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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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Masses in Hungarian: Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM, Wednesdays 7 PM

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CHURCH BULLETIN – January 1, 2017 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Readings: Num 6,22-27 Gal 4,4-7

Lk 2,16-21

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Myrtle Montoute-ért

for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina Mátés Ervin felgyógyulásáért (testvére Miklós)

11:00 Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja)

✦ Kniss Margitért (Kniss család)

✦ Varga Joanért (Varga Emma)

Monday (2) Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina for John Sung Hyun Lee and family

Tuesday (3)

7:30 for our ✦ Jesuits

for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina for Fr. Francis Xavier Mu Ham Kim

Wednesday (4)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina **7 PM** a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért

Thursday (5)

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina

Friday (6)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina

7 PM Fischer Ritáért

Sajgó Szabolcs atyáért

✦ Kovács Lászlóért

✦ Szendi Lajosért (felesége Ica)

Saturday (7) Saint André Bessette

7:30 for world peace

for the Rosary Apostolate growth and for Sr. Marilina for Etelka and Pál

The Holy Father's January prayer intentions

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity **to restore ecclesial communion** and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

PARISH EVENTS

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 **29.** Bake Sale to support the Kodaly Dance ensemble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **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.

✦ Fr. Seamus Hogan: "**From Jerusalem to the Ends of the World.**" On Tuesday, **January 17**, 7-9 PM at the Blessed Trinity Church, 3220 Bayview Avenue. Fr. Seamus Hogan is assistant professor of history at St. Augustine's Seminary, where he also teaches priestly spirituality and assists with formation. He will share a dynamic and interactive PowerPoint on the development of the early Church and its Jewish roots. Organized by the Association of Hebrew Catholics Toronto. All re welcome.

Funeral: Demeter Magda (84)

Pope Francis:

Overcome Indifference and Win Peace

God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind! God does not abandon us! At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to share not only this profound conviction but also my cordial good wishes for prosperity, peace and the fulfilment of the hopes of every man and every woman, every family, people and nation throughout the world, including all Heads of State and Government and all religious leaders. Peace is both God's gift and a human achievement. As a gift of God, it is entrusted to all men and women, who are called to attain it.

Sadly, war and terrorism, accompanied by kidnapping, ethnic or religious persecution and the misuse of power, marked the past year from start to finish. In many parts of the world, these have become so common as to constitute a real "third world war fought piecemeal". Yet some events of the year now ending inspire me, in looking ahead to the new year, to encourage everyone not to lose hope in our human ability to conquer evil and to combat resignation and indifference.

The first kind of indifference in human society is indifference to God, which then leads to indifference to one's neighbour and to the environment. We have come to think that we are the source and creator of ourselves, our lives and society. We feel self-sufficient, prepared not only to find a substitute for God but to do completely without him. As a consequence, we feel that we owe nothing to anyone but ourselves, and we claim only rights.

Indifference to our neighbour shows itself in different ways. Some people are well-informed; they listen to the radio, read the newspapers or watch television, but they do so mechanically and without engagement. They are vaguely aware of the tragedies afflicting humanity, but they have no sense of involvement or compassion. Theirs is the attitude of those who know, but keep their gaze, their thoughts and their actions focused on themselves. Sadly, it must be said that today's information explosion does not of itself lead to an increased concern for other people's problems, which demands openness and a sense of solidarity. Indeed, the information glut can numb people's sensibilities and to some degree downplay the gravity of the problems.

In other cases, indifference shows itself in lack of concern for what is happening around us, especially if it does not touch us directly. Some people prefer not to ask questions or seek answers; they lead lives of comfort, deaf to the cry of those who suffer. Almost imperceptibly, we grow incapable of feeling compassion for others and for their problems; we have no interest in caring for them, as if their troubles were their own responsibility, and none of our business.

On the institutional level, indifference to others and to

their dignity, their fundamental rights and their freedom, when it is part of a culture shaped by the pursuit of profit and hedonism, can foster and even justify actions and policies which ultimately represent threats to peace. When people witness the denial of their elementary rights, such as the right to food, water, health care or employment, they are tempted to obtain them by force.

Jesus taught us to be merciful like our heavenly Father. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, he condemned those who fail to help others in need, those who "pass by on the other side." By this example, he taught his listeners, and his disciples in particular, to stop and to help alleviate the sufferings of this world and the pain of our brothers and sisters, using whatever means are at hand, beginning with our own time, however busy we may be. Indifference often seeks excuses: observing ritual prescriptions, looking to all the things needing to be done, hiding behind hostilities and prejudices which keep us apart.

Mercy is the heart of God. It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity – as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures – is in play. Jesus tells us that love for others – foreigners, the sick, prisoners, the homeless, even our enemies – is the yardstick by which God will judge our actions. Our eternal destiny depends on this. This then is why "it is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

Civil society is likewise called to make specific and courageous gestures of concern for their most vulnerable members, such as prisoners, migrants, the unemployed and the infirm.

With this in mind, I would like to make a threefold appeal to the leaders of nations: to refrain from drawing other peoples into conflicts or wars which destroy not only their material, cultural and social legacy, but also – and in the long term – their moral and spiritual integrity; to forgive or manage in a sustainable way the international debt of the poorer nations; and to adopt policies of cooperation which, instead of bowing before the dictatorship of certain ideologies, will respect the values of local populations and, in any case, not prove detrimental to the fundamental and inalienable right to life of the unborn.

I entrust these reflections, together with my best wishes for the New Year, to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, who cares for the needs of our human family, that she may obtain from her Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the granting of our prayers and the blessing of our daily efforts for a fraternal and united world (*January 1, 2016*).