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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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CHURCH BULLETIN – April 23, 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

Readings: Acts 2,42-47 1 1Pet 1,3-9

□ Jn 20,19-31

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for the healing of families

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

Prokec és Pataki családok élő és †tagjaiért (család) Pollák és Bohács családok élő és †tagjaiért (család)

*Kovács Jánosért és Erzsébetért (családiai)

†Tausz Zsuzsáért (édesanyja és Tibor)

11:00 Szárics Rheáért (család)

a Mária Kongregáció élő és †tagjaiért

Szendi és Szervó családok élő és †tagjaiért (Szendi család)

- ♦Fodor Katharináért (férje és családja)
- †Kistóth Béláért (Tronka István és családja)
- †id. Szőke Istvánért, 2. évf. (felesége és családjai)
- ♦Kelemen és Szőke szülőkért (Rózsa és családja)
- +Keller Mihályért és Terézért (Reizer család)
- ♦Nagy Ambrusért és Emerenciáért és ₱gyermekeiért (rokonok)
- +szülőkért (Radocsay Mihály és családja)
- ♦Gehér Lászlóért, 14. évforduló (család)

Monday (24)

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the healing of families

Tuesday (25) Saint Mark

7:30 for our †Jesuits

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the healing of families

Wednesday (26)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the healing of families

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért a tisztítótűzben szenvedő lelkekért Rozinka családért (Juhász M. és S.)

Poroszlay Erzsébetért (Juhász M. és S.)

Thursday (27) Saint Peter Canisius

7:30 for the conversion of non believers for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina for the healing of families

for \$V\u00e1\u00e4mossy family members (Marika)

Friday (28)

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of families

for Simone and Francis, 15th wedding anniversary for the wellbeing and intentions of Jeyam Jeganathan and family

Saturday (29) Saint Catherine of Siena

7:30 for world peace

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for the healing of families

for Etelka and Pál

for Catherine Kakyung Lee (John Sung Hyun Lee)

The Holy Father's April prayer intentions

That **young people** may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday (23) Sunday of Divine Mercy ❖ Common Communion and meeting of the Congregation of Mary ❖ Poetry afternoon at 12:30 PM: "*The lyrical poetry of*

Arany János" ❖ Cooking Class for youth between 3-6 PM in the Hall kitchen led by chef János Hegedüs. Fee \$20 (supper with 9 courses)

Wednesday (26) Seniors Club at 1 PM ❖ Rosary at 6:30 PM, Mass at 7 PM, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ❖ Christian perspective discussion group at 7:45 PM in the Saint Stephen's room

Saturday (29) 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 (30) First Communion at the 11 AM Mass, followed by reception for the family members

5. Catholic Men's League meeting at 1 PM **6.** Mothers' Day Dinner and Dance **7.** Second ShareLife collection

♦ Family Mass at 11 AM ♦ Meeting of the Altar Servers at 12 PM; catechesis in two age groups 11. Making of rosaries at 6:30 PM. 12. Day of Prayer for Vocations 13. Scola Cantorum Concert at 7 PM followed by reception in the Hall 14. Confirmation with bishop Cserháti at the 11 AM Mass, followed by a reception in the Hall for the family members ❖ Bake sale to support the orphans of Fr. Böjte 21. Renewing of the vows of the Catholic Men's League; gathering at 3 PM, Mass at 4 PM followed by a feast in the Hall 22. Victoria Day − Long Weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ New Beginnings Talk: "Byzantine **Ukrainian**Catholic Liturgies/Prayers for the Dead." Monday,
 April 24, 7 PM at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish/St.
 Michael's Ukrainian Church 182 Sixth St., Etobicoke.
 Speaker, Fr. Terry Lozynsky, will move us through this rich Byzantine Catholic tradition as it offers consolation to those who mourn the death of a loved one.
- ♦ Northmount School for Boys Open House on Wednesday, April 26, 9:30-11:00 AM, 26 Mallard Road. Toronto's only Independent Catholic Boys' Elementary School (JK-8). To RSVP for the Open House or book a private tour please contact us at 416-449-8823 ext. 114 or at info@northmount.com.
- ♦ Mothers' Day Dinner and Dance on May 6, 6 PM, in the church hall. Dinner at 7 PM. Music: Zónai Attila. Menu: biscuits, chicken soup, pork with mushroom sauce, breaded chicken, rice, coleslaw, pickles, dessert, and coffee. Cooks: Ritter Teri, Takács Erzsi, and Kormányos Mihály. Tickets are sold Saturdays during teaching times at the Hungarian School office Adults \$30, high school \$20, elementary school \$15, kindergarten \$10. Info: 416-805-3444 (Lipcsey Anna).

Pope Francis: The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants

"Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book" (Jn 20:30). The Gospel is the book of God's mercy, to be read and reread, because everything that Jesus said and did is an expression of the Father's mercy. Not everything, however, was written down; the Gospel of mercy remains an open book, in which the signs of Christ's disciples - concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy - continue to be written. We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women of today. We do this by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are the hallmarks of the Christian life. By means of these simple yet powerful gestures, even when unseen, we can accompany the needy, bringing God's tenderness and consolation. Thus continues the great work of Jesus on Easter day, when he poured into the hearts of his fearful disciples the Father's mercy, bringing them the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and bestows joy.

At the same time, the story we have just heard presents an evident contrast: there is the fear of the disciples, who gathered behind closed doors; and then

there is the mission of Jesus, who sends them into the world to proclaim the message of forgiveness. This contrast may also be present in us, experienced as an interior struggle between a closed heart and the call of love to open doors closed by sin. It is a call that frees us to go out of ourselves. Christ, who for love entered through doors barred by sin, death and the powers of hell, wants to enter into each one of us to break open the locked doors of our hearts. Jesus, who by his resurrection has overcome the fear and dread which imprison us, wishes to throw open our closed doors and send us out. The path that the Risen Master shows us is a one way street, it goes in only one direction: this means that we must move beyond ourselves to witness to the healing power of love that has conquered us. We see before us a humanity that is often wounded and fearful, a humanity that bears the scars of pain and uncertainty. Before the anguished cry for mercy and peace, we hear Jesus' inspiring invitation: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21).

Being apostles of mercy means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters. This is the mission that he entrusts to us. So many people ask to be listened to and to be understood. The Gospel of mercy, to be proclaimed and written in our daily lives, seeks people with patient and open hearts, "good Samaritans" who understand compassion and silence before the mystery of each brother and sister. The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants, people who love freely without expecting anything in return.

"Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21) is the greeting of Jesus to his disciples; this same peace awaits men and women of our own day. It is not a negotiated peace, it is not the absence of conflict: it is his peace, the peace that comes from the heart of the Risen Lord, the peace that has defeated sin, fear and death. To be bearers of his peace: this is the mission entrusted to the Church on Easter day. In Christ, we are born to be instruments of reconciliation, to bring the Father's forgiveness to everyone, to reveal his loving face through concrete gestures of mercy.

In the responsorial Psalm we heard these words: "His love endures forever" (Ps 117/118:2). Truly, God's mercy is forever; it never ends, it never runs out, it never gives up when faced with closed doors, and it never tires. In this forever we find strength in moments of trial and weakness because we are sure that God does not abandon us. He remains with us forever. Let us give thanks for so great a love, which we find impossible to grasp; it is immense! Let us pray for the grace to never grow tired of drawing from the well of the Father's mercy and bringing it to the world. Let us ask that we too may be merciful, to spread the power of the Gospel, and to write those pages of the Gospel which John the Apostle did not write (news.va/en/).