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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 – January 29, 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Readings: Zeph 2,3; 3,12-13

1Cor 1,26-31 Mt 5,1-12

#### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

**9:00** for the healing of families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

✦Mátés Annáért (fiai Miklós és Ervin)

✦Kistóth Bélaért és családjáért (Kmecz András és cs.)

**11:00** hálából (Hanák Matild)

Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja)

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

Emiért, születésnap (nagyszülők)

Tömöry Miklós felgyógyulásáért (Kodály együttes)

Boda Veronikáért, Bettináért, és Mártonért

Éva és György felgyógyulásáért (Szendi család)

Márta élő és ✦szeretteiért (Márta)

✦Kistóth Bélaért, 2. évf. (Tronka István és családja)

✦Berden Istvánért (unokái Kovács John és Joseph)

✦Gajárszky Károlyért (felesége és családja)

✦Feigl Rudolf és Póta László jezsuita testvérekért  
(Engyel család)

✦Kolmann Lászlóért (lánya és családja)

✦Mátyás Margitért (fia és családja)

✦Szöllössy Tamásért (Csanádi család)

✦Behon Andrásért (Horváth család)

✦Boda Jánosért és Rózsáért

✦Tamási Györgyért (Kovács család)

#### Monday (30)

**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 the healing of families

#### Tuesday (31) Saint John Bosco

**7:30** for our ✦Jesuits

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the healing of families

#### Wednesday (1)

**7:30** for Jesuit vocations

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the healing of families

for the family of John Lee (John Lee)

**7 PM** a magyar politikusok megtéréséért

#### Thursday (2) The Presentation of the Lord

**7:30** for the conversion of non believers

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the healing of families

for Zoltán (Éva)

#### Friday (3) Saint Blaise

**7:30** for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the healing of families

**11 AM** the funeral Mass of ✦Szűrös Lenke

**7 PM** Fischer Ritáért

Sajgó Szabolcs atyáért

Jaschkó atyáért, születésnap (Piri)

✦Kovács Lászlóért

✦Szendi Lajosért (felesége Ica)

✦Ernst-ért, 10. évforduló (felesége)

#### Saturday (4) Jesuit martyrs of the missions

**7:30** for world peace

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the healing of families

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

**29.** Bake Sale to support the Kodaly Dance ensemble  
❖ Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Michael's Cathedral at 3 PM  
**4.** Hungarian School and Scouts at St. Edward Catholic School  
❖ Confirmation Class at 1 PM  
❖ First Communion Class at 1:30 PM  
❖ Dinner and Dance of the Scouts at 6 PM; to order tickets call 416-300-9305  
**5.** Blessings of candles before the 9 AM Mass, blessings of throats after both Masses  
❖ Family Mass at 11 AM  
❖ Meeting of the Altar Servers  
**7.** Married Couples Club at noon (Fr. Jaschko's birthday lunch)  
**12.** Cabbage Roll sale organized by the Married Couples Club  
**19.** Schnitzel Lunch on behalf of the Caritas  
**20.** Family Festival between 10 AM – 5 PM in the Hall  
**25.** Farsang Dinner and Dance  
**March 1. Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ The Office of Vocations is hosting **high school retreat** for men (Grades 11 and 12) at Blessed Sacrament Parish (24 Cheritan Ave.) on **February 11** to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Priests and seminarians will deliver talks on practical aspects of faith. There will be opportunities for Mass, adoration, confession and socializing. For more information please call 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

❖ **Cabbage Roll & Debreceni Sale** on Sunday **February 12**. Orders can be placed with Emma Varga at 416-225-9024.

❖ **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** on **March 4**, 9 AM at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Join us for the largest single-day Catholic event in Canada! Hear inspired testimonies and talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. There will be a Eucharistic Adoration procession and Holy Mass with Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will also be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks, inspirational skits, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass with Bishop Scott. More info: [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca).

### Saint Thomas Aquinas

Thomas is believed to have been born in the castle of Roccasecca in the old county of the Kingdom of Sicily, which is now known as the Lazio region of Italy, in 1225. His parents were well-off, but as the youngest son Thomas was expected to enter the monastery.

At 5-years-old, Thomas began his education at Monte Cassino, where he remained until the military conflict between Emperor Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX reached the abbey. He was then transferred and enrolled at the studium generale in Naples.

It is believed that Thomas was introduced to his philosophical influences - Aristotle, Averroes, and Maimonides - at the university, where he also met John of St. Julian, a Dominican preacher, who influenced him to join the recently founded Dominican Order.

When Thomas' family learned of his decision, his mother Theodora arranged for him to be moved to Paris. When Thomas was travelling to Rome, his brothers captured him and returned him to their parents at the castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano.

Thomas was held captive in the castle for one year as his family tried to keep him from joining the Dominican Order. In the year he was held, Thomas tutored his sisters and communicated with members of the Dominican Order.

In an effort to change Thomas' mind, two of his brothers hired a prostitute to seduce him, but legends claim Thomas drove her off with a fire iron. That night, two angels appeared to him in a dream and strengthened his resolve to remain celibate. When

Theodora realized she could not sway her son, she tried to preserve the family name by arranging for his escape through a window. She believed a secret escape was better than appearing to accept his decision.

Thomas was quiet and seldom spoke at the university, leading other students to believe he was mentally delayed, but Mangus prophetically said, "You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world."

In 1265, Thomas was summoned to Rome to serve as the papal theologian and was later ordered by the Dominican Chapter of Agnani to teach at the studium conventuale, which was the first school to teach the full range of philosophical subjects of both moral and natural natures. While teaching, Thomas wrote his most famous work, *Summa theologiae*, which he believed was particularly useful to beginning students "because a doctor of Catholic truth ought not only to teach the proficient, but to him pertains also to instruct beginners."

In 1273 Thomas was seen by the sacristan Domenic of Caserta to be crying and levitating in prayer before an icon of the crucified Christ at the Dominican convent of Naples, in the Chapel of Saint Nicholas. During this prayer, Christ is said to have told him, "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward would you have for your labor?" Thomas replied, "Nothing but you, Lord." Following this exchange, something happened but Thomas never wrote or spoke of it. He abandoned his routine and, when begged to return to work, replied, "I cannot, because all that I have written seems like straw to me."

In May of 1274, Thomas was called to the Second Council of Lyon, where his works for Pope Urban IV would be presented. While journeying to the meeting, Thomas hit his head on the branch of a fallen tree and fell ill. He was escorted to Monte Cassino to recover, then he set out again. Unfortunately, he became ill once again and stopped at the Cistercian Fossanova Abbey, where the monks cared for him for several days. He received his last rites and prayed, "I receive Thee, ransom of my soul. For love of Thee have I studied and kept vigil, toiled, preached and taught..." Thomas died on March 7, 1274 during a commentary on the Song of Songs.

It is not known who beatified Thomas, but on July 18, 1323, Pope John XXII canonized him. Pope Pius V declared Saint Thomas a doctor of the church, saying Thomas was "the most brilliant light of the Church."

Saint Thomas' comments and philosophical writings are still debated today, and his aesthetic theories, such as the concept of claritas, deeply influenced the literary writings of James Joyce and Italian semiotician Umberto Eco. Saint Thomas is often depicted with an open book or writing with a quill ([catholic.org/saints/](http://catholic.org/saints/)).