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CHURCH BULLETIN – July 27, 2014 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kingdom of Heaven is more valuable than any other treasure.

Readings: 1 Kings 3,5. 7-12 Rom 8,28-30
 Mt 13,44-52

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
Holy Discalced Carmelite Friars/Brothers (Patricia Lim)
élő és Pászti családtagokért

11:00 hálaából Szent Antalnak, családért (S.T.K.)
hálaából Szűzanyának, gyerekek sikereiért (S.T.K.)
Juhász Mártáért és Sándorért, házassági évforduló
(Adorján Gabriella)

B. Marika születésnapjára (barátnője Erzszi)
Kistóth Béla felgyógyulásáért (Mézes testvérek)
Hámori Ibolya felgyógyulásáért (Babi)
hálaából (Babi)

Fodor Sándor felgyógyulásáért (barátok)
†Bodnár István gk. esperes lelki üdvéért
(Adorján Gabriella)

†Szalontai Kenéz Mihályért (felesége Erzsébet)
Belső és Bek családok †tagjaiért (Ilonka)
†szülőkért (Radocsay Anna és családja)
†Sztanyó Marikáért (Radocsay Anna és családja)

Monday (28)

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General
Holy Discalced Carmelite Friars/Brothers (Patricia Lim)
For blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
For the repose of the soul of Emiliano Silverio

Tuesday (29) Saint Martha

7:30 our †Jesuits
Holy Discalced Carmelite Friars/Brothers (Patricia Lim)
For blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
blessings on Natalie Grace Carvalho, on her birthday
For Pinky Luspo, on her birthday
For the special intention of James and Adrienne

Wednesday (30)

7:30 Jesuit vocations
Holy Discalced Carmelite Friars/Brothers (Patricia Lim)
For blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
Thanksgiving from Gene and Linda
For the special intentions of Jay and Pauline

Thursday (31) Saint Ignatius of Loyola SJ

7:30 the conversion of non believers
thanksgiving for the 30 years of Jesuit service of Fr.
Sajgó (Rita)

Holy Discalced Carmelite Friars/Brothers (Patricia Lim)
For blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
For a successful surgery of Margarita Flores
For healing of Madeline and Richard

Friday (1) Saint Alphonsus Mary Liguori

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)
Fr. Sajgó (Patricia Lim)
For the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina)
For blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
For the special intention of Rita Nagy
†Náday László, on his birthday (family)

7 PM családtagok megtéréséért
Szabolcs atyáért

Saturday (2) Bl. Peter Faber SJ

7:30 world peace
Etelka and Pál
Fr. Sajgó (Patricia Lim)
For the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina)
For blessing and protection of Fr Fernando Suarez
conversion of family members
the Fathers of our church
For blessings on Aidan, Miles, and Baby Olivia
†Nagy and Erdős family members (family)
†father (Erika and family)

The Holy Father's July prayer intentions

Universal: That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

Missionary: That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

PARISH EVENTS

August 16. Pilgrimage to Midland; bus leaves at 8 AM, Mass in Hungarian at 11 AM, Way of the Cross at 2:30 PM, arriving back at 6 PM (\$35). You can still join us, presently there are 22 persons interested
September 18-21. Silent retreat in Ancaster with Fr. Jenő (\$280).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ There will be elections to our **Parish Council** in the Hall on **October 12 and 19**. Our pastor is asking all the parishioners to actively participate both in elections and in preparing the elections by nominating candidates, who are able and willing to represent the interests of our congregation at the Parish Council meetings. The nominated candidate has to agree to his or her nomination by signing the nomination form available at the back of the church. Please leave the signed nomination form in the church office. The deadline is September 21.

❖ The Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History and the Munk School of Global Affairs with support from the Canadian Armed Forces proudly present: **“1914-1918 In Memoriam. The war that changed the world.”** Witness the pageantry. Remember the sacrifices. **July 31**, 7:30 pm – 9 pm, Varsity Stadium, 299 Bloor St West. Presentations by professor, University of Oxford and General Thomas J. Lawson, Canadian Armed Forces. Musical performances by the Massed Band of the Canadian Armed Forces. For free tickets go to www.rstworldwar.utoronto.ca/in-memoriam/.

