

# SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY R.C. CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Dear Faithful!

The anniversary of the consecration of our church is an opportunity for the parish to give thanks. Let us thank the Resurrected Christ that we are able to have a Hungarian Church so far from the Carpathian Basin, that we are able to worship in our forefathers language and religion. Let us give thanks that we have Hungarian priests to tend our church. Let us give thanks for all of those who in the past worked for the upkeep of our church and for all of those who presently help morally, financially and through volunteer work.

It is a sad fact, that the large Hungarian Community in the GTA has not had a Hungarian Cultural Centre for a year and a half now. *I invite all of you to offer up two weeks of prayer and renouncing a pleasure for two weeks, from March 17 to March 31 for this cause. Let us try to recruit others to participate as well. If we do not do anything, then nothing can happen.*

It is very likely that by the date of our anniversary lunch on March 17th , the white smoke will have risen over Rome and they will have shouted: *Habemus Papam!* The quality of our next Pope will be driven by the amount we pray for a new pope and for the continuation of our church at large. Let us not complain about the state of the world, or the state of the church; instead *let us adopt a cardinal* (<http://adoptacardinal.org>). *Once we have our 266th pope, regardless of who he is, let us support him with our prayers so that he can be a faithful and good shepherd to his flock.* Christ told us that he would take care of his followers, he promised that the gates of hell would not be stronger than his church. If we need to suffer let us gladly accept that we can do something for Christ and our Church. Let us give thanks that we have been found worthy to suffer in his name like the apostles did.

Our anniversary luncheon falls very close to Easter this year. Without our belief in the resurrection there is no point to our religion according to St. Paul the Apostle. This is why we spend so much time and thought preparing for Easter. *This is why we fast, pray and go for confession.* To help you with your preparations St. Elizabeth is holding 3 days of spiritual preparedness. From March 14 – March 16 and for the last 2 weeks of Lent there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the morning masses. Please participate if you can. Reading the Bible on a daily basis is another way of keeping your faith alive.

A Blessed Easter to all of our parishioners  
and God Bless the New Pope

March 6, 2013

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