

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

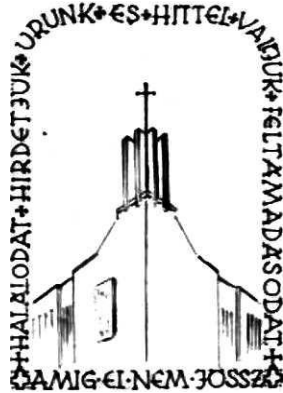
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Masses: Monday to Saturday at 7.30 AM in English

Sundays at 9 and 10.30 in Hungarian, at 12 both in English and Hungarian

Jesuit priests: Szabolcs J. Sajgó (pastor), László Marosfalvy (associate pastor) – retired: Balázs Jaschkó



Founded in 1928

No. 16 - PALM SUNDAY - April 17, 2011

CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Readings: Is 50,4-7 Phil 2,6-11. Mt 26,14-27.66

Psalm: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

9:00 Pásztik Marika felgyógyulására - Julianna Szűz Mária és Szent József tiszteletére – Tóth család

+Zinner Frankért – Twigg család

+Resch családtagokért – családja

+Zsuzsannáért – nővére, Málics Istvánné és családja

+szüleiért, +László Máriaért, Máriaért, Annaért,

Józsefért és Valériaért - Iglár Mária

+testvéréért, Lászlóért, Erzsébetért, Lászlóért,

Irénekéért és Máriaért - Iglár Mária

10:30 az egyházközségért

Mária Kongregáció élő és elhunyt tagjaiért

Kovács Béláért – Bor család

Miklósházy püspök atya felgyógyulására –

Kistóth család és dr. Török Teréz

élő és elhunyt családtagokért, hozzátartozókért –

Palatkai Erzsébet

+Forgácsné Ilonáért – Farkas Ágnes és családja

+Szkiba Rozáliáért – Román-Eichenberg család

+szülőkéért – Farkas Sándor

+Szigeti Istvánért és Gabrielláért – Léránt Etelka

+Farkas Lászlóért – felesége és családja

+dr. Papp Gáborért – Farkas Ágnes

+Bor Lajosért – neje és családja

+Zahari Júliáért - unokája

+Bakk Bertalanért – szülei

+Tóth Istvánért – rokonai

+Zsolt Endréért (Bandiért) - barátai

+Gergely Mihályért – fia, Richard,

valamint rokonai és barátai

+Vaskó Istvánért – testvére, Margit

+Román Mihályért és Erzsébetért – leányuk

12:00 for the safe trip of Nelia

Csida Zsóka felgyógyulására – családja

for the succesful surgery of Judit Mária –

her aunt, Mária

+Ádám atyáért - Balatoni család

+Babits Györgyért – családja

+Staffer Károlyért és Máriáért - Forrai család

+Tandi Tiborért (1. évf.) – Tandi Mihály és felesége Kikuta Mariko

+Deák Lászlónéért - családja

Monday (18)

7:30 for +Takács Ignác – Yolanda Kozma

Tuesday (19)

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Wednesday (20)

7:30 for +Fr. Alexander Takács – his sister, Yolanda

7 PM Etelkáért és Pálért

Holy Thursday (21)

7 PM Jeremiás siralmi

7:30 Az Utolsó vacsora miséje, szentségimádással

Good Friday (22) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus

3 PM Urunk szenvedésének és kereszthalálának szertartása

Holy Saturday (23) 8AM – 7PM szentsírlátogatás

7:30 PM feltámadási szentmise, körmönet

Confirmation: Vas Hermina

Funeral: Jehn Aranka (94)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: Bake Sale 30. Hawaiian Style Dinner and Dance
7. Mother's Day Dinner and Dance

❖ In the **Good Friday Collection** on April 22nd we remember the first community of Jerusalem who made the first steps in living an evangelical life. It has established the foundation for Christian life from which we still live by today. The purpose of the collection is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites that have been entrusted to the Franciscans for centuries. An important challenge that we face is the revival of the Church and the mission of the formation of future priests.

❖ The amount of the 2010 **Shepherds' Trust** Collection (\$ 1,518,935) was 1.5 % higher than the previous year. The contribution from our parish was \$400, as compared with \$1,170 from 2009.

