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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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Masses in English: Monday - Saturday at 7:30 AM

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

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CHURCH BULLETIN – December 13, 2015 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Readings: Zeph 3,14-18a Phil 4,4-7
 Lk 3,10-18

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

✠Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

✠Németh családtagokért (Ilonka és családja)

✠Barbolyás Lajosért (özvegye)

✠Németh Istvánért, 28. évforduló (családja)

✠Mátés Annáért (fiai Miklós és Ervin)

✠Katona és Vörös szülőkért és testvérekért
(gyermekai és unokái)

✠Takács Juliánnáért (családja)

11:00 Ledényi családért (Éva)

✠Jagodits Juliánnáért (család)

✠Márai Jánosért (családja)

✠Szabó Ilonáért (fia és családja)

✠Szabó családtagokért (Szabó Mihály és családja)

✠Dudu Nóráért (Nóra)

Monday (14) Saint John of the Cross

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

blessings and good health for Margaret Fonseca
(Peter Carvalho)

for the wellbeing and intentions of

Charmaine Thayaparan and family

for ✠Meena Correia (Peter Carvalho)

for ✠Bernice Barta (Peter Carvalho)

for ✠Roland Paul

Tuesday (15)

7:30 for our ✠Jesuits

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on Cris & Sarah on their birthday

for the healing of Severino (his sister Cecilia)

for the healing of Joyce Paul

for ✠Olivia Penafiel

Wednesday (16)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on Catherine Huebel

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

Thursday (17)

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

thanksgiving from Gene and Linda

for the holy souls in purgatory

for blessings on Aidan, Miles and Olivia

Friday (18)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for blessings on Noel Viola

for blessings on Fr Fernando and Fr Jeff

for the students & teachers of St. Antoine Daniel school

Saturday (19)

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Etelka and Pál

for the ✠loved ones of Kis Imre (Kis Imre and family)

blessings on George Atow (Peter Carvalho)

blessings on Theresa and Agatha Kim and family
(Peter Carvalho)

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:

Meret Éva, Molnár Sebastian, Mudlic Mason

PARISH EVENTS

13. Crepe sale of the Scouts ❖ Christmas Concert of Scola Cantorum at 4 PM **20.** Bake Sale on behalf of the Altar Servers Club.

Christmas Masses:

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: 9 AM and 11 AM

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).

2016 January 1. New Year's Day; there is only one Mass on this day at 11 AM (in Hungarian) **9.** Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes **10. Family Mass** at 11 AM ❖ Lunch of the Catholic Men Association.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ 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.

❖ Symbolically calling on the entire global Roman Catholic Church to take up his papacy's central message of compassion and pardon, Pope Francis announced that he is convoking a jubilee year to be called the **Holy Year of Mercy**. A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The last jubilee year was held in 2000 during the papacy of Pope John Paul II and was known as "the Great Jubilee." The new jubilee began on this year's Catholic feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated Dec. 8. It will close on Nov. 20, 2016, the day celebrated that year as the feast of Christ the King.

Proclaiming jubilee, Francis envisions non-judging, non-condemning church

The church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation ... to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more.

To Peter's question in Matthew's Gospel about how many times it is necessary to forgive, Jesus responds: "I do not say seven times, but seventy times seventy

times." This parable contains a profound teaching for all of us. Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves.

The Lord asks us above all not to judge and not to condemn. If anyone wishes to avoid God's judgment, he should not make himself the judge of his brother or sister. Human beings, whenever they judge, look no farther than the surface, whereas the Father looks into the very depths of the soul.

Mercy and justice are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. In the Bible justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behavior of every good Israelite in conformity with God's commandments. But such a vision ... has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father's mercy.

Jesus' person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in the face of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy.

We should live the Holy Year by opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society. How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!

We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison.

There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. The pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy, and Muslims often refer to the creator as "Merciful and Kind." I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with these religions and with other noble religious traditions. May it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination (*Joshua J. McElwee, NCR Vatican correspondent, ncronline.org/news/vatican*)