

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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CHURCH BULLETIN - November 23, 2014 - Christ the King

Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.

Founded in 1928

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 PNagy Máriáért (fia és családja)

†szülőkért és nagyszülőkért (Acsai Ferenc és csal.)

♦Molnár Erzsébetért (férje, fia és 4 unokája)

11:00 Brother Feigl születésnapjára (Piri)

Mónika születésnapjára (édesanyja és keresztanyja)

†Kovács László születésnapjára (családja)

†Szilárd Ilséért

♦Wohlfart Jánosért (szerettei)

a színtársulat †tagjaiért (színtársulati tag)

Palatkai Etelkáért (Erzsi és a család)

Padányi Istvánért, 10. évforduló

Padányi Ernőért

†Aykler Domokosért

†szeretteikért és barátaikért (család)

†Eugene Cachiáért (Szendi Ica)

†Varga Eszterért (Balogh László és családja)

+Czikajló Tamásért (Német Ágnes)

Monday (24) St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General

Tuesday (25)

7:30 our +Jesuits

†szülőkért (lányuk Stefánia)

Wednesday (26) Saint John Berchmans

7:30 Jesuit vocations

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért Nagy Ritáért

Thursday (27)

7:30 the conversion of non believers

*Kotsis Istvánné, született Házi Margitért

(Házy Imre és Ildikó, Házi Jenő és Anna)

Friday (28)

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

Saturday (29)

7:30 world peace

Etelka and Pál

The Holy Father's November prayer intentions

Universal: That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

Missionary: That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

PARISH EVENTS

29. Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes ❖ Bake Sale of the Hungarian School in the Gym ❖ Katalin Dinner and Dance ❖ Movie Night and sleepover of the Youth Club at 7 PM 30. First Sunday of Advent Sake Sale of the Hungarian School in the Hall ❖ Meeting of the Hungarian Youth groups of Ontario at 12 PM in the School ❖ General Assembly of the Hungarian House in the Hall at 2 PM 2. Married Couples Club at noon 6. Advent Mass of the Hungarian School at 11:15 AM � Christmas Potluck of the Kodály Ensemble at 3 PM 7. Crepe Sale of the Scouts 13. Christmas Performance of the Hungarian School & Scout's Christmas & Advent Concert of Scola Cantorum 14. Sausage sale of the Married Couples Club; to order call 416-225-9024 (Varga Emma) **20.** Christmas Evening of Pax Romana in the Hall at 8 PM 21. Bake sale of the Youth Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Contemplative Advent Practices for Those Who Are Experiencing Loss on November 29 at St. Norbert's Church, 100 Regent Rd. This Advent, rediscover the wealth that our faith tradition and Ignatian contemplative prayer has to offer us as we wait in abiding hope. Light lunch will be provided. Preregistration necessary. Call Mary Benincasa at 416-921-1163, ext. 2235.
- Hungarian youth synod. The Youth Coordinator, Hanna Tomory at St. Elizabeth Church, invites all associations (Scouts, Kodaly Dancing, Helicon, Magyar Schools, etc. who run programs for Hungarian teenagers in Ontario) to send 1-2 representatives to the Hungarian School at 12 PM on November 30 to discuss how to re-energize your events to keep more youth involved! Topics (among others): what prevents your group from growing? What prevents you from organizing more events for youth? How could we improve communication between groups? Should we

launch a Canadian Hungarian non-profit umbrella organization to serve the youth better? Please RSVP your organization's attendance by emailing the contact info of your representative to: szte.ifjusag@gmail.com . We welcome ideas/questions from anyone about how to keep our teenagers rooted in Hungarian culture!

