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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 – April 10, 2016 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

So they cast the net, and they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

Readings: Acts 5,28-32 40b-41 Rev 5,11-14
 Jn 21,1-19

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

✦ Deák Violáért (Magony család)

✦ Mátés Ernőért (fiai Miklós és Ervin)

✦ Tausz Zsuzsáért (édesanyja és családja)

11:00 Dala Irénért (Imre és családja)

Román Mihályért és Erzsébetért (leánya)

✦ Zydron Lászlóért (Forrai család)

✦ Mikó Albinért, évforduló (családja és Forrai család)

✦ Kuzstos Jánosért (Kuzstos M.)

✦ Winkhard Ferencért (Házi család)

✦ Werl Ferencért (Házi család)

Monday (11) Saint Stanislaus

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for holiness in families

for Ernest Florentino, on his birthday (Henry)

for the healing of Al and Jean Cargill

Tuesday (12)

7:30 for our ✦ Jesuits

for holiness in families

for the healing of Jun and Susan Teves

Wednesday (13)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for holiness in families

for the healing of Fr Fred Foley

for ✦ Padányi Mária (Éva and Erzsébet)

Thursday (14)

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for holiness in families

for blessings on Fr. Fernando Suarez

Friday (15)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for holiness in families

for Teofila Costales (Nenita Tolnai)

for blessings on Cris Caparas on his birthday

for ✦ Babits György (family)

Saturday (16)

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for Etelka and Pál

thanksgiving (Gene and Linda)

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for April

Universal: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

PARISH EVENTS

10. Lunch with Schnitzel and Bake sale (\$15) to support the Caritas ✦ General Assembly of the Hungarian House **16.** Hungarian School, Scouts, First Communion and Confirmation classes **17.** First Communion at the 11 AM Mass ✦ Fundraising Crepe sale of the scouts **24.** Bake Sale and lunch prepared by the MCC **May 1.** Family Mass at 11 AM ✦ Bake Sale on behalf of the orphans of Fr. Bøjte **3.** MCC meeting at 1 PM **7.** Mothers' Day Dinner and Dance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ Theology on Tap West - **Year of Mercy** on Monday, **April 11, 2016, 7 PM - 9 PM**, Boston Pizza, 50 Courtneypark Drive East, Mississauga, Ontario. Faith Connections, the Office of Catholic Youth and the local parishes invite young adults (ages 19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto. Info: 416-599-7676 or www.faithconnections.ca.

✦ **Forgiveness:** From the Everyday to the Sublime. On **April 13, 6 PM** at the Novotel Toronto Centre, 45 The Esplanade. The Southdown Institute presents a free lecture open to the public. Join us for a reception at 6 PM. followed by a lecture at 7 PM. Our guest speaker, Dr. Karl Loszak, MD, FRCP(C) will explore: "the usual story" of forgiveness; the everyday forgiveness that underlies our social interactions; forgiveness of the unforgivable; and the connection between forgiveness and truth. Phone: 905 727 4214.

❖ **Hike and Prayer:** A Journey Through the Doors of Mercy on Saturday, **April 16**, 2:30-4:30 PM (followed by Mass). Starting at St. Paul's Basilica, 83 Power St. Young adults (18-39) are invited to join us to reflect on and embrace God's mercy. Together we will celebrate this jubilee year by passing through the Holy Doors of St. Paul's Basilica and St. Patrick's. We will have the opportunity to learn about the holy doors, pray & reflect, and receive the sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist. Children welcome! RSVPs appreciated, call Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt at 416-467-2645 or visit www.faithconnections.ca — a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

❖ "I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the community of Peel to be a part of the healing journey with Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin (CFSPD). It's a great organization that demonstrates care, support and compassion toward our well-being and healing processes. Since I began with this agency, it has been a transformational experience. I have gained so much knowledge and insight about myself and others and have made great friends and enjoy meeting new people. I would like to thank **ShareLife** and CFSPD for allowing me this opportunity to be part of their family and am very grateful for all the services they provided for me and the community at large" (Debbie, a client of the CFSPD sistering program). Over 39,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs. Next Sunday, **April 17**, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously. You can work wonders!

❖ "**Living with Loneliness.**" A New Beginnings Talk being given by Denis Costello, Executive Director of Catholic Family Services of Toronto on Monday, **April 18** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St, 4th Floor. We begin gathering at 6:30 p.m.

❖ The New Beginnings **Spring Retreat**, facilitated by Christine Rybka-Miki, Maureen McDonnell and Paul Miki entitled, "Nurturing Seeds of Hope in all the Seasons of Life" will take place on Saturday, **April 23** at St. Bonaventure's 1300 Leslie Street from 9:30-3:30 PM. To register for this retreat please contact us at 416-921-1163 x 2235 or mhenincasa@cfstoronto.com

❖ **Lunch and Bake Sale** in the Hall prepared by the MCC on **April 24**. To order tickets (\$15): 416-225-9024 (Emma Varga). Pick up your tickets on Sundays (April 10 & 17) from 10-12 across the office. Menu: veal and pork porkölt with noodles, salad, traditional apple lángos, coffee.

❖ **Mothers' Day Dinner and Dance on May 7, 6 PM** in the Church Hall. For tickets, info call 416-805-3444 (Lipcsey Anna).

❖ Join the **National March for Life** in Ottawa on Thursday, **May 12**. For more information call 416 204 9749 or visit marchforlife.ca.

Gospel Reflections

One of the features of the stories about the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection is that they nearly always end up with Jesus commissioning someone. Jesus appears for a purpose. The presence of Jesus is strongly linked with the sense of calling.

Peter denied Jesus three times on the night of Jesus' arrest, and now Jesus is offering him three chances to redeem himself. So Jesus first dealt with Peter's sin, and then commissioned him to work on His behalf. The one thing about which Jesus questioned Peter prior to commissioning him to tend the flock, was love. This is the basic qualification for Christian service. Other qualities may be desirable, but love is completely indispensable. By this triple confession, Peter is restored to the leadership position from which he had fallen by his triple denial. Furthermore, it is proclaimed that he is indeed a pastor, who shows his love for Christ in feeding Christ's sheep, a recycling of denial into affirmation. Peter's rehabilitation is a celebration of divine grace.

Let us compensate for our moments of weakness by genuine acts of love, compassion and service. Peter was called upon to prove his love: "If you love me, feed my sheep." The same Risen Lord reminds us: "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). What do our present actions and activities say about our love for Christ? The Risen Jesus accepts our apology, dismisses the charges against us, exonerates us of guilt, and forgives all our weaknesses. He continues to challenge us to demonstrate our love for him by faithfully, freely, feeding his sheep entrusted to our care.

A well-known speaker began a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the audience, "Who would like to have this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He then said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" The hands remained in the air. "Well," he added, "What if I do this?" He dropped it to the floor and proceeded to grind it with his shoe. He picked it up, crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands were raised because the bill had not decreased in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we feel crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. No matter what has happened to us, however, we never lose our value in God's eyes. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we are, but from Him to whom we belong! We are special – let us never forget it! This is the lesson of today's gospel, which tells us how Jesus chose Peter to be the leader of his Church, even though Peter had denied him three times (*Homilies of Fr. Anthony Kadavil*).