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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – December 6, 2015 – Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Readings: Bar 5,1-9 Phil 1,3-6. 8-11
 Lk 3,1-6

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Bukovenszki Ilona felgyógyulásáért (fia Kovács György és családja)

Márta Φ családtagjaiért (Márta)

Φ Békési, Kővári, és Orbán atyákért (Kovács György és családja)

Φ Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

Φ nagyszülőkért (Acsai Ferenc és családja)

Φ Sr. Columbáért, születésnap (Piri)

Φ Fodor házaspárért (Katona család)

Φ Molnár Imréért (Márta és gyermekei)

Φ Balázs Domonkosért (Márta)

11:00 Φ szülőkért (Sepa Erzsébet és Ilona)

Tímea családjáért (Tímea és a család)

Szendi Gábor felgyógyulásáért (Szendi család)

Kallo Béláért (felesége s családja)

Mária Kongregáció élő és Φ tagjaiért

élő és Φ Szendi és Szervó családtagokért (Szendi család)

Φ Békési Erzsébetért és Φ szüleiért (osztálytársa)

Φ Kis Sándorért, 1. évforduló (felesége és családja, valamint Simkó Katalin)

Φ Rémiás Magdáért (Ritter Teri)

Φ Dala Máriáért (fia Imre és családja)

Monday (7) Saint Ambrose

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for Jun & Pat Fabella on their wedding anniversary for blessings on Mar & Susan Pablo for the healing of George Brylowski

Tuesday (8) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

7:30 for our Φ Jesuits

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for Φ Mrs. Vinzon

for blessings on Elaine and her baby

for blessings on Olivia Faminial

Wednesday (9)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the conversion of Patricia and Pamela

7 PM békéért a Kárpát-medencében

Φ Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

Φ Horváth Istvánért

Tibold család Φ tagjaiért

Hochleintner család Φ tagjaiért

Thursday (10)

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Lianne (Évi and Zoli)

for the conversion of Maru & Shirley

Friday (11)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on Linar Napenas, on his birthday

for Φ Kaufmann Zoltán (Helen Kaufmann Mali)

Saturday (12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Etelka and Pál

for Erika's Φ mother (Erika and family)

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for December

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

Baptism: Jónás Vanessa

PARISH EVENTS

6. Family Mass at 11 AM Φ Sausage sale of the MCC

Φ Cooking Club for young people at 2:30 PM.

12. Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes ❖ Christmas program of the Hungarian School ❖ Kodály Folk Dance House in the Hall at 6 PM **13.** Crepe sale of the Scouts ❖ Christmas Concert of Scola Cantorum at 4 PM **20.** Bake Sale on behalf of the Altar Servers Club **24.** Early Midnight Mass at 9 PM ❖ Christmas Carols at 11:15 PM, Scouts' Nativity play, followed by Midnight Mass **25.** **Christmas Day** (Sunday Mass Schedule) **26.** Saint Stephen's Day; Mass at 11 AM and 3 PM (**No English morning Mass at 7:30 AM!**) ❖ Senior's Christmas in the Hall at 3 PM; please bring with you some sweet baked donations if you can **31. New Year's Eve;** thanksgiving Mass at 6 PM ❖ New Year Eve's Party at 7 PM; please call the office for tickets (\$70).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Music for the season! Join the musicians of St. Paul's Basilica (83 Power St.) at their annual **Advent Concert on December 6**, 3 PM. Enjoy singing your favourite carols and listening to the St. Paul's musicians and choir in special anthems and solos, which will be presented along with readings from scripture for an afternoon of praise and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Reception to follow in the church hall. Bring your family, friends and neighbours to enjoy this uplifting hour of song and scripture. Free admission. A freewill offering to support music at the Basilica will be collected during the concert.

❖ **Eucharistic ministers retreat** from 9 AM – 5 PM on Saturday, **December 12**, at Divine Retreat Centre Toronto, 69 William Street. Please register by emailing retreatdrct@gmail.com or calling 647-949-4932. Registration fee \$20 on arrival (Light lunch provided).

❖ 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! When: Sunday, **December 13**, at 4 PM. Where: St. Elizabeth RC Church. 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: 416-300-9305.

❖ Music speaks to the heart. At times when words are difficult, music can help to evoke expressions of consolation, joy, and sorrow. This New Beginnings Inspirational Talk taking place on Monday, **December 14**, 6:30 PM at Catholic Pastoral Centre 1155 Yonge St. and led by Connie Price, PhD will explore the **role of music during times of loss**. All are welcome.

Who is St. Nicholas?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money

to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in 325. He died December 6, 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value—a dowry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home-providing the needed dowries.

Another story tells of three theological students, traveling on their way to study in Athens. A wicked innkeeper robbed and murdered them, hiding their remains in a large pickling tub. It so happened that Bishop Nicholas, traveling along the same route, stopped at this very inn. In the night he dreamed of the crime, got up, and summoned the innkeeper. As Nicholas prayed earnestly to God the three boys were restored to life and wholeness. In France the story is told of three small children, wandering in their play until lost, lured, and captured by an evil butcher. St. Nicholas appears and appeals to God to return them to life and to their families. And so St. Nicholas is the patron and protector of children.

When he was young, Nicholas sought the holy by making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. There as he walked where Jesus walked, he sought to more deeply experience Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection. Returning by sea, a mighty storm threatened to wreck the ship. Nicholas calmly prayed. The terrified sailors were amazed when the wind and waves suddenly calmed, sparing them all. And so St. Nicholas is the patron of sailors and voyagers.

Sailors, claiming St. Nicholas as patron, carried stories of his favor and protection far and wide. St. Nicholas chapels were built in many seaports. Nicholas was so widely revered that thousands of churches were named for him, including three hundred in Belgium, thirty-four in Rome, twenty-three in the Netherlands and more than four hundred in England.

Through the centuries St. Nicholas has continued to be venerated by Catholics and Orthodox and honored by Protestants. By his example of generosity to those in need, especially children, St. Nicholas continues to be a model for the compassionate life (stnicholascenter.org/).