



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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English masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 in the morning
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CHURCH BULLETIN

Number 43 - October 26, 2008

30th Sunday of Ordinary time, Oct. 26, 2008.

Readings:

Ex 22:21-27; 1 Thess. 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Responsorial Psalm:

„I love you, Lord, my strength.”

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ for her family – Piri Horváth
 ☛ for +Lajos Bernád - wife
 ☛ for the +Hornyik parents - Horváth family
 ☛ for +Imre Magdic – Rozália Koczon and the Magdic fam.
 ☛ for +Maria Hein – Várfi family
 ☛ for +Bartók Anna – Mária Farkas
- 10:30** ✠ for Maria Balatoni on her birthday – her parents
 ☛ for +László Sinka – wife and family
 ☛ for +Géza Bek - family
 ☛ for their beloved deceased – L. & M. Sztanyó
 ☛ for the deceased members of the Bonnay family
 ☛ for the deceased Jesuit fathers and members of the Marian Congregation (Sodalities)
 ☛ for +József Fogarasi – wife and son
 ☛ for the deceased members of the Zelena family
 ☛ for +Erzsébet Molnár and +Joseph Edna - family

12:00 ✠ for our Youth Choir

27. Monday;

- 7.30 pastor's intention
 8.00 for +Anna Bartók – daughter and granddaughter
 19.00 for our confirmandee

28. Tuesday; *St. Simon and Jude, apostles*

- 7.30 in veneration of St. Jude – Margit Csanyi
 8.00 for +Emil – family
 19.00 for the ladies of our church

29. Wednesday;

- 7.30 pastor's intention
 8.00 for Pál – Etelka
 19.00

30. Thursday;

- 7.30 pastor's intention
 8.00 pastor's intention

31. Friday;

- 7.30 for +István Hári, +Schneeflock parents, +Vilmos and +AnnaPável - Pirooska
 8.00 (1) for +Károly and +Nina Schneeflock , +Ferenc

and Boriska Bátai and +Miklós Hári

(2) for +Veronika Goth – husband and family

19.00 for Pax Romana movement

November 1. Saturday; *All Saints*

- 7.30 pastor's intention
 8.00 (1) for the deceased Nagy family members – Zoli
 (2) for the deceased members of the Juretic family
 (3) for +Béla Bartha - wife
 19.00 (1) for +Gizella Szőke – son and family
 (2) for the +Benkő and +Tompá parents
 (3) for +Lajos Benkő senior and junior

Funeral: dr. László Farkas (93), James Farkas (82)

Homily by Fr. Munachi E. Ezeogu, csso

There is an immortal poem written by Englishman Leigh Hunt about a man called Abou Ben Adhem. Abou Ben Adhem woke from his sleep one night and saw in his room an angel writing in a book of gold the names of those who love God. "And is mine one?" inquired Abou. "Nay, not so," replied the angel. "I pray thee, then," said Abou, "write me as one who loves his fellow men." The following night the angel came again and displayed the names of those who love God and Abou Ben Adhem's name topped the list. This poem makes the point that true love of God and true love of our fellow human beings are like two sides of the same coin. One cannot exist apart from the other. That is what we find in today's gospel. Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment in the law. The book answer, of course is love of God. But Jesus does not stop there. He goes on to give a more practical answer. He gives the other side of the coin as well, which is love of neighbour. True love of God and true love of neighbour are practically one and the same thing. As Jesus said:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Jesus is here reacting against a one-dimensional understanding of love. For Jesus, true love must express itself in three dimensions. These three dimensions are (a) love of God, (b) love of neighbour, and (c) love of oneself. The first two are

positively commanded; the last one is not commanded but presumed to be the basis of all loving. The commandment to love your neighbour as yourself presumes that you love yourself.

Even though Jesus' answer touched on all three dimensions of love, what is the emphasis, the point Jesus is trying to make? When you ask a question that demands one straightforward answer and the person answers your question and goes on to add another thing that you did not actually ask for, it is most likely that the person is trying to get your attention on the second element of the answer. We saw it last week when Jesus was asked about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus answered, "Give back to Caesar's what is Caesar's," and then went on to add "and to God what is God's." Here the emphasis of Jesus is not on Caesar's rights, which are apparently obvious, but on God's rights which they were ignoring. In the same way, the emphasis in today's question about the greatest commandment is not on the obvious love of God but on the love of neighbour which they were trampling upon.

