to live in community with others—a message that is sorely needed in a time when so many are drawn into what could be described as the 'interactive solitude' of virtual communities. The fact that we have been created in the image of Trinity—the perfect divine communion—reminds all of us that we are meant to live in communion with others, that no one is saved alone, Francis reminds us.

**6. Humility before Scripture.** Whenever we attempt to discern the meaning of a text, Francis says we are practicing "reverence for the truth," which he defines as "*the humility of heart which recognizes that we are neither its masters or owners, but its guardians, heralds, and servants.*" Scripture should not be portrayed in homilies as a behavioral code of conduct or a catalogue of "*abstract truths or cold syllogisms,*" he adds. Instead, homilies should "*communicate the beauty of the images to encourage the practice of good*" so the faithful "*sense that each word of Scripture is a gift before it is a demand.*"

**7. The most vulnerable—the unborn.** "*Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. ... Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative ... Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. ... This is not something subject to alleged reforms or 'modernizations.' It is not "progressive" to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."*

**8. The wounds of Christ.** "*Sometimes we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length. Yet Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others. He hopes that we will stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune and instead enter into the reality of other people's lives and know the power of tenderness"* (Stephen Beale)