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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – August 30, 2015 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.

Readings: Deut 4.1-2, 6-8 Da 1.17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

for Fr. Sajgó

Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

♦Nagy Erzsébetért (család)

†Varga Katalinért (Pickó család)

+Hudik Jánosért (Hudik Gizella)

11:00 Pistiért és Pistikéért, születésnap

(mami és nagymama)

†hozzátartozókért (Nusi)

♦ Mátyás Margitért (fia és családja)

†Ernst Cloer-ért (lánya és családja)

Monday (31)

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

for Fr. Sajgó

Thanksgiving (Tellis family)

Tuesday (1)

7:30 for our \$\phi\$Jesuits

for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

for the Holy Souls

blessings on Simone Carvalho, on her birthday

(David Colaco)

Wednesday (2)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

for †Derényi Jenő (Derényi Szilvia and family)

Thursday (3) Saint Gregory the Great

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

Friday (4)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

7 PM for Fischer Rita

for Fr. Sajgó Szabolcs

for **†**Kovács László

for †husband (wife)

for the holy souls in purgatory (Ica)

Saturday (5)

7:30 for world peace

for priestly and religious vocations

for holiness in families

for Etelka and Pál

for \$\rightarrow\$Erdős and Nagy family members (family)

for *Julie Tellis

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for September

<u>Universal</u>: That **volunteers** may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: That setting aside our very selves

we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

Baptism: Herczeg Alexander, Tearne Hudson

Marriage: Nádas János - Tausz Katalin

PARISH EVENTS

September 1. MCC meeting at 1 PM **7.** Labour Day – Long weekend **12.** Registration for St. Elizabeth Hungarian School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ First Communion and Confirmation preparation courses start in September on Saturdays between 1-2:30 PM. Please contact the church office 416-225-3300 ext. 21, or Hanna: 647-879-5192, szte.ifjusag@gmail.com.
- ❖ The Role of the Whole Parish in Preparing Children and Adults to Celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist on September 18-19 in Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering. A brochure and registration form is available online at http://olcinitiation.blogspot.ca/ or by email: olcrcia@gmail.com.

Pope Francis address to participants in the pilgrimage of catechists

...starting anew with Christ means imitating him by leaving ourselves behind and going out to encounter others. This is a beautiful experience, and yet a paradox. Why? Because when we put Christ at the centre of our life, we ourselves don't become the centre! The more that you unite yourself to Christ and he becomes the centre of your life, the more he leads you out of yourself, leads you from making yourself the centre and opens you to others. This is the true dynamism of love, this is the movement of God himself! God is the centre, but he is always self-gift, relationship, love that gives itself away . . . and this is what we will become if we remain united to Christ. He will draw us into this dynamism of love. Where there is true life in Christ, there follows an openness to others, and so a going out from oneself to encounter other sin the name of Christ. And this is the job of the catechist: constantly to go forth to others out of love, to bear witness to Jesus and to talk about Jesus, to proclaim Jesus. This is important because the Lord does it: it is the Lord himself who impels us to go forth.

The heart of a catechist always beats with this systolic and diastolic movement: union with Christ - encounter with others. Both of these: I am one with Jesus and I go forth to encounter others. If one of these movements is missing, the heart no longer beats, it can no longer live. The heart of the catechist receives the gift of the kerygma, and in turn offers it to others as a gift. What a little word: "gift"! The catechist is conscious of having received a gift, the gift of faith, and he or she then gives that gift in turn to others. This is something beautiful. We don't keep a percentage for ourselves! Whatever we receive, we give! This is not commerce! It is not a business! It is pure gift: a gift received and a gift given. And the catechist is right there, at the centre of this exchange of gifts. That is the nature itself of the kerygma: it is a gift that generates mission, that compels us to go beyond ourselves. Saint Paul says that "the love of Christ compels us", but this "compels us" can also be translated as "possesses us". And so it is: love attracts us and sends us; it draws us in and gives us to others. This tension marks the beating of the heart of the Christian, especially the heart of the catechist. Let us all ask ourselves: Is this what causes my heart to beat as a catechist, union with Christ and encounter with others? With this movement of "systole and diastole"? Are we being fed by our relationship with the Lord, so that we can bring him to others, and not to keep it for ourselves? I'll tell you, I don't understand how a catechist can remain stationary. without this movement. I don't understand! ...starting anew with Christ means not being afraid to go with him to the outskirts. Here I think of the story of Jonah, a really interesting figure, especially for these times of great change and uncertainty. Jonah is a

devout man, with a tranquil and ordered life, which causes him to have a clear-cut way of seeing things and to judge everything and everyone accordingly. He has it all figured out: this is the truth! He is rigid! So, when the Lord called him and told him to go and preach to Nineveh, the great pagan city, Jonah doesn't like it. "Go there? But I have the whole truth here!" He doesn't like it. Nineveh is outside his comfort zone; it is on the outskirts of his world. So he escapes, he sets off for Spain; he runs away and boards a ship that will take him there. Go and re-read the Book of Jonah! It is short, but it is a very instructive parable, especially for those of us in the Church.

What does all this teach us? It teaches us not to be

afraid to pass beyond our comfort zone and to follow God, because God is always pushing, pressing forward. But do you know something? God is not afraid! Do you realize this? He isn't afraid. He is always bigger than our little way of seeing things! God is not afraid of the outskirts. If you go to the outskirts, you will find him there. God is always faithful and creative. But, really, is there such a thing as a catechist who is not creative? Creativity is what sustains us as catechists. God is creative, he is not closed, and so he is never inflexible. God is not rigid! He welcomes us; he meets us; he understands us. To be faithful, to be creative; we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel. To stay close to God, we need to know how to set out, we must not be afraid to set out. If a catechist gives in to fear, then he or she is a coward. If a catechist has an easy time of it, he or she will end up being a statue in a museum. We have a lot of these! Please, no more statues in the museum! If a catechist is rigid, he or she will dry up and wither. I ask you: does any of you want to be a coward, a statue in a museum, dried up and withered? Is that what you want to be? No? Are you sure? Good! I am now going to say something I have already said many times before, but it comes from the heart. Whenever we Christians are enclosed in our groups, our movements, our parishes, in our little worlds, we remain closed, and the same thing happens to us that happens to anything closed: when a room is closed, it begins to get dank. If a person is closed up in that room, he or she becomes ill! Whenever Christians are enclosed in their groups, parishes, movements, they take ill. If a Christian goes to the streets, or to the outskirts, he or she may risk the same thing that can happen to anyone out there; an accident. How often have we seen accidents on the road! But I am telling you: I would prefer a thousand times over a bruised Church than an ill Church! A Church, a catechist, with the courage to risk going out, and not a catechist who is studious, knows everything, but is always closed: such a person is not well. And sometimes he is not well in the head....