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## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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**Masses in English:** Monday - Saturday at 7:30 AM

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### CHURCH BULLETIN – February 26, 2017 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Readings:** Is 49,14-15 1Cor 4,1-5

Mt 6,24-34

#### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

**9:00** for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina Srancz Márton felgyógyulásáért (felesége és családja)

✠Varazsdi Annáért (Éva)

✠Máté Rozáliáért (unokaöccse)

✠Dolmányos Ferencért (felesége és családja)

**11:00** Sipos Rebeka felgyógyulásáért (családja)

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért (családja)

Abelovszky Mártáért (családja)

a Mária Kongregáció élő és ✠tagjaiért

Szendi és Szervó családok élő és ✠tagjaiért

(Szendi család)

✠testvérekért (Sándor)

✠ifj. Fabók Lászlóért (édesanyja)

✠Kósa Consty-ért

✠Remsei Istvánért és Józsefért (családja)

✠Nádasdy és Rajotte családtagokért (Lisa)

#### **Monday (27)**

**7:30** for the intention of the Jesuit General for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

#### **Tuesday (28)**

**7:30** for our ✠Jesuits

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

for the wellbeing and intentions of Mary Celsus and family

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

#### **Ash Wednesday (1)**

**7:30** for Jesuit vocations

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

**7 PM** békéért a Kárpát-medencében

a tisztító tűzben szenvedő lelkekért

✠Gáti Sándorért (felesége és családja)

#### **Thursday (2)**

**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 (3) World Day of Prayer**

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

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of Keith Cheung (wife Stella Cheung)

**7 PM** Fischer Ritáért

Sajgó Szabolcs atyáért

✠Kovács Lászlóért

✠Szendi Lajosért (felesége Ica)

#### **Saturday (4)**

**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

The **new website of our church** with the latest news is now available: [www.stetoronto.com](http://www.stetoronto.com).

#### **The Holy Father's February prayer intentions**

That all those who are **afflicted**, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

**Funeral:** Beszedits Stephen (70), Énekes József (78)

#### PARISH EVENTS

**Sunday (26)** Common Communion and meeting of the Congregation of Mary

**Ash Wednesday (1) – Beginning of Lent;** Seniors Club at 1 PM ❖ Rosary at 6:30 PM, Mass at 7 PM, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**First Friday (3)** Meeting of the Catholic Men's League at 1 PM ❖ World day of Prayer at 1:30 PM in our church, with the participation of various Christian denominations in the area, followed by a reception in the Hall ❖ Rosary at 6:30 PM, Mass at 7 PM

**Saturday (4)** Hungarian School and Scouts at St. Edward Catholic School ❖ Baby & Mother Club at 10 AM ❖ „Mothers' prayers" prayer group at 10 AM ❖ Confirmation Class at 1 PM ❖ First Communion Class at 1:30 PM

**Sunday (5)** Crepe sale to support the Scouts ❖ **Family Mass** at 11 AM ❖ Meeting of the Altar Servers at 12 PM; catechesis in two age groups ❖ Poetry

afternoon at 12:30 PM: „*The narrative poetry of Arany János*”

7. Married Couples Club at 1 PM 9. Assembling of rosaries at 6:30 PM 12. Daylight Savings Time Begins – at dawn please adjust your watches one hour ahead ❖ Common Communion and breakfast of the Catholic Men’s League 19. Festive Luncheon at 12:30 to commemorate the anniversary of the Dedication of our Church; to order tickets please call the office (\$30) 22. Christian perspective discussion group at 7:45 PM in the Saint Stephen’s room 26. Lángos sale, followed by a dramatized story from the „*One Thousand and One Nights*,” performed by the Lángos Punchers ❖ Common Communion and meeting of the Congregation of Mary.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Lenten Listening: A Busy Person's **Retreat. March 1**, 6:30 PM. Regis College, 100 Wellesley St, Toronto. Faith Connections, Regis College, and the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association invite young adults (18-39) from different areas of the Archdiocese of Toronto to experience the gift of Spiritual Accompaniment this Lent! The retreat will begin with a group gathering. In the next six weeks, you will be invited to spend 15 minutes a day in prayer and meet with a spiritual companion in your area 3 times for 1 hour. Cost: \$30. Info: 416-467-2645.

❖ **World Day of Prayer** this year is being hosted by St. Elizabeth’s Church, on Friday, **March 3**, at 1:30 PM. Hope all parishioners who can, will come to hear and see this Service which was written by the women from the Philippines, and the theme is “*Am I Being Unfair To You?*”. The other 6 churches taking part in this Service are Blessed Trinity R.C., Church of the Incarnation, Forest Grove United, St. Gabriel’s R.C., St. John’s Anglican, and Trinity Presbyterian. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

❖ **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).

❖ Theology on Tap: **Commitment - Relationships, Career, Community.** Monday, **March 13**, 7-9 PM. Duke of York Pub, 39 Prince Arthur Ave, Toronto. 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 guests: Jeff and Patricia Kavanagh. 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.

❖ Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting it's 8th annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday **March 25**. Topics include: **Call to Holiness**, Why Minister to Moms? Finding your Catholic Voice, Marriage & Sanity. How does CatholicMomsGroup.com Work? Speakers include: Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Deacon Robert & Gabrielle Suthers, Tanya Granic Allen, Cheryl Thompson, and Dorothy Pilarski. Cardinal Thomas Collins will be celebrating the opening Mass. There is a mother-daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before! For more information including registration fees and location visit call 905 279-7702.

### Ash Wednesday - The first day of Lent

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance ([catholic.org](http://catholic.org)).