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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – January 31, 2016 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Truly I tell you, no Prophet is accepted in his hometown.

Readings: Jer 1,4-5.17-19 1Cor 12,31-13,13
 Lk 4,21-30

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

Mátés Ervinért (testvére Miklós)

Gerencsér Lajos felgyógyulásáért (Pickó család)

✠Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

a tisztítótűzben szenvedőkért (Kovács György és családja)

✠Annáért (húga Mária és családja, valamint Erzsébet és Piroska)

✠Kistóth Bélaért, 1. évforduló (Kmecz család)

✠Szokolcai Ákosért (Nyáry Helen)

11:00 Fodor Jánosért (családja)

Emeséért (nagyszülők)

Szabó Ilonáért, 95. születésnapjára (Ritter Teri és családja)

dr. Tóth Zsuzsáért és kislányaért Fanniért, születésnapjukra (Ritter Teri és családja)

✠Pető Antalért (Ritter Teri és családja)

✠Udvardy Éváért (férje és lányai)

✠Perlaky Lászlóért (családja)

✠szülőkért (Benyó Anna)

✠Szokolcai Ákosért (Herczeg Erika)

Monday (1)

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

for the healing of Gene and Aidan

Tuesday (2) The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 for our ✠Jesuits

for holiness in families

for blessings on Catherine Huebel

for ✠Andres Santos

Wednesday (3) Saint Blaise

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for healing of Mr. and Mrs. Huebel

blessings on Pauline Sazon on her birthday

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért

Jaschkó atyáért, születésnap (Piri)

✠Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

Thursday (4) Jesuit martyrs of the missions

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for the healing of Richard Lawton

for ✠Lajos (Ica)

Friday (5) Saint Agatha

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for blessings on Fr Fernando Suarez on his birthday

7 PM Fischer Ritáért

Sajgó Szabolcs atyáért

✠Orbán atyáért, születésnap (Piri)

✠Kovács Lászlóért

Saturday (6) Saint Paul Miki and companions

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for Etelka and Pál

for Nagy and Erdős families (family)

for blessings on the students and staff of

St. Antoine Daniel school

for the living and ✠members of Szervó and Szendi families (Szendi Helen)

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.

Marriage Announcement (2): On February 13, Vesztergombi Tamás and Summer-Lee Clark will marry in our church at 11 AM

PARISH EVENTS

31. Fundraising Bake Sale for the Kodály Dance Ensemble **February 2.** MCC meeting at 12 PM **6.** Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes ❖ 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 ❖ 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 **28.** The lunch of the Scouts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **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.

❖ New Beginnings and Catholic Family Services of Toronto present an inspirational talk by Susan Morgan, M.Div. entitled "**Hearts Broken Open**" for anyone who has experienced a loss in life and who desires to move forward. The talk will be held Monday, **February 8th**, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St, 4th Floor, located at Summerhill Subway. Limited underground parking available.

❖ 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.

❖ Opening the Doors to God's Mercy. A New Beginnings **Lenten Retreat** led by Deacon Curtis and Joanne Boone on Saturday, **February 20**, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at St. Patrick's Church, 11873 The Gore Road (Wildfield/Brampton). For more information or to register: 416-921-1163 ext. 2235.

❖ Men's Conference on **March 19**. Join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burkes for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada

Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/Son rates available. Tickets: 1-888-522-2070.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Waiting in hope is such an important part of what it means to be a people of faith. And, when you think about it, it really is a natural part of what it means to be a human being. The farmer plants a crop and has to wait for nature to take its course, an expectant woman must wait for a baby to develop in her womb. There is nothing that can be done to rush things, they take the time that they take.

In Luke's Gospel we are introduced to a couple of characters who have been waiting for a long time for a promise to be fulfilled. Luke uses the figures of Anna and Simeon to announce the fulfillment of God's promise to humanity.

Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the Temple in order to fulfill their religious duty of making an offering for their firstborn. And here they come across this old, odd couple. We don't know much about these two, Luke tells us that Simeon is touched by the Holy Spirit and comes to the temple. Anna, it seems, is just there all the time.

Both Anna and Simeon were people who looked forward with hope. When God acts and the promise that they have been waiting for is fulfilled Anna and Simeon are in tune. They do not miss what is taking place before them. Simeon recognizes that his wait is over. That the long-awaited promise of God has been fulfilled in the Child of Jesus.

We sometimes find it hard to wait. It's no wonder as our culture is always in such a rush. Fast food, text messaging, on demand entertainment. We are very quickly losing a sense of what it means to appreciate anticipation.

But the best things in life are worth waiting for. As Christians we are a people who long for the coming of God's Kingdom. What helps when it comes to waiting in faith is knowing that we are not the first to do so. Our tradition is rich in the stories of those who have gone before us. Stories about real people with real lives and real desires just like our own.

Theologian Paul Tillich writes:

"Although waiting is not having, it is also having. The fact that we wait for something shows that in some way we already possess it. Waiting anticipates that which is not yet real. If we wait in hope and patience, the power of that for which we wait is already effective within us. Those who wait in absolute seriousness are already grasped by that for which they wait. Those who wait in patience have already the power of that for which they wait" (<http://redemptoristpreacher.com/>).