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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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Masses in Hungarian: Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM

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CHURCH BULLETIN – September 13, 2015 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Readings: Is 50,5-9 Ja 2,14-18
 Mk 8,27-35

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Mátés Ervin felgyógyulásáért (testvére Miklós) Vajnai Csaba László egyéves kisfiú felgyógyulásáért (Hanna és István)

✠Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

✠Maczó Máriaért (Acsai Ferenc és családja)

✠Kovács Györgyért, 31. évf. (fia György és családja)

✠Román Mihályért és Erzsébetért (leánya)

11:00 barátnőkéért (Teréz)

hálából a Szűzanyának, unoka sikeres útjáért (R.M.) élő és ✠családtagokért (Juhász A. és M.)

✠Illés Antalért (családja)

✠Tapasztó Gizelláért és ✠gyermekéiért (Forrai család)

✠Szujer Mihályért (fia és család)

✠Zsáki szülőkért és testvérekért (Gilice Erzsébet)

✠Gilice Mihályért, 20. évforduló (család)

✠Papp Gáborért és Katóért (Caroline és családja)

✠Weishaupt Istvánné Marikáért (Fust család)

✠dr. Nedeczky Györgynéért (Mrs. Benyó)

Monday (14) Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

thanksgiving (Nelia)

for the recovery of Oli

for the healing of Aurora Dilag

Tuesday (15) Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 for our ✠Jesuits

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Fr. Marosfalvy, on his birthday (Piri)

for healing and blessings on Fr Leslie on his birthday

for ✠Molly Maniquis

Wednesday (16) Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on all the members of Marriage

Encounter Class 6

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért ✠Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

Thursday (17) Saint Robert Bellarmine

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on Fr Vic De Jesus, S.J.

11:00 the funeral Mass of Karacs Ilona

Friday (18)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on Fr Fernando and Fr Jeff

for the benefactors of Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation

Saturday (19)

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Etelka and Pál

for all the members of the BLD Prayer Community

11:30 Veni Sancte, Mass of the Hungarian School

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for September

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

Funeral: Kékesi György (89)

PARISH EVENTS

13. Trip of the Altar Servers to Wonderland after the 9 AM Mass **19.** Teaching begins in the Hungarian School

✠ **Veni Sancte** Mass of the Hungarian School at 11:30

20. Lángos sale **26.** First Communion and

Confirmation classes begin **27.** Caritas fundraising

lunch at 12:30 **6.** MCC meeting at 1 PM **11.** Bake Sale

to support the orphans of Fr. Bőjte ✠ Family Mass at

11 AM **12.** Thanksgiving Day – Long Weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ In response to the global humanitarian refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, announced the launch of “**Project Hope**,” a special emergency appeal to respond to the tragic situation. The 100-day campaign will have a target of \$3 million and a goal of settling 100 refugee families within the Greater Toronto Area as soon as possible.

❖ **First Communion and Confirmation preparation courses** start on **September 26** 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 **Grape Festival** (Szüreti Bál) with raffle, grape stealing and dance, is going to be on Saturday, **October 17** at 6 PM. Music band – Szinkron. For reservations please call Emma Varga at 416-225-9024. Adults - \$30, students (13-18) \$18.00, children (6 -12) \$8.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II.

After the death and resurrection of Christ, both the Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ had died had been hidden (tradition said) by the Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.

According to tradition, first mentioned by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem in 348, Saint Helena, nearing the end of her life, decided under divine inspiration to travel to Jerusalem in 326 to excavate the Holy Sepulchre and attempt to locate the True Cross. A Jew by the name of Judas, aware of the tradition concerning the hiding of the Cross, led those excavating the Holy Sepulchre to the spot in which it was hidden.

Three crosses were found on the spot. According to one tradition, the inscription *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum* ("Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews") remained attached to the True Cross. According to a more common tradition, however, the inscription was missing, and Saint Helena and Saint Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, assuming that one was the True Cross and the other two belonged to the thieves crucified alongside Christ, devised an experiment to determine which was the True Cross.

In one version of the latter tradition, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she

touched the True Cross, she was healed. In another, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and laid upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life.

In celebration of the discovery of the Holy Cross, Constantine ordered the construction of churches at the site of the Holy Sepulchre and on Mount Calvary. Those churches were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335.

In the early seventh century, the Persians conquered Jerusalem, and the Persian king Khosrau II captured the True Cross and took it back to Persia. After Khosrau's defeat by Emperor Heraclius II, Khosrau's own son had him assassinated in 628 and returned the True Cross to Heraclius. In 629, Heraclius, having initially taken the True Cross to Constantinople, decided to restore it to Jerusalem. Tradition says that he carried the Cross on his own back, but when he attempted to enter the church on Mount Calvary, a strange force stopped him. Patriarch Zacharias of Jerusalem, seeing the emperor struggling, advised him to take off his royal robes and crown and to dress in a penitential robe instead. As soon as Heraclius took Zacharias' advice, he was able to carry the True Cross into the church.

Why Do We Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross? It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross?

Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross.

When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him.

"For the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness" (1 Corinthians 1:22-23). Today, more than ever, non-Christians see the Cross as foolishness. What kind of Savior triumphs through death?

For Christians, however, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life (*catholicism.about.com*).