

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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

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CHURCH BULLETIN – May 25, 2014 – 6th Sunday of Easter

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

Readings: Acts 8,5-8.4-17; 1Pet 3,15-18; Jn 14,15-21 **WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:**

- †ifj. Málics Istvánért (édesanyja és testvérei) †szülőkért (Rita)
- Fischer és Mecker családtagokért (Rita)
- Bek és Belső családtagok lelki üdvéért (Bek család)
 11:00 az I. és II. világháborúban elesett katonákért
- élő és +szeretteiért (Márta)
- Paál szülőkért (lányuk Horváth Ilona és családja)
- *Kohányi Helenért (Íca, Panni, és Carolyne)
- Meszesán Mihályért (családja)
- +Fitter Mária Inokainé emlékére (család)
- +édesanyáért (Erika)

Monday (26) Saint Philip Neri

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General thanksgiving for blessings on Osmond and Gloria Remedios (Peter Carvalho)

Tuesday (27)

7:30 our +Jesuits

the repose of the soul of Betty Putrich (Peter Carvalho) Wednesday (28)

7:30 Jesuit vocations

- ♥Julie and Gilbert Tellis
- 7 PM a magyar politikusok megtéréséért

Thursday (29)

- **7:30** the conversion of non believers
 - Nazareth family, special intention

<u>Friday (30)</u>

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

Saturday (31) Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 world peace Etelka and Pál

The Holy Father's May prayer intentions <u>Universal</u>: That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

<u>Missionary</u>: That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

Baptism: Sárközy Paris

Confirmation: Bagi Délia, Dolmányos Emily Teresa, Farkas Ibolya Szeréna, Farkas Tímea Bianka, Percy Melanie Mária Zita, Pulins Brigitta Katherine, Shibata Jason Shawn

Funeral: Kohányi Helen (72)

3rd ShareLife collection (Next Sunday, June 1st)

PARISH EVENTS

May 25. Lángos sale of the Altar Servers 31. End of year celebration of the Hungarian School Concert of Scola Cantorum at 7 PM 1. Third ShareLife collection
Crepe sale of the Scouts 3. MCC meeting at 1 PM
7. End of year celebration of the Hungarian School and High School 8. Mass of the Altar Servers 15. Fundraising schnitzel and bake sale of Caritas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to the annual spring concert of Scola Cantorum on Saturday, May 31 at 7 PM. The program includes: Schubert Messe in G major and works by Zoltán Kodály. Guest soloists: Rebekka Pulins and Emma Blackburn harp; Renee Hanna Anton violin. Soloists: Christa Lazar soprano, Adam Lipcsey tenor, Laszlo Lengyel bass. Tickets: Adults \$20; Student \$10. Following the concert the choir invites the audience to stay for a reception. Info: scola.cantorum@gmail.com or 416-441-9300.

Faith Connections' Theology on tap: Radical Gratitude, on Monday, May 26, 7 PM-9 PM at Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave. All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for an evening of thoughtprovoking conversation on theological topics! Special guest: Mary Jo Leddy B.A.; B.Ed.; M.A.; Ph.D, Lecturer in Religion & Society. Munchies provided, cash bar available — come and bring a friend! More info: call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645.

Marian Day of Prayer: "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph". Listen to inspiring testimonies of how the Blessed Virgin Mary changed the lives of a former professional body-builder, rock & roll artist, newspaper publisher, playboy to priest. Saturday, May 31, 9 AM - 6 PM at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Dr. Tickets \$15/adv., \$20/door. Youth \$7. Clergy: Free. Tel. 416-251-4245. www.MarianDay.ca.

Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat on Saturday June 7th from 2-4:30 PM. Guest Speaker: Father Eric Rodrigues. Meditation: "Come Holy Spirit: From Virtue to Beatitude." St. Brigid's Church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd.

♦ Faith Connections' Barbecue - Celebrating Summer! Thursday, June 12, 6 PM-8:30 PM. Home of the Presentation Brothers and Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, 15 Laxton Ave. Come hang out with other young adults (18-39 years) at our summer barbecue and enjoy an evening of social, laughter, and food! RSVP required by June 5, call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645.

Mary, Star of Evangelization

Let us contemplate Mary Most Holy in the mystery of her Visitation. We recognize in the Virgin Mary who goes to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth the clearest example and the truest meaning of our journey as believers and of the journey of the Church herself. The Church is missionary by her very nature, she is called to proclaim the Gospel everywhere and always and to pass on the faith to every man and woman, and to every culture.

"In those days", wrote St Luke the Evangelist, "Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah" (Lk 1: 39). Mary's is a real missionary journey. It leads her far from home, impels her into the world to places alien to her daily habits; in a certain sense it stretches her to her maximum capacity. Here, also for all of us, lies the secret of our lives as men and women and Christians. Our existence as individuals and as Church is projected outside ourselves. As had happened to Abraham, we are asked to come out of ourselves, from where we feel safe, to reach out to others in different places and surroundings. It is the Lord who asks this of us: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1: 8). And it is once again the Lord who sets us on this path beside Mary as our travelling companion and caring mother. She reassures us, for she reminds us that the Son, her Jesus, is always with us as he promised: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28: 20).

The Evangelist notes that "Mary remained with her"

(with her relative Elizabeth) "about three months" (Lk 1: 56). These simple words explain the most immediate purpose of Mary's journey. She knew from the Angel that Elizabeth was expecting a son and that she was already in her sixth month (Lk 1: 36). However Elizabeth was elderly and the closeness of Mary, still very young, could be helpful to her. For this reason Mary visits her and stays with her about three months in order to offer her that affectionate closeness, that practical help and all those daily services she needed. Elizabeth thus becomes the symbol of many elderly and sick people indeed, of all who are in need of help and love. And how many of them there are today too in our families, in our communities and in our cities! And Mary who had described herself as "the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1: 38) makes herself the servant of human beings. More precisely, she serves the Lord whom she encounters in her brethren.

Yet Mary's charity does not stop at material assistance but reaches its summit in giving Jesus himself, in "favouring an encounter with him". Once again, it is St Luke who emphasizes this: "When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb" (Lk 1: 41). We are thus at the heart and culmination of the evangelizing mission. We have come to the truest meaning and most genuine purpose of every missionary journey: to give people the living and personal Gospel which is the Lord Jesus himself. And Jesus' Gospel is a communication and a gift which as Elizabeth testifies fills the heart with joy: "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my years, the babe in my womb leaped for joy" (Lk 1: 44). Jesus is the only true treasure to give to humanity that we possess. It is for him that the men and women of our time have a deep longing, even when they seem to ignore or to reject him. It is for him that the society, in which we live, has so great a need.

This extraordinary responsibility is entrusted to us. Let us live it with joy and commitment, so that ours may truly be a civilization in which truth, justice, freedom and love prevail. (*Benedict XVI, 31 May 2010*)

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move "with haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did. Amen.(Pope Francis, 31 May 2013)