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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – January 24, 2016 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

Readings: Neh 8,2-4a.5-6.8-10 1Cor 12,12-30
 Lk 1,1-4; 4,14-21

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

Gerencsér Lajos felgyógyulásáért (Pickó család)

✙ Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

✙ Kovács Jánosért és Erzsébetért (családjai)

✙ Kovács Györgyért (fia György és családja)

✙ Pilisi Ilonáért (Barbolyás Erzsébet)

✙ Annáért (testvére Mária és családja)

✙ Pujáti Erzsébetért

11:00 Molnár József felgyógyulásáért (Puskás Irén)

✙ Pilisi Ilonáért (Jáger család)

✙ Wohlfart Jánosért (szerettei)

✙ Perlaky Lászlóért (Cursillo)

Farkas szülők ✙ lányáért (szülők)

✙ Szakolcai Ákosért (Padányi Caroline)

Monday (25) The Conversion of Saint Paul

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for holiness in families

for Kovács György and Éva, wedding anniversary

for the healing of Noel Viola

for blessings on Yollie Limson on her birthday

for ✙ Gilbert Tellis

Tuesday (26) Saints Timothy and Titus

7:30 for our ✙ Jesuits

for holiness in families

for ✙ Mely Villanueva and Charito Valencia

Wednesday (27)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for ✙ Maria

for the healing of Fr Leslie Marosfalvy

7 PM békéért a Kárpát-medencében

✙ Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

✙ Illés Irénért (Marika)

✙ Takács Alex atyáért (nővére Kozma Jolanda)

Thursday (28) Saint Thomas Aquinas

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for blessings on Bernie & Linda

for the special intention of Jing and Rebecca

Friday (29)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for blessings on George Brylowski and Lee Anne Berry

for the spiritual growth of the Marriage Encounter Class

Saturday (30)

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for Etelka and Pál

for the special intention of Gene and Linda

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for January

Universal: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Baptism: Koszti Pál

Funeral: Szakolcai Ákos (71)

Marriage Announcement (1): On February 13, Vesztergombi Tamás and Summer-Lee Clark will marry in our church

PARISH EVENTS

30. Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes **31.** Fundraising Bake Sale for the Kodály Dance Ensemble **February 2.** MCC meeting at 12 PM **6.** Farsang Dinner and Dance **7.** Blessings of candles before the 9 AM Mass, blessings of throats after both Masses **10. Ash Wednesday 14.** First Sunday of Lent ❖ Meeting of the Altar Servers and Youth Club ❖ Cabbage Roll sale **15.** Family Festival **20.** Mass of the Hungarian School at 11:30 AM **21.** Fundraising Schnitzel lunch and bake sale on behalf of Caritas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Join us in an **ecumenical prayer service** with special concern for refugees, led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins (homilist), Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Chaldean Catholic Bishop Emanuel Shaleta, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, and other city-wide religious leaders on: Sunday, **January 24**, at 4 PM, Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, 2 High Meadow Place (north-west of Finch Ave. and Hwy 400). Ample parking is available, refreshments to follow. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs: 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or vkwok@archtoronto.org.

❖ **Farsang Dinner and Dance on February 6** at 6:30 PM organized by the Altar Servers and Youth Club with Fesztivál Band, Carnival, prizes, good food and raffle. Tickets: adults \$30 if paid ahead, or \$35 at the doors, children (6-14): \$15. To order call Szárics Anna: 905-884-3570.

❖ On Saturday, **February 13**, 4:30 PM, couples from across the archdiocese will gather for **A Celebration of Marriage with Cardinal Thomas Collins** at St. Andrew Kim Parish (849 Don Mills Road, North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome! Couples celebrating special milestone anniversaries — 25th, 40th or 50+ anytime throughout 2016 are asked to RSVP online at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage by February 1, to ensure reserved seating. Call 416-964-8694 or visit the website above for more information.

❖ Married Couples **Cabbage Rolls** and **Debreceni** sale on Sunday, **February 14th**. Please place your orders with Emma Varga: 416-225-9024.

❖ You and your family are invited to the 2016 **Family Festival** on Monday, **February 15**, 10 AM – 5 PM at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church Hall and Gym. The format follows the previous years: trivia questions, puppet show, Hungarian folk dancing with teaching of some easy steps for beginners, karaoke, crepe eating competition, crossword puzzles, indoor games, pinpong, basketball. We will have a potluck lunch, so please bring some food to share. And invite your friends and family.

The Conversion of Saint Paul

Paul's experience of the risen Christ was not a conversion from a "pagan" way of life to a religious one. He already believed in the God of Israel and was intent on serving God. But his encounter with Christ illumined his view of the way that this God had acted to offer salvation to the human family. Paul came to see that the same God he had worshipped as a Jew had acted in a new and definitive way in the person and destiny of Jesus. When the risen Christ was revealed to him, he began to realize that this crucified one was in fact alive and that God's saving grace had become

present in and through his death and resurrection. Paul already knew that Jesus had been crucified. But this horrendous, scandalous death had only made Jesus more of a stumbling block for Paul. How could God have been present and active in one who had been executed as a common criminal? After his encounter with the risen Lord, he realized that God had indeed revealed himself in weakness – in the crucified Christ. So Paul will write to the Christians in Corinth about the "wisdom of the cross" – a wisdom that seems like utter foolishness to those who cannot see with the eyes of faith (I Cor. 1: 18-25).

One of the great bishops and theologians of the early Church, John Chrysostom, said this in a homily about Paul: "The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself to be happier than anyone else." John Chrysostom hits the nail on the head. Paul came to realize that this Jesus whom he had persecuted (by hunting down his followers), loved him in a most personal and enduring way. Paul powerfully expresses this personal conviction in his letter to the Galatians: "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; indeed as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." Paul saw in the crucified and risen Christ the magnificent expression of God's saving, life-giving love, a love the depths of which he plumbed throughout his life. It was this experience of God's enduring love that impelled Paul to live completely for Christ and to proclaim him "to the nations." It was this love that kept Paul going through the daunting hardships that he faced in his work of preaching the gospel.

In the Opening Prayer for this feast, we pray that we may follow Paul in bearing witness to the truth of the gospel. That sounds beautiful, but I suspect that all of us know how difficult it can sometimes be to bear witness to the gospel in our lives. This is our common call as baptized Christians, whatever our particular vocation may be. But in the midst of the pressures of life, we realize how much strength and courage are needed to bear faithful witness to the gospel among our friends, family members, coworkers and others we encounter. Paul encountered these challenges, too. But, as John Chrysostom reminds us, Paul knew himself to be loved by Christ. It was Paul's experience of Christ's patient, faithful love that enabled him to proclaim the good news of Christ in season and out of season. He recognized the closeness of Christ in his life, so close in fact that he could say, "Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." As we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist this Sunday, may we come to realize a little more deeply how much we are loved by Christ. And may this experience empower us to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel by our words and our actions (*Fr. Robin Ryan, cp*).