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CHURCH BULLETIN – March 16, 2014 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased;
listen to him!

Readings: Gen 12,1-4 2Tim 1,8b-10 Mt 17,1-9

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Tomasa Tolentino

elő és Laczkó és Várfi szülők és testvérek (Várfi család)

Hanusz Éva (Mátyás)

szülők és testvérek (Katona család)

11:00 Erzsike, születésnap (édesanyja)

Sárosi Irén és Zoltán (Dáb Marika és Jano)

Monday (17) Saint Patrick

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General

Blessings on David Colaco on his birthday

(Peter Carvalho)

blessings on Teresa Morado

Tuesday (18) Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

7:30 our Jesuits

Nicklaus Tolnai

repose of the soul of Patrick Jeganathan

K. Károly (wife)

the special intention of Adrienne and James

Wednesday (19) Saint Joseph

7:30 Jesuit vocations

the repose of the soul of Leon Viola

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

Thursday (20)

7:30 the conversion of non believers

the special intention of Ellie Aguilar

Friday (21)

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

blessings on all the priests of St. Elizabeth

7 PM Etelka and Pál

Árvai János (Lents Mihály és Anna)

Saturday (22)

7:30 world peace

Tina Carroll

the conversion of Lorne

PARISH EVENTS

March 16. Commemoration of the Revolution of 1848 in the Hall at 3 PM **22.** Hungarian School, Scouts, Confirmation classes **23.** Anniversary of the Consecration of our church; Luncheon at 12:30; to order tickets, please call Rita at 416-856-5369 (adults \$25, youth \$10, free under the age of 6) Scola Cantorum Lenten Concert, conducted by Imre Oláh at 2:30 **30.** first ShareLife collection **1.** MCC at 1 PM **6.** Crepes sale of the Scouts **13.** Bake sale of the MCC Family Festival in the Hall from 12-4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Lent, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday from 6:15 PM (in Hungarian), followed by Mass. Please join us if you can.

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to cherish being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide **Marriage Encounter Weekend** offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Weekend Date: **March 21-23.** Info: 905-896-2958 or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca

Pathways to Clinical and Spiritual Wellness: A New Beginnings Retreat on Saturday, **March 29, 2014** from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 640 Glenholme Avenue at Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto. Dr. Ken Fung will explore the pathways of Christian Spiritual Healing that restore wholeness, holiness and new life in accordance with God's will. The day includes presentation, discussion and prayer aimed at moving us away from false identities and forward toward the healing love of Jesus. A light lunch will be provided. Please register with Catholic Family Services of Toronto at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or 2235.

The Holy Father's March prayer intentions

Universal: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of **women.**

Missionary: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to **consecrate their lives** to proclaiming the Gospel.

❖ *So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential.”* (Thomas Cardinal Collins).
Wednesday, **April 9**, is the **Day of Confessions** throughout the Archdiocese.

❖ Join us to be renewed and inspired to live your faith to the fullest! The theme of the event is “Put on the Amour of God - **Understanding & Defending the Faith Event**”. The topics of the day: Ephesians 6, learning & defending our faith, and how we can live out our faith in today’s culture. The event features 3 talks by Steubenville & Lighthouse Catholic Media speaker, Steve Ray. And 1 talk given by Allan Smith, of the Fulton Sheen Mission Society. Location: 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton), Date: Saturday **April 12**. Info and tickets: 1-888-522-2070 or info@catholicchapterhouse.com.

❖ This year’s **Mass of Chrism** with Cardinal Thomas Collins will be on Tuesday, **April 15**, at 11 AM in St. Michael’s Cathedral. All are welcome.

❖ ❖ **Hungarians in Hollywood**. Music from movies you love. Celebration of iconic Hungarians who helped make film history (Tony Curtis, Sigmund Romberg, Miklós Rózsa, Zsazsa Gábor, George Cukor, Michael Curtiz). Sunday, **May 18th**, at 4 PM at the Isabel Bader Theatre. 93 Charles Street W, Toronto. With MASI and Szakcsi Lakatos Béla, Montreux jazz festival and Kossuth prize-winning pianist. Benefit Concert for the Hungarian Helicon Society. Under the patronage of the Consulate General of Hungary in Toronto. For tickets call 416 978-8849 or www.uofttix.ca.

Holy Father’s missionary prayer intention

All Christians are called to holiness. Our response takes different forms. Many respond through living generously the joys, cares and responsibilities of marriage and family life. Singles, too, follow their call to holiness in work, friendship and service. The Lord calls a few to dedicate their lives totally to His service in religious life.

‘God called, I responded’. Reflecting on his own story, an African companion noted that at first he thought he was deciding to shape his own life by joining a religious order. However, over the years he became more conscious that in fact it was God’s initiative; he was only following where God chose to lead him. When choosing his disciples, the gospel tells us,

‘Jesus called those whom he desired, and they came to him’. Jesus did not necessarily choose the brightest, the most able or the most virtuous. Rather, he chose those whom he desired. Thus a call to religious life rests on the Lord’s desire and plan for the particular person.

Religious life then is one particular way of responding to the call to holiness. Freedom to focus with an undivided heart on the Lord and his service is at the heart of this response. Fostering an ongoing personal and community relationship with God in prayer is central. Life together in community supports people in dedicating themselves to Him and to building up the Kingdom. Both as individuals and as a group ongoing conversion is needed. The scandals of recent decades remind us of the potential for human failure in religious life. And yet the Church believes that the Lord continues to call men and women to be with him and to serve him in this way of life.

It may be helpful to recall the wide diversity of religious life over the centuries. It started in the desert as a radical alternative to Christian life in the cities. It has often been a tiny presence in social life. At other times it has attracted many people. Numbers are not essential. Groupings decline and die, while new movements emerge and flourish. In whatever form, religious life points to the central call of the Lord, through focusing on him in prayer, community and service, often to people in great need. It is a way of life which is at the heart of the life of the Church, in its prayer and care for those in need, and in its ready response to emerging situations. Attentive to the Spirit, and drawing on their particular gifts, communities of religious are available to respond to the evolving needs of the Church and of the world, and in this way to proclaim the Gospel.

We join with the Holy Father in praying that many young men and women may hear the invitation to dedicate their lives in serving the Gospel in religious life. We pray that young people may receive support as they discern the Lord’s call. We pray for the renewal of religious life in our time. May religious communities grow in appreciation of their role in witnessing to the

Lord in prayer, community and service at the heart of the Church. *(Fr. Brian Mac Cuarta, SJ)*

Thoughts of St. Ignatius of Loyola

* The more desperate things seem, the more must we hope in God. When man’s aid fails, God’s is close at hand.

* A thing is worth just as much as God makes it worth.

* If the guide God chooses for you to follow were only a little dog, you should not complain, but at God’s command follow it willingly and gladly.