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CHURCH BULLETIN – December 22, 2013 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, „God is with us”.

Readings: Is 7,10-14 Rom 1,1-7

Mt 1,18-24

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 ♦Barbolyás Lajos, 25. évforduló (özvegye)

♦Kovács Erzsébet édesanya (családjai)

♦Jáger szülők és testvérek (Jáger Sándor és családja)

♦szerettei (Ilonka és családja)

Barbara Bottini, 50. születésnap (Kolnhofer Edith)

hálából, barátaikért (Rita)

11:00 ♦Zsók István és ♦családja (Forrai család)

♦Stadler Ilona (Timea)

♦dr. Gálszéchy Gyula (Elek család)

♦Wohlfart János (Wohlfart Anna)

♦Kökényesi Erzsébet (Wohlfart Anna)

♦Miricz Gabriella, 1. évforduló (Somlai család)

♦Serke István és László (testvére és családja)

♦Barna József és Franciska (család)

Monday (23) Saint John of Kanty

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General

thanksgiving from Gene and Linda

Fr Fernando and Fr Jeff and the MMMP Seminarians

blessings on Rita Nagy

Tuesday (24)

7:30 our ♦Jesuits

♦Pekár Anna (daughter Mária)

9 PM Peterdy család (Bonnay család)

♦édesanya (lány)

♦Bonnay László (felesége és családja)

♦ifj. Deutsch Lajos (Bonnay család)

♦Balogh András (Bonnay család)

24:00 ♦Varazsdi Anna és Alajos (Évi és Zoli)

Évi, Zoli, Andrea, John, és Lianne ()

♦Erzsébet (Éva, Christy, Eric és Lilly)

♦Elek szülők (család)

♦Horváth Béla és Mária (bérmakeresztányuk)

Wednesday (25) Nativity of the Lord

9:00 ♦Nicklaus Tolnai (Nenita Tolnai)

♦férj és ♦fia (Málics Istvánné és családja)

♦Pozsonyi Mária (leánya Erzsébet)

♦Katona László (felesége és családja)

♦Molnár Erzsébet (Molnár Gyula, fia és 4 unokája)

11:00 Sinka család (család)

♦Berec Piroska (férje és családja)

♦Tóth Antal (felesége)

♦Filó Erzsébet (testvére Margit)

♦édesanya (leánya Margit)

Thursday (26) Saint Stephen

11:00 blessings on Aidan Sazon on his birthday

3 PM Etelka és Pál

Friday (27) Saint John

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

Thomas Gwozdz and family, on his birthday

(Gwozdz Katalin and Alföldy-Boruss Éva)

♦Kiss János (Teréz)

blessings for Miles Nathaniel

Saturday (28) Holy Innocents

7:30 world peace

Zoli (Évi)

Nickolai-Boruss Tamás, on his birthday (mother)

blessings for Noel Viola

1:00 marriage of Blake Peterson & Miklósy Zsuzsanna

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, 22. Langos Sale of the Altar Servers was cancelled **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 for 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.** Lángos sale **19.** Lunch of the Catholic Men's League.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre is pleased to sponsor the Toronto-area premiere of **"Mary of Nazareth"**, an epic new motion picture from Ignatius Press on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Come and Venerate the Saints! An exhibit of approximately 100 relics will be exposed to veneration including those of: a piece of the veil of Our Blessed Mother Mary, the True Cross, a piece of the Crown of Thorns, St. Joseph, the Apostles St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina, St. Rita, St. Bernadette and many more... Please join us for this exciting fundraising event and help us spread the word! (This film is not recommended for children under 11 years due to scenes showing the massacre of the Holy Innocents and the Crucifixion.) Date: **December 29.** Time: Saint Exhibit: 6:15 p.m., film: 7:15 p.m. Place: Don Bosco High School Auditorium, 2 St. Andrew's Boulevard, Toronto, ON (5 minutes south from HWY 401, off Islington Avenue). Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 youth 12-18 years.

Pope Francis' general audience on December 18:
The birth of Jesus demonstrates that God is on the side of humanity

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning,

Our meeting is taking place in the spiritual climate of Advent, made even more intense by the Holy Christmas Novena, which we are living in these days and which leads us to the Christmas celebrations. Because of this I would like to reflect with you today on the day of the birth of Jesus, feast of trust and hope, which overcomes uncertainty and pessimism. And the reason for our hope is this: God is with us and God has confidence in us again! But think well on this: God is with us and God has confidence in us again. This God Father is generous! He comes to dwell with men, chooses the earth as his dwelling to be together with man and have himself found where man spends his days in joy and sorrow. Therefore, the earth is no longer only a "vale of tears," but a place where God himself has pitched his tent; it is the place of God's encounter with man, of God's solidarity with men.

God willed to share our human condition to the point of becoming one with us in the person of Jesus, who is true man and true God. However, there is something that is even more surprising. The presence of God in the midst of humanity was not acted in an ideal, idyllic world, but in this real world, marked by so many good and evil things, marked by divisions, wickedness, poverty, arrogance and wars. He has chosen to inhabit our history as it is, with all the weight of its limitations and dramas. By doing so, He has demonstrated in an unsurpassable way his merciful inclination filled with love for human creatures. He is the God-with-us; Jesus is God-with-us. Do you believe this? Let us make this profession together: Jesus is God-with-us! Jesus is God-with-us always and forever in the sufferings and grief of history. Jesus' Birth is the manifestation that God has "aligned" himself once and for all on the side of man, to save us, to raise us from the dust of our miseries, of our difficulties, of our sins.

From whence comes the great "gift" of the Babe of Bethlehem: He brings us spiritual energy, an energy that helps us not to sink in our toils, in our despairs, in our sadness because it is an energy that warms and transforms the heart. Jesus' birth, in fact, brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and individually by God, and not only does He make this love known to us, but he gives it to us and communicates it to us! From the joyful contemplation of the mystery of the Son of God born for us, we can draw two considerations.

The first is that if at Christmas God reveals himself not as one who is on High and who controls the universe, but as one who abases himself, who descends on earth small and poor, it means that to be like him we must not put ourselves above others, but rather lower ourselves, putting ourselves at the service making ourselves little with the little and poor with the poor. But it is not nice to see a Christian who does not want to lower himself, who does not want to serve. A Christian who shows off everywhere is nasty: he is not a Christian, he is a pagan. A Christian serves, lowers himself. Let us work so that these brothers and sisters of ours will not feel alone!

The second consequence: if God, through Jesus, involved himself with man to the point of becoming like one of us, it means that whatever we have done to a brother or a sister we have done it to Him. Jesus himself reminded us of this: he who fed, welcomed, visited, loved one of the littlest and poorest among men, did it to the Son of God.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, so that she will help us this Holy Christmas, now near, to recognize in the face of our neighbor, especially of the weakest and most marginalized persons, the image of the Son of God made man. (December 18, 2013)