

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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Masses in Hungarian: Wednesdays 7 PM, Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM

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CHURCH BULLETIN - January 4, 2015 - Epiphany od the Lord

We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

Founded in 1928

Mt 2,1-12

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Ritáért és Ritáért (Engyel család)

♦Németh családtagokért (Ilonka és családja)

Paul Lim & family (Patricia Lim)

11:00 Andrea egészségéért (édesanyja Anamária)

Farkas Julie születésnapjára (Terri és Frank)

Mária Kongregáció élő és †tagjaiért

élő és †Szendi és Szervó családtagokért (Szendi család)

†dr. Balogh Istvánért (Majzik és Lechner családok)

+Sister Mary Ágnes Pitzerért (Julie, Terri és Frank)

♦MacMillan Donért és Bettyért (Julie, Terri és Frank)

Danicsek Ursuláért (Stefánia)

Monday (5)

the intention of the Jesuit General thanksgiving for blessings on Natalie, Sarah and Ryan (Peter Carvalho)

Michael Lee (Miriam Leung)

Paul Lim & family (Patricia Lim)

Tuesday (6)

7:30 our +Jesuits

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Wednesday (7) Saint André Bessette

7:30 Jesuit vocations

Joseph Ryu, special intention

Paul Lim & family (Patricia Lim)

7 PM a magyar politikusok megtéréséért

a tisztítótűzben szenvedő lelkekért (lca)

Thursday (8)

the conversion of non believers

blessings on Francis, on his birthday (Peter Carvalho)

†Fr. Máté, on his birthday (Piri)

Paul Lim & family (Patricia Lim)

Friday (9)

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

†Lali (wife)

Paul Lim & family (Patricia Lim)

Saturday (10)

7:30 world peace

Etelka and Pál

Paul Lim & family (Patricia Lim)

The Holy Father's January prayer intentions

Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

good health and blessings on Berna Carvalho

(Peter Carvalho)

Missionary: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

PARISH EVENTS

10. Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes 11. Sausage and meat lunch of the Catholic Men's League (\$15) 18. Ecumenical prayer service at 3 PM, followed by reception in the Hall 24. Dinner and Dance of the Scouts 25. Bake Sale of Kodály ensemble 1. Blessings of candles before the 9 AM Mass, blessings of throats after both Masses � Cabbage rolls and debreceni sale of the MCC 3. MCC meeting at 12 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Kolbe Eucharistic Mini-Retreat on January 10, 2-4:30 PM, at St. Brigid's Church. 300 Wolverleigh Blvd. Join us for Eucharistic adoration, prayer, praise and worship. Fr. Bobby V. Cena will give an inspiring talk on "The Nine Invitations of Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, Part One." See www.kolbeapostolate.com for more information.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015 **Ecumenical Prayer Service** with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis, and other city-wide religious leaders on Sunday, January 25, 4 PM. Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street (2 blocks North of Yonge Street and St.

Clair Avenue at Heath Street). Parking is available, Refreshments to follow in parish hail. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or vkwok@ archtoronto.org.

- ❖ Faith and Reason Lecture Series: Theology of the Family with Fr. Thomas M. Rosica, on Wednesday, **January 28**, from 7-8:30 PM at the Newman Centre, 89 St. George St. More information: sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com.
- ❖ Come and See Weekend for young men discerning a possible call to the priesthood. The Love of Christ urges us on to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call. January 30th to February 1st at St. Augustine's Seminary. This will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years and older to spend a weekend with time for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood. For more info please contact the church office.
- ❖ For the **February 1** sale you can order cabbage rolls and debreceni from Emma Varga: 416-225-9024.

Pope Francis: May it be a year of peace!

Dear brothers and sisters,

On this first day of the year, in the joyful atmosphere of Christmas, the Church invites us to fix our gaze of faith and of love on the Mother of Jesus. In her, the humble woman of Nazareth, "the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14). Because of this it is impossible to separate contemplation of Jesus, the Word of life Who is made visible and tangible (cf. 1 Jn 1:1), from contemplation of Mary, who has given Him her love and her human flesh.

Today we hear the words of the Apostle Paul: "God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Gal 4:4). That "born of a woman" speaks in an essential manner, and for this reason even more strongly, expresses the true humanity of the Son of God. As a Father of the Church, St Athanasius, affirms, "Our Saviour was truly man, and from that comes the salvation of all humanity" (Letter to Epictetus: PG 26).

But St Paul also adds "born under the law" (Gal 4:4). With this expression he emphasizes that Christ has taken up the human condition, freeing it from the closed, legalistic mentality. In fact, the law deprived of grace becomes an insupportable yoke, and instead of being good for us it is bad for us. This, then, is the end for which God sent His Son to earth to become man: a finality of liberation; indeed, of regeneration. Of liberation, "to ransom those under the law" (v. 5); and the ransom occurred with the death of Christ on the Cross. But especially of regeneration: "so that we

might receive adoption as sons" (v. 5). Incorporated in Him, men and women really become children of God. This amazing transition takes place in us with Baptism, which grafts us into Christ as living members, and inserts us into the Church.

At the beginning of a new year, it is good to remember the day of our Baptism: we rediscover the gift received in that Sacrament which has regenerated us to new life – the divine life. And this through Mother Church, which has as a model Mother Mary. Thanks to Baptism we were introduced into communion with God and we are no longer at the mercy of evil and sin, but [rather] we receive the love, the tenderness, the mercy of the heavenly Father.

This closeness of God to our existence gives us true peace, the divine gift that we want especially to implore today, the World Day of Peace. "No longer slaves, but brothers": this is the Message of this Day. It is a message that involves all of us. We are all called to combat every form of slavery and to build fraternity — all of us, each one according to his or her own responsibility.

To Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, we present our good intentions. We ask you to extend the mantle of your maternal protection over each and every one of us in the new year: O Holy Mother of God despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Dear brothers and sisters! Happy New Year to everyone! May it be a year of peace in the tender embrace of the Lord and with the maternal protection of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother.

Please, do not forget to pray for me! Buon pranzo, and arrivederci! (www.zenit.org)

Thoughts of St. Ignatius of Loyola

- * Change of climate does not involve change of life. The imperfect man will be much the same wherever he is, until he has forsaken himself.
- * It is wrong to entrust difficult and dangerous affairs to the strength of young people.
- * One rare and exceptional deed is worth far more than a thousand commonplace ones.
- * You may be sure that the progress you make in spiritual things will be in proportion to the degree of your withdrawal from self-love and concern for your own welfare.
- * Nothing worthy of God can be done without earth being set in uproar and hell's legions roused.
- * You must strive much harder to tame the inner than the outer man, to break the spirit than the bones.
- * Great is the liberality of God: from him I obtain what I cannot get from men. Though they give me nothing, I shall gain all things from God.