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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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### CHURCH BULLETIN – February 7, 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.

Readings: Is 6,1-2a. 3-8 1Cor 15,1-11 Lk 5,1-11

#### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

**9:00** for holiness in families

a világbékéért (Kovács György és családja)

✠ Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja)

✠ Annáért (húga Mária és családja)

**11:00** hálaból (Szendi Kinga)

Somorjai Lászlóért (Fodor Sándor és Irén)

Oszoli Erzsébetért (férje és családja)

Mária Kongregáció élő és ✠ tagjaiért

✠ Remsei Istvánért és Józsefért (családja)

✠ szülőkért (Farkas család)

✠ Farkas Mártonért (Farkas család)

✠ Szakolcai Ákosért (Hasulo Andy és Helen)

✠ Várad Margitért (lánya és családja)

✠ Wild Victorért (Wild Mátyás)

✠ Nigriny Máriaért (családja)

✠ Schröder Éváért

✠ hozzátartozókért (Benyó Anna)

✠ Szabó Katalinért, 1. évforduló (lánya Gusan Ibolya)

✠ Szilárd Istvánért

✠ Ágnesért (Tóth család)

#### **Monday (8)**

**7:30** for the intention of the Jesuit General

for holiness in families

thanksgiving

for the special intention of Mifude

#### **Tuesday (9)**

**7:30** for our ✠ Jesuits

for holiness in families

for Vados Béla (family)

for ✠ Purificacion Capili and Danilo de Jesus

#### **Ash Wednesday (10)**

**7:30** for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for the healing of Nicholas Policella

for ✠ Violeta de la Cruz

**7 PM** ✠ Zydrón Lászlóért (Zydrón család)

#### **Thursday (11)**

**7:30** for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for healing from cancer of Gene Sazon and

Linda Geron

#### **Friday (12)**

**7:30** for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for the souls in purgatory

for an end to the practice of abortion

**7 PM** a Szentatya szándékára

#### **Saturday (13)**

**7:30** for world peace

for holiness in families

for Etelka and Pál

thanksgiving from Gene and Linda

**11:00** the marriage of Vesztergombi Tamás and

Summer-Lee Clark

#### **The Holy Father's prayer intentions for February**

**Universal:** That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Evangelization:** That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

**Marriage Announcement (3):** On February 13, Vesztergombi Tamás and Summer-Lee Clark will marry in our church at 11 AM

#### PARISH EVENTS

**7.** Blessings of candles before the 9 AM Mass, blessings of throats after both Masses **10. Ash Wednesday 13.** Long Weekend - **NO** Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes **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 **March 1.** MCC meeting at 1 PM **6.** Lángos sale ❖ **Family Mass** at 11 AM ❖ Meeting of the Altar Servers after the 11 AM Mass.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Married Couples **Cabbage Rolls** and **Debreceeni 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 **World Day of Prayer** is being hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church on Friday **March 4**, at 2 PM. The Church is located on 2737 Bayview Ave., just south of the 401. The women of Cuba have organized the Service this year. The theme this year is *Receive children. Receive me*. There are 7 churches taking part - Blessed Trinity R.C., St. Gabriel's R.C., St. Elizabeth's R.C., Forest Grove United, St. John's United, Church of the Incarnation and Trinity Presbyterian. Refreshments are served after the Service. There were only 4 representations from St. Elizabeth's last year including Father Jaschko. Hope more will attend. Men are also welcome. Irene Birinyi and Ann Somlai will be readers at this Service. Father Jaschko plans to attend this service as well.

❖ **Lift Jesus Higher Rally**: "The Unshakeable Kingdom", on **March 5**, from 9 AM at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, Lower Level, 255 Front St. W. God's Kingdom is unshakable. In Him, we are secure and with His help, we will get what we need but, we need to be rooted sufficiently in Him to stand firm. Join thousands of others at the 24th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally. Our keynote speaker is Deacon Larry Oney, a noted author, evangelist and CEO of Hope and Purpose Ministries. Inspirational talks from the Renewal Ministries Team: Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck. Also includes High Mass (Sunday liturgy) celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto; confessions; Eucharistic healing procession and uplifting Christian music. Info: 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360 or [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org). Cost: Adults \$20, Youth (ages 13-18) \$15, Children \$5.

### Ash Wednesday

With Ash Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. The fundamental thrust of Lent is a conversion of our hearts to God.

In the Gospel Jesus reflects on the three traditional dimensions of Lenten practice: good works, prayer and fasting. These practices can be carried out with very different mentalities. We can carry out these practices – and this is what Jesus is addressing – to feel good or to feel better than others or to obtain the approval of

those around us. Hypocrisy is a recurrent temptation for all of us. There is a strange irony that hypocrisy quickly becomes the professional sin of the pseudo-believer. These Lenten practices have to be carried out so that we can discover in our lives the authentic mark of the true believer: they must become instruments to help us serve God with austerity and generosity.

I use the term austerity. I do not mean it in today's economic terms. I use it here in its fundamental meaning: leading an austere life, a frugal life, a style of life marked by sobriety, with the rejection of all that is superfluous, unnecessary or just demonstrative. Lenten practice must change our focus, away from crude consumerism and from attachment to what lasts just for the day.

The Gospel we have just heard talks about: "Doing good deeds in secret". I am not sure that this would be proposed today as a management or public relations strategy. In our time, good news has to be got out there quickly. Good deeds must be known, if possible even before they have been done. Even bad news must be sold as good news. Image is as important as substance.

At the time of Jesus things were not much different. This is what Jesus is addressing in today's Gospel. It was already the custom to announce any generous donation in the Synagogue or even at a special gathering in the streets. The same applied to praying. The tradition at the time was to recite long prayers at particular times and there was a certain admiration of those who knew these long prayers by heart and could recite them at a minute's notice, best of all on the public street. The same applied to fasting, where the announcement of one's goodness through fasting was confirmed by looking as miserable as one could and thus feeling good. As I said earlier, hypocrisy quickly becomes the professional sin of the pseudo-believer, when all our efforts begin to focus no longer on the needs of others but on our own need of praise.

If we authentically recognise the lordship of God then we are challenged to look in a different way at life, at relationships with others, and with the gifts of creation. If God is Lord, then our attitude to his creation must inevitably be different. We will be challenged to recognise that the creation God has given us is destined for the good of all and that the harmony within nature is damaged by the selfishness of individuals. The fruits of human genius are also destined fundamentally for the good of all and not for the profit of the few. The great divisions in our world regarding access to food, health care and knowledge are indications of how the selfishness or the indifference of some has displaced the original design of God.

The formula for the imposition of the Ashes, "Repent and believe the Gospel", is an appeal to each of us, to identify where we have drifted away from authenticity (*Fr. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin*).