- Emma Varga will be accepting donations for Father Jaschko's Missionary Christmas Card Club on Sun, Nov. 30th and Sun. Dec, 7th, from 10 AM to 12 Noon in the room opposite the Office.
- ❖ Join us for an Advent Retreat and discover the richness of waiting for the greatest gift of all. Branches Catholic Ministries will be hosting an Advent Retreat during the day on December 6 at St. Denis Parish in St. Catharines, Ontario and at St. Joseph Parish in Grimsby, Ontario, and an evening concert and talk at St. Ann Parish in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Advent 2014 will feature edifying talks from Vinny Flynn, Fr. Richard Kowalchuk, Fr. Paul McDonald, Mother Olga, and Dr. Edward Sri as well as music by Marian Grace. Early Bird Registration and Group Discounts available. Lunch is included in the cost of registration. Evening concert with Marian Grace and talk at St. Ann Parish is open to the public (Freewill Offering). Register online at www.go2branches.com or call (905) 685-7000.
- ♦ St Elizabeth Scola Cantorum conducted by Imre Olah and the Children's Choir conducted by Christa Lazar invite you and your family for their annual Christmas Concert! Program: Pachelbel Magnificat, Eszterházy Harmonia Celestis and Christmas Carols. When: Saturday, December 13, at 5 p.m. Where: St. Elizabeth RC Church (432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto). Tickets: Adults \$20; Students \$10. Following the concert the choir invites the audience to stay for a reception and silent auction. Tickets and further information: scola.cantorum@gmail.com or (416) 441 9300. http://www.scolacantorum.ca/

Christ the King

Most people may not realize it, but the feast we celebrate this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is a very new one on the church calendar. It was added by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He created this feast as a reaction against the prevailing attitudes of his day – a way to refute the growing threats of communism and secularism. Two "isms" that sought to make man, not God, the most powerful force in the world. Within a few years, of course, the world would have another "ism" to confront, totalitarianism – making this feast even more significant.

A century later, those threats have been replaced by others that tend to marginalize God—"isms" like materialism or relativism. But here and now, this feast still stands in defiance of our culture. And it stands before us as a challenge. It asks us: "Who – or WHAT — really rules our lives?" That's a question we could spend all of Advent asking ourselves, and praying over. And maybe we should.

But today, I want to spend a few minutes considering not just Christ the King – but Christ's kingdom. Because this feast reminds us what we pray for, day after day, week after week, when we pray "thy kingdom come"

This kingdom doesn't have a castle or a court. It isn't a place of royal fanfare. It isn't even found on a map. It is a kingdom that dwells within the human heart. And its great defining landmark...is the cross.

That is where we encounter Christ the King in today's gospel reading. In fact, this reading may hit us as a shock. Usually, we hear this gospel during Holy Week. But on this feast, when we celebrate Christ's triumphant presence in the world, we don't meet this all-powerful King in a moment of splendor. We meet Him at his most humble — and most humiliated. Stripped. Beaten. Dying on a cross.

Yet, this is part of what we pray for when we pray "Thy kingdom come." We pray for a kingdom of peace and justice, of course. But we also pray for a kingdom of sacrificial love — a place where the greatest honor isn't in how much you have or how much you control...but in how much you give up. A kingdom where true power lies...in being powerless. It is a place where we are called to love, and to give, until there is nothing left. It is where pure love reigns.

I mentioned at the beginning that this Feast is relatively new to the Church – but what it represents is as old as Christianity itself. A father of the Church, Cyril of Jerusalem, beautifully described how the first Christians received communion, saying that they "made their hands like a throne" to receive the Lord. The very title "Christ the King" has outlasted most of the world's monarchies. Kings, of course, have fallen out of fashion — there are only about 40 real monarchs now ruling in the world. Most of them are just figureheads.

But the one we honor and celebrate today, of course, isn't. As Paul describes him today: he is the "firstborn of all creation...for in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."

This is the one we celebrate. This is the one we prepare to welcome in a few weeks. And, this is the one we will greet this morning, with our hands outstretched like a throne.

When I was a teenager, a popular hymn was "The King of Glory." I won't torture you by singing it. But I remember the lyrics so well: "The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices, open the gates before him, lift up your voices."

This morning, on this singular feast, this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we open the gates. We lift up our voices. We stretch out our hands.

And we welcome this King of Glory into our hearts, praying like the good thief: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom (http://www.patheos.com)