

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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Office hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30-3:30, Sunday 10-12:30, Monday closed 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 18, 2016 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Founded in 1928

Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us".

Readings: Is 7,10-14 I Rom 1,1-7 I Mt 1,18-24 WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Werl család élő és +tagjaiért (Házi Jenő és Anna) for *Paul Lim* and deceased family members (Lim) *Kovács Jánosért és Erzsébetért (családjai) Barbolyás Lajosért (özvegye) Szabó Ilonáért, 1. évforduló (férje és családja) +szülőkért, Barna Józsefért és Franciskáért (család) Bonnay Erzsébetért (Kristóf Júlia) Emmáért (Jutka) Mátés Ernőért (fiai Miklós és Ervin)
 +Lecsek Jánosért (felesége Margit) Werl Ferencért (Házi Jenő és Anna)\ Dobos Herzsenyák Ilusért (szerettei) Tolnai családtagokért (Ilonka és családja) **11:00** Wohlfart Anna élő és †szeretteiért (Anna) Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja) Balogh Árpádért, Páró Brigittáért és Pszüleikért (unokatestvére) Teklits Erzsébetért, 10. évf. (férje István és családja) +Jagodits Juliannáért (család) Szabó Ilonáért és Monday (19) **7:30** for the intention of the Jesuit General for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for Synchro Canada for *Paul Lim and deceased family members (Lim)* Tuesday (20) **7:30** for our *+*Jesuits for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for *Paul Lim* and deceased family members (Lim) Wednesday (21) 7:30 for Jesuit vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for *Paul Lim* and deceased family members (Lim) **7 PM** a magyar politikusok megtéréséért Emilért és Péterért (család)

Thursday (22)

7:30 for the conversion of non believers for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for *Paul Lim* and deceased family members (Lim) Friday (23) **7:30** for our benefactors (the Jesuits) for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for +Paul Lim and deceased family members (Lim) Saturday (24) for world peace 7:30 for holiness in families for Etelka and Pál for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for *Paul Lim and deceased family members (Lim)* for *Pekár* Anna and *family* members (Szűcs Mária) 9 PM Erzsébetért, évforduló (Zalai Erzsébet) Karolináért, születésnap (Erzsi) Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja) 24:00 a tisztítótűzben szenvedő lelkekért az életszentségért a családokban az üldözött keresztényekért Éváért, Zoltánért, Andreáért és Lianne-ért (Évi, Zoli) +Varazsdi Annáért és Alajosért (Évi és Zoli) Juretic család élő és +szeretteiért (Juretic család) Deroth és Zichy családok élő és +tagjaiért (család) Horváth és Stikker családok élő és +tagjaiért (család) Min család élő és †tagjaiért (család) Perlaky család élő és +tagjaiért (család) Pollák és Bohács családok élő és +tagjaiért (család) Prokec és Pataky családok élő és +tagjaiért (család) Szőke és Zsigmond családok élő és +tagjaiért (család)

The Holy Father's December prayer intentions Universal: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Funeral: Bonnay Erzsébet (86)

PARISH EVENTS

18. Bake Sale of the Altar Servers and Youth Club.

Christmas Masses (in Hungarian):

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)
2017 January 1. New Year's Day 14.
Hungarian School and Scouts at St. Edward Catholic School ♦ Confirmation Class at 1 PM ♦ First Communion Class at 1:30 PM 15. Lángos sale.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Christmas Holidays, the church office will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

♦ Anne Williams, MAMS, DSD: "Hope in a time of healing." Monday, Dec. 19. 7 PM at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St. Toronto. Advent reflection and conversation to explore how the season of Advent might offer us hope in our healing journey through grief. This evening invites participants to embrace the Sacred within their own being and to open themselves to the new life waiting to emerge. Info: 416-921-1163 ext. 2235.

♦ Mary: A Biblical Eight-Session Course on the Blessed Mother on Tuesdays, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1 – 6 p.m. At St. Francis Centre, 208501 Highway 9, Caledon. An insightful eight-part Bible study, led by Fr. Pierre Farrugia, ofm. Join us on every first Tuesday of the month. At 6 p.m. we will begin with an hour of adoration praying for vocations to Church ministry. Bible study at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments and fraternal time. We hope you will join us! Contact Lina: 519-941-1747, admin@stfranciscentre.org.

The Life of Stephen Kaszap

The Jesuit Novice, Stephen Kaszap, Servant of God became a legend among the Hungarian people, not only because of the intercessions attributed to him, but it was his heroic suffering and discovery of its meaning. It became the source of strength for many people tortured by illnesses or by persecutions. Stephen Kaszap was not the only one who suffered with heroic dedication, but God made him outstanding example that the faithful learned to love and too trust.

Stephen Kaszap was born the third of five children, on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1916 in Székesfehérvár, once the Roman town of Alba Regia in Hungary. As it was customary in high school, a Jesuit priest led one of the student retreats. A classmate of Stephen's arranged for P. Kovács to see them at 3 p.m. The meeting took place. Then on June 21, he visited the Jesuit Novitiate, Manresa, and he was admitted.

When the time came to choose a way of life, he decided to become a priest. He entered the Society of Jesus in Budapest. The complete devotion which characterized his new life was an example to all. His spiritual notes, found after his death, reveal the resoluteness and the burning love with which he pursued the ideal of sanctity. God rewarded such good will with a deeper spirit of charity, humility and zeal for souls. He strengthened these gifts by practicing constant generosity. Daily Communion became source of his spiritual energy and his personal love of Christ was apparent to all as he knelt before the Blessed Sacrament.

His obvious sanctity did not make him any the less friendly and outgoing. So sincere was he that he was truly said to be 'crystal clear and transparent'.

Stephen offered his life to God as a sacrifice for sinners. His offering was accepted. Soon a tonsil infection led to complications which, at that time (1934-1935) medical science had not the means to cure. Horrible running sores covered his body and he was in continual high fever and severe pain. Such suffering, along with repeated operations, became his lot until death.

Stephen wrote a spiritual will in which he offered his prayers and his sufferings for the conversion of sinners. Then he revealed the task to which the Lord had called him: To serve, by means of love and suffering, the Center of Love, You're Most Sacred Heart.'

His trials grew worse, until they finally reached their climax on December 17, 1935, when Stephen died a truly heroic death. Because he was unable to speak in his last moment, he scribbled on a piece of paper his farewell words: 'God be with you! We well meet above! Do not cry for this is my heavenly Birthday. May the good Lord bless you all!'

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Anyone who wants to follow, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me,' look upon your faithful servant Stephen Kaszap and through his intercession grant us the grace that we ask of you, provided it is for our good. We pray that you grant us the grace to follow his example by serving the Seat of Love, your Most Sacred Heart. Amen (*parbeszed.com*).