Remember that the persecution of Jesus and his followers was championed by well-meaning religious people motivated by what they believed to be zeal and love for God. The same people asking about the first commandment are the ones trying to entrap and kill Jesus. They are so conscious about love of God. Why then are they so insensitive when it comes to love of neighbour? Saul who later became St Paul is a good example of this kind of skewed religiosity. Jesus prophesied that **"an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God"** (John 16:2).

The error of the Pharisees is still here with us. There are still many Christians who try to separate love of fellow human beings from love of God. Their commitment to faith does not include commitment to human rights and to justice and peace issues. We shall do well to heed the message of Jesus in today's gospel: that true love of God and true love of neighbour are two sides of the same coin. Any attempt to separate them is a falsification of the message of Christ. **"Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen"** (1 John 4:20).

NEWS

♦ **Celebrating the Richness of Humanae Vitae: A Buried Treasure.** The Church's Teaching on Sexuality and Marriage: to be held at the University of St. Michael's College, Sam Sorbara Auditorium, Brennan Hall at 81 St. Mary St. Toronto, on Saturday November 15, 2008. Speakers include: Archbishop Prendergast, Cale Clarke, Mark Mallett, Dr. Maria Draw, and Fr. Tom Lynch along with several witness couples. Archbishop Collins will celebrate the closing Mass at 5:30. Registration starts at 8:00 am. Cost is \$5.00 – Lunch \$8:00 for those who preregister or bring your own lunch. Call 905-427-6137 or email humanaevitae40@gmail.com for tickets.

Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts

presents Showcase 2008

Friday, November 7, 2008 and Saturday, November 8, 2008 at The Cardinal Carter Theatre 36 Greenfield Avenue, North York (Yonge Street, 1 Block North of Sheppard). Gallery Viewing 6:30 p.m. Gala Show 7:30 p.m. - Staged as a traditional variety show, SHOWCASE features all the singing, dancing and theatrical pieces CCAA is known for, in addition to an exciting Art Gallery and Marketplace of mixed media works created by past and present visual artists from the school. It is the major fundraising initiative at Carter for the 2008-2009 school year. For ticket information, please contact the school at 416-393-5556 ext. 0 or by email friendsofcarter@gmail.com.

St. Paul, the First Christian Missionary

Monday, October 27, 2008 - 7:30 p.m. at Sam Sorbara Hall, University of St. Michael's College, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto. - Fr. Bernardo Estrada, Academic Vice-Rector and Professor of New Testament, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome will give a talk on St. Paul, the first Christian missionary. Free event. - For more information contact Noel McFerran 416-926-1300 ext. 3472.

All Souls' Day Mass at Catholic Cemeteries

Catholic Cemeteries - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in our annual All Souls Day Mass on Saturday November 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.
Liturgy in English: Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga 905-670-8801; Christ the King Cemetery, Markham 905-471-0121; Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby 905-668-8912
Liturgy in English and Italian: Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill 905-889-7467; Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge 905-851-5822. - For more information contact a cemetery office or the Central Business Office at 416- 733-8544 or visit our website at www.catholic-cemeteries.com. ALL ARE WELCOME.

LIFETEEN Mass and - Presentation by Mark Tiller

St. Paul's First Letter to the Christians in Corinth - 1 Corinthians in its entirety. Sunday, November 9, 2008, St. Paul the Apostle Church, 190 King Street St. S., Alliston.

LIFETEEN Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by a 7:30 p.m. feature presentation by Mark Tiller. He is a talented dramatist. Within moments of his stepping on stage you are transported back to the Apostle Paul's time. You start to feel like a member of the Corinth congregation, hungry for Paul's words on how we were to live together as a faith community.

St. Paul the Apostle Church in Alliston has been designated as one of the pilgrimage sites in our diocese for the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, where a plenary indulgence may be granted in the canonically prescribed manner.

Cost of admission is \$10.00 for adults. Students are free. This is a fund raiser for our youth ministry, LIFETEEN & The Edge Programs.