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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – January 8, 2017 – Epiphany of the Lord

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Readings: Is 60,1-6 Eph 3,2-3a. 5-6

Mt 2,1-12

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 Myrtle Montoute-ért

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Bukovenszki Ilonáért (Ritter Teri)

11:00 Szendi Icaért, halából (Benyó Nusi)

Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja) for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

Kingáért, születésnap (szerető anyukája)

Varga Tamás felgyógyulásáért (Szendi család)

a KFT élő és tagjaiért

élő és családtagokéért (Juhász Sándor és Márta)

Papp család élő és tagjaiért (Eta)

Pekár Annáért és családtagjaiért (Szűcs Mária)

Máté atyáért, születésnap (Piri)

Kniss Margitért (Kniss család)

Varga Joanért (Varga Emma)

Nemes Ernőért, évforduló (felesége és családja)

Bonnay Erzsébetért (Szendi család)

Istvánért (Mária és Ilona)

Somlai Ilonáért, évforduló (Somlai család)

Demeter Magdáért (Somlai család)

Monday (9) Baptism of the Lord

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for Francis Colaso (Peter Carvalho)

for Joseph MacDonald (Margaret Hawkins)

for Mary Car Santos, birthday (Theresa Kim)

for Bernadette Carvalho (Peter Carvalho)

Tuesday (10)

7:30 for our Jesuits

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

Wednesday (11)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for Zoltán (Éva)

7 PM a magyar politikusok megtéréséért

Thursday (12) Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

Friday (13)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the successful surgery of Poroszlai Erzsébet (Nóra)

for Valerie Glockner (Margaret Hawkins)

Saturday (14)

7:30 for world peace

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for Etelka and Pál

for Veronica and Michael Lee (Margaret Hawkins)

for Valerie Glockner (Margaret Hawkins)

for Sandra Bain (Margaret Hawkins)

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

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 **4.** Dinner and Dance of the Scouts **5.** Blessings of candles before the 9 AM Mass, blessings of throats after both Masses **Family Mass** at 11 AM **7.** Married Couples Club at 1 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Identifying the Innermost Root Source of our **Chronic Problems.**" Monday, **January 16**, 7 PM. New Beginnings Talk at 1155 Yonge St., 4th Floor. Speaker: Dr. Ken Fung, MD, MB FRCS. The evening will be about reclaiming one's authentic identity as a child of God, 'Imago Dei' and uncovering the 'root cause' of our chronic problems, praying for inner healing.

❖ 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.

❖ Theology on Tap: Understanding the Joy of Love. Monday, **January 23**, 7-9 PM. Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave. Faith Connections invites young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a comfortable and relaxed setting, with special guest: Fr. Tom Rosica CSB, CEO, Salt + Light Catholic Media Foundation. We'll discuss **Pope Francis'** Post Synodal Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (**The Joy of Love**). Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! For more information call 416-467-2645 - a ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto.

The Epiphany of the Lord

The word *Epiphany* means "manifestation" - it is God becoming manifest to the world through his son Jesus Christ. Every year on this feast, we encounter a story that really defines Christianity - the story of pilgrims on a journey. We meet the magi - outsiders, Gentiles, coming in search of the king.

The story of the magi is one of the more mysterious in the New Testament. The gospel doesn't tell us how many of them there were; one early Christian tradition actually told of 12 astronomers making their way to Judea, presumably paralleling the 12 tribes of Israel and, of course, the 12 apostles. But somehow - probably because of the number of gifts mentioned - the number over the centuries dwindled to three. Matthew's gospel is the only one that even mentions them. We really don't know much more about them, except that they were searching for Jesus.

As I like to tell people: their visit to Herod is the last time in recorded history that a group of men stopped somewhere to ask directions.

But that searching, I think, is what their story is all about. Like so many of us, they are on a quest. The magi come into history asking a simple question - but it may be one of the most important: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" It is a question seekers are asking even today. Where is Christ? In a world so often shrouded in despair, where is hope? As the magi discovered, Christ may not be where you expect.

Today, you will find him, for example, in the very land that tradition tells us was home to the magi - Persia, or as we know it, Iran and Iraq.

In Iraq, you will find Christ. You will find him in the quiet and courageous ministry of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, who fled their convent in Mosul in the middle of the night last August, as ISIS was approaching. Today, living out of nothing more than a tent, they patiently and prayerfully serve hundreds of refugees in Erbil, Iraq - providing medical care, finding homes for the homeless, teaching the children, giving hope to the hopeless. You will find Christ in the countless Iraqi Christians who hold fast to their faith in the face of suffering and hardship.

Where is the newborn king of the Jews? You will find him in Los Angeles, in the ministry of Fr. Gregory Boyle, the Jesuit founder of Homeboy Industries, where he is teaching gang members how to bake, and clean, and cook, and balance a budget and run a business. You will find him in the work of Leah Lebresco - a young woman, a Yale graduate, who was an avowed atheist, and proud of it, but who two years ago by the grace of God was baptized a Catholic and has just written a book about, of all things, prayer.

Where is the newborn king of the Jews? You will find him wherever the hungry are being fed, wherever the grieving are being consoled, wherever the forgotten are being remembered in his name. You will find him here, at this altar, in something as small as a crumb of bread. You will find him - as the magi did - anyplace where light dispels the darkness.

All these days after Christmas, we may think all the presents have been unwrapped and it's time to get on with our lives. But think again. This day brings us something more. Epiphany is the feast of gifts - but there is more than gold, frankincense and myrrh.

There is the gift of God's son, Jesus Christ - as a writer friend of mine put it, "the present of his presence." And there is the enduring gift of faith. The magi left gifts with Jesus, but I don't think they went home empty-handed themselves. They carried their encounter with Christ in their hearts. So should we. We shouldn't let the spirit of this season get tossed to the curb with the Christmas tree.

These weeks, we have celebrated Christ coming into our world and into our lives. The challenge before us is keep that reality alive - to keep the star shining. The incarnation didn't end 2,000 years ago. It goes on, every day, in every one of us. We are called to be Christ to one another.

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" Look around. And look within. And let this gospel today stand as a reminder of what we have been given - and more importantly, of what we need to do. The magi were among the first to seek Jesus. They aren't the last. As we begin this new year, pray that those who are seeking Christ today may find him, somehow, in each of us (*Deacon Greg Kandra*).