❖ “The services provided by **ShareLife** agencies are critical to those who rely on them – they are lifesaving and life-restoring. Families are working through crises and are healing. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Seniors are living independently, with access to the care and services they need. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they're tangible.” Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. 2nd ShareLife collection – May 1st. **Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!**

Easter Customs - England vs. Hungary

(by J.B. Freeman)

The day before Lent is called shrove Tuesday and in England it is referred to as Pancake Day. Traditionally, it is the day when you use up all the “goodies” in your larder in preparation for fasting during lent which the making of pancakes represents. Fish is usually cooked for dinner on Good Friday. Easter Sunday is the day you exchange chocolate Easter Eggs with family and friends – of course the children getting most of them. The main course for Easter Sunday Lunch is traditionally roast lamb and mint sauce which is served with a variety of vegetables. In recent years it has become popular to have roast turkey instead of lamb because if families get together it is considerably cheaper to feed a number of people with turkey than with lamb which is very expensive. Simnel cake is a traditional Easter cake which is made with dried fruits and spice and is cooked with a layer of marzipan in its centre. After cooking it is topped with a layer of marzipan and decorated with 11 small marzipan balls to represent the 11 disciples of Jesus – the twelfth disciple is excluded because he was Judas, the traitor.

So far, I have spent 2 Easters in Hungary and they were very different to an English one. Hungarians call **Lent** the “great fast” (Nagyböjt) and there was a time when it was forbidden to eat any meat during Lent so the day before Ash Wednesday, **shrove Tuesday**, is called Meat Abandoning Tuesday (húshagyó kedd). Centuries ago on **Palm Sunday** it was customary to bless not only branches but also the various flowers of the season. Today, the flowers are still mentioned in the antiphons after the prayer of blessing. Thus, the name Flower Sunday (Virágvasárnap) is used in Hungary. **Good Friday** (nagy-péntek) was at one time spent in total fast – and is still, if religious customs are still observed by the family. It is also the day when the eggs are decorated. The art of decorating **Easter eggs** in Hungary was originally a Pagan ritual but was carried over with the acceptance of Christianity. Eggs are decorated with simple geometric shapes or ornamented with swirls of plants and flowers. The color red is often used as it symbolizes the blood of Christ. Many eggs also carry the

embroidery of Hungarian designs that are a part of the traditional dress. Painted wooden eggs are also displayed in many Hungarian homes.

On **Holy Saturday**, what is known as “Nagyszombat” in Hungary, people take food baskets filled with kalács, red eggs and salt to the church, to be blessed by the clergyman. This blessed food is eaten in the Easter dinner after the resurrection ceremonies are over.

Easter Sunday is still referred to as the festival of meat (Húsvét). Huge amounts of food are prepared: the traditional diós beigli (walnut roll) and mákos beigli (ground poppy seed roll) are baked as well as numerous traditional torta (cakes) and heaps of pogácsa, yeast scones cooked with túró (cream cheese) and tejföl (sour cream). The traditional meat for Easter is a whole smoked ham, boiled in a large cauldron with herbs and onions and served accompanied by either potatoes, pasta or rice and a great variety of winter salads. Children are given chocolate rabbits and chocolate eggs as well as the decorated eggs and young children are told that the Easter rabbit brings the eggs.

Easter Monday is called the second day of Easter and the events of this day are the main reason why eggs are decorated in Hungary. At one time the boys visited the girls and doused them thoroughly with buckets or bottles of water while reciting a rhyme:

Good day, good day, my lily, I water you to keep you from withering, water for your health, water for your home, water for your land, here's water, water! Don't shriek and cry and run away: It's good for you on dousing day.

At one time this practice was much rougher and the young men would drag the girls to ponds, wells or streams at dawn and throw them in. It was expected that the girls would accept this all in good humor and reward their tormentors with decorated eggs, cakes and a glass of pálinka or wine. This ritual is associated with fertility, healing and cleansing rites. The dousing was supposed to make of them good wives in the future who would bear many children. The custom is still carried out but in a much gentler form and nowadays the boys sprinkle the girls with perfume. Unfortunately, cheap perfume is sold specially for this occasion which smells awful, so, although the girls are delighted and accept the honor of being sprinkled, they are more concerned with washing the multitude of odors from their hair afterwards. Also, now, men of all ages visit all the ladies they know in the district to sprinkle them with perfume and receive their rewards, starting early in the morning and finishing late in the evening not many return home sober or without a bag full of eggs and cakes.

Nobody told me about this custom before I spent my first Easter in Hungary and I was horrified when a man came up to me and poured cheap perfume over my head – imagine my thoughts at that time – I did keep smiling - but of course now I know all about the custom and do enjoy joining in the fun – but I do make sure I warn any lady visitors, from other countries, what to expect.