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CHURCH BULLETIN – March 30, 2014 – 4th Sunday of Lent

If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now that you say, "We see," your sin remains.

Readings: 1Sam 16,1b 6-7 10-13a
 Eph 5,8-14 Jn 9,1-41

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 †édesapa (Kovács György és családja)

†Györgypál Auguszta (családja)

11:00 Juhász András (gyermekei)

Farkas Ágnes felgyógyulása

Hálából (Szárics család)

Várfi és Laczkó családtagok

Varga Matild

†Wohlfart János (felesége és családja)

†Bukovec János (Adorján Gabriella és családja)

†Mary néni (Rozina)

†Törőcsik József (lánya Marika és családja)

†Gorzó Gyula és élő és †családtagjai (Piroska G.)

†Darabánt Ilona és élő és †családtagjai (Piroska G.)

†ifj. Bécsi Mátyás (Piroska G.)

†Smagin Katalin (Radocsay család)

Monday (31)

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General
conversion

†Bukovec János (Juhász Sándor and Márta)

the repose of the soul of Rosendo Ona

the repose of the souls of Ken and Imelda Muto

Tuesday (1)

7:30 our †Jesuits

healing of Margarita Flores

†Varazsdi Alajos, anniversary (Évi and Zoli)

†Hedi Heitler (Olivia)

the repose of the souls of Ken and Imelda Muto

daughters of Margitka (Juhász Márta)

†Margitka (her sister Juhász Márta)

benefactors

Wednesday (2) Saint Francis of Paola

7:30 Jesuit vocations

the special intention of Karin Adams

the repose of the souls of Ken and Imelda Muto

peace in families and nations

7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

a tisztítótűzben szenvedő lelkek (Adorján Gabriella)

Thursday (3)

7:30 the conversion of non believers

blessings on Helen Kauffman Mali

the repose of the souls of Ken and Imelda Muto

all the †faithful

Friday (4) Saint Isidore

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

the conversion of Mark

the repose of the souls of Ken and Imelda Muto

healing of the sick

7 PM családtagok megtérése

Szabolcs atya

Saturday (5) Saint Vincent Ferrer

7:30 world peace

Fr. Miklósházy Attila, on his birthday (Piri)

†Nagy and Erdős family members (family)

Nicklaus Tolnai

conversion of family members

the Fathers of our church

Etelka and Pál

blessings on Ellie and Dave

the repose of the souls of Ken and Imelda Muto

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.

Funeral: Bukovec János Sr (90), Pálmay Klára (90),
Körtvélyesi Ilona (93)

PARISH EVENTS

March 30. first ShareLife collection **1.** MCC at 1 PM **5.** Hungarian School, Scouts, Confirmation classes **6.** Crepe sale of the Scouts **12.** Bake sale of the MCC from 9-1 **13.** **Palm Sunday** ❖ Bake sale of the MCC, Debreceni lunch, Forgács Fánk and Potato Cakes from 9-1 ❖ Family Festival in the Hall from 12-4 **17.** **Holy Thursday;** 7 p.m. Lamentations; 7:30 Mass of

the Last Supper followed by Vigil until Midnight **18. Good Friday**; 3 p.m. Service of Our Lord's Passion, Homily, Holy Communion and Veneration of the Holy Sepulcher **19. Holy Saturday**; from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Veneration of the Holy Sepulcher; 7.30 p.m. Easter Vigil services, Mass and Procession **20. Easter Sunday**; Food blessing at the end of the 9 a.m. mass (office closed) **21. Easter Monday**; Mass at 11 AM **27. Divine Mercy Sunday** ❖ Cabbage Roll sale (MCC).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Sunday, **March 30**, is the first **ShareLife** collection. One of the themes of the Archdiocesan Pastoral plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. The ShareLife appeal is one of the primary ways that we demonstrate our commitment to serving the needs of others. This year, we need to emphasize more than ever the importance of the campaign to our agencies, and invite all parishioners to make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife.

❖ **"Living with Loneliness"**, a talk by Dennis Costello, on Tuesday, **April 1st** at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 1155 Yonge Street.

❖ **Hike and prayer: urban way of the cross.** Saturday, **April 5**, 10 a.m. Meeting on the steps of St. Patrick's Church, 131 McCaul St, Toronto. Faith Connections invites all young adults 18-39 to join us for a Lenten hike — an urban Way of the Cross — in downtown Toronto. Nurture your spiritual life while exploring interesting areas of our beautiful city! It's a chance to meet like-minded young adults who hope to find God through spiritual and physical activity. Info: 416-467-2645

Pope Francis: do not turn away with prejudice, the encounter with Jesus changes our lives

Pope Francis on Sunday urged his listeners not to be afraid, judgmental or prejudiced. The Lord's mercy is far greater than any prejudice. Speaking to some 40,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, the Pope reflected on the reading from John that tells of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.

"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' In this way he cut across the barriers of hostility that existed between Jews and Samaritans, crushing the prejudice that existed in relating to women. Jesus' request signals the beginning of an open dialogue, through which, with great delicacy, He entered the interior world of a person to whom, according to social convention, He should not even have spoken to. But this is exactly what Jesus does! Jesus is not afraid. When Jesus sees a person he goes towards that person because he is filled with love. He loves all of us. He does not stop before anyone because of prejudice. Jesus does not judge, but acknowledges each person making him or her feel considered and recognized, and stimulating

that person to go beyond their daily 'routine'.

The thirst Jesus speaks of is not so much a thirst for water, but to quench the thirst of an arid soul. Jesus needs to meet the Samaritan woman to open up her heart: he asks her for a drink to highlight her own thirst. The woman was touched by this meeting and asks Jesus some deep questions that each of us harbor, but often ignore.

We too have many questions that we would like to ask, but we lack the courage to turn to Jesus! Lent is the right time to look inside ourselves, allow our deep spiritual needs to come to the surface, and to ask the Lord for help in prayer. The example of the Samaritan woman invites us to say: Jesus, give me that water that will quench me in eternity.

The Gospel tells of Jesus' disciples' amazement when they discovered that their Master had spoken to her. But the Lord is greater than prejudice, that's why he was not afraid to speak to the Samaritan: mercy is greater than prejudice, and Jesus is very merciful.

The result of that meeting at the well was that the woman was transformed: leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and told the people of her meeting with a man 'who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?' She was so happy. She had gone to the well to draw water and she found the living water, the spring of living water welling up to eternal life. She ran to the village which had always judged and rejected her and announced that she had encountered the Messiah who had changed her life. Each encounter with Jesus changes our life, forever.

In this Gospel reading we too can find the stimulus to 'leave our water jar', the symbol of all that appears to be important, but that loses its value before 'the love of God'. We all have one, or more than one! I ask you, and I ask myself: 'what is your water jar, the one that weighs you down and takes you far from God?' Let's leave it aside and with our hearts listen to the voice of Jesus who is offering us another kind of water, the water that brings us close to the Lord.

We all must rediscover the importance and the sense of our Christian life, and just as the Samaritan woman did, bear witness of it to our brothers. Bear witness to the joy stemming from our encounter with Jesus.

Thoughts of St. Ignatius of Loyola

* A rough and unshapen log has no idea that it can be made into a statue that will be considered a masterpiece, but the carver sees what can be done with it. So many seem to know scarcely anything of the Christian life and do not understand that God can mould them into saints, until they put themselves into the hands of that almighty Artisan.

* To gain men's goodwill in God's service we must become all things to all men; for men's hearts are gained by nothing so much as by similarity of habits and interests.