❖ Come and adore the Lord at a Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat on Saturday **August 2nd** from 2 PM to 4:30 PM. Guest Speaker Father Charles Anang: **“St. Francis de Sales: (2) The Little Virtues”** St. Brigid’s church, 300 Wolverleigh Blvd.

❖ Living joy - A **Retreat for Young Adults** on Friday, **August 8** – Sunday, August 10, in London, Ontario. Join other young adults (18-39) and Sisters of St. Joseph on a pilgrimage to London, Ontario. Together we will pray, serve, reflect and learn about living the joy of the gospel! Meals will be provided. Carpooling available. Early Bird Registration by June 15: \$100. Regular Registration by July 21: \$125. (If cost is an issue, please contact us.) To register, call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645

Our whole world is holy

The opening prayer at today’s liturgy is what most caught my attention in preparing a homily. It is one of the more stunningly beautiful, optimistic, thoroughly Ignatian prayers of the year. (Perhaps I was so struck remembering that in only a few days we will celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Ignatius of Loyola.)

The prayer asks for the grace to just pay attention to aspects of life that too often pass unnoticed, or just get taken for granted. It invites us to live – even if just for a moment – in the now. Right now. I think of a small book that has sold millions of copies around the world over the past ten years. It is called simply *The Power of Now* by Eckhard Tolle. Pause and breathe. [Go ahead, breathe; it shouldn’t hurt.] Be here now and...

Listen again to the church’s prayer – just in case it floated by without too much notice a few minutes ago.

“Gracious God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation.” St. Ignatius says: watch and listen to how God labors throughout all creation in love. In love for you and me, God labors. This world – out there and in here – is not just a dazzling finished product from eons ago. Creation itself continues to labor in love to produce such splendor.

Breathe again – see the trees sway in a gentle breeze; hear the rustle of the breeze; feel the sun; smell the flower. Let God open your eyes. That is the church’s prayer today.

And it continues: *“Gracious God open our eyes to see your hand in the beauty of human life.”* We can all see too often the darkness, and the suffering, and the cruelty of human life. We are almost programmed to fixate on all that goes wrong, on all that seems so dark. I am reminded of a short poem by Mary Oliver called *“The Uses of Sorrow.”* It reads: *“Someone I once loved gave me / a box full of darkness. / It took me years to understand / that this, too, was a gift.”*

The prayer continues: *“Touched by your hand, our whole world is holy.”* The whole world – not just the gentle parts, or the beautiful parts, or the agreeable parts. But the whole world: the majestic and powerful parts, the awesome aspects, even the dreadful shocks of tremendous events without comprehension. All is holy by God’s hands. To borrow from theologian Rudolf Otto: *Deus fascinans* and *tremens*, God always alluring and shimmering with delight; yet God always awesome and tremendous in sheer power.

Ignatius says: Spend just a moment in the Trinity of love as they look upon the void and replicate their own identity in love. And from the mythical Ignatian heights, above the universe itself, the world in all its splendor, in all its holiness, appears. This whole universe, and all in it – including us – is touched and holy!

Our prayer continues: *“Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us.* Help us to share all these blessings with each other. Help us to experience the joy of life in your presence, aware of your presence.

Breathe again. And with the ancient Psalmist, and with St. Ignatius, ask yourself in the breath: Who am I that God should have created me, little less than the angels, and given it all to me in love?

Can we ask for the same wisdom and understanding of Solomon in his prayer today? Can we know with St. Paul that truly *“all things work for good for those who love God?”* In this gentle moment of Now, can we wonder with Jesus for what would we sell all we have? Or search out the one pearl that would make life all worthwhile?

Brothers and Sisters, it is all gift! Even the darkness. Don’t make the mistake to pray to ask God to change even one thing. Pray to have the courage to change yourself; to have the courage to live with eyes and heart open, aware of the gift, and breathing always in the Now. Saint Ignatius says: Amen! (*J.A. Loftus, SJ*)