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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – December 25, 2016 – Nativity of the Lord

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Readings: Is 52,7-10 Heb 1,1-6 Jn 1,1-18

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for holiness in families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Myrtle Montoute-ért

Katona és Vörös szülőkért és testvérekért
(leányuk és családja)

for †Paul Lim and deceased family members (Lim)

†Bartók Annáért és Sándorért (Ibolya és Kinga)

†id. Malics Istvánért (felesége és családja)

†ifj. Malics Istvánért (édesanyja és testvére)

†Sister Scholastikáért (Emma Varga)

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11:00 a Mária Kongregáció élő és †tagjaiért

Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja)

Deroth Lászlóért (Cursillo)

Lászlóért és Bencéért, születésnap (szülők)

Bíró Józsefért, Nagy Veronikáért és szüleikért(rokonok)

Szendi és Szervó családok élő és †tagjaiért

(Szendi család)

†Tóth Antalért (felesége)

†Filó Erzsébetért (testvére Margit)

†édesanyáért, Márton Erzsébetért (leánya Margit)

†Tréki Béláért (felesége és fiai)

†Tóth Gyözőné Gizelláért (gyerekei)

†Slavo Stankovicért (felsége és családja)

†Lovász Margitért (lánya)

†Vánca Éváért (Antal, Hodor, és Kristóf családok)

†Vindischman Józsefért (felesége és családja)

†Elek szülőkért (család)

†Horváth Máriaért és Béláért (bérmalányuk)

†Kniss Margitért (Kniss család)

†Tarján Károlyért (Szárics Anna)

Monday (26) Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

11:00 for Synchro Canada

for †Paul Lim and deceased family members (Lim)

Juretic család élő és †szeretteiért (Juretic család)

hálából (Szendi Ica)

3 PM Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért
(családja)

Tuesday (27) Saint John the Apostle

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)

for John Lee, S. H

for John Jeong, T

for John Sung Hyun Lee

for John Tak Jeong

for †Kiss János (Teréz)

Wednesday (28) Holy Innocents

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)

for Zoltán (Éva)

7 PM békéért a Kárpát-medencében

a tisztítóüzben szenvedő lelkekért

Thursday (29)

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 (30) Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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)

11:00 the funeral Mass of †Demeter Magda

Saturday (31) Saint Sylvester I

7:30 for world peace

for holiness in families

for Etelka and Pál

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for †Paul Lim and deceased family members (Lim)

6 PM hálából (Juretic 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.

Baptism: Becze Szabolcs

PARISH EVENTS

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.

❖ **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.

"Urbi et orbi" message of Pope Francis

Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation! Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly and for all the people (cf. Lk 2:10).

On this day, Jesus, the Saviour is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the "sign" which God has given us: "a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12). Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church. Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church

shows to everyone the "sign" of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he "is of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 1:20).

He alone, he alone can save us. Only God's mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst. The grace of God can convert hearts and offer mankind a way out of humanly insoluble situations.

Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope. Where God is born, peace is born. And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war. Yet precisely where the incarnate Son of God came into the world, tensions and violence persist, and peace remains a gift to be implored and built.

To our brothers and sisters who in many parts of the world are being persecuted for their faith, may the Child Jesus grant consolation and strength. They are our martyrs of today.

Where God is born, hope is born; and where hope is born, persons regain their dignity. Yet even today great numbers of men and woman are deprived of their human dignity and, like the child Jesus, suffer cold, poverty, and rejection. May our closeness today be felt by those who are most vulnerable, especially child soldiers, women who suffer violence, and the victims of human trafficking and the drug trade.

Nor may our encouragement be lacking to all those fleeing extreme poverty or war, travelling all too often in inhumane conditions and not infrequently at the risk of their lives. May God repay all those, both individuals and states, who generously work to provide assistance and welcome to the numerous migrants and refugees, helping them to build a dignified future for themselves and for their dear ones, and to be integrated in the societies which receive them.

On this festal day may the Lord grant renewed hope to all those who lack employment – and they are so many!; may he sustain the commitment of those with public responsibilities in political and economic life, that they may work to pursue the common good and to protect the dignity of every human life.

Today, then, let us together rejoice in the day of our salvation. As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus, which show us the merciful embrace of God, as we hear the cries of the Child who whispers to us: "for my brethren and companions' sake, I will say: Peace be within you" (Ps 121[122]:8).

It is Christmas of the Holy Year of Mercy, and so I pray that all can welcome into their lives the mercy of God which Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, so that we in turn can show mercy to our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will make peace grow! Happy Christmas!

(w2.vatican.va, Friday, 25 December 2015)