

## 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

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# CHURCH BULLETIN

2011 - YEAR OF THE FAMILY

**Readings:** Acts 6.1-7 1Pet 2.4-9 Jn 14.1-12

**Resp. Psalm:** „Let your love be upon us, Lord,  
even as we hope in you.” (Psalm 33)

### WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

**9:00** Carol – édesanyja

+John Lim - Patricia Lim

+Böhm József - családja

+Füzéry Lajos - családja

**10:30** az egyházközség

Szent Rita tisztelete – Nagy Rita

Mária Kongregáció Prézese és élő és elhunyt tagjai –  
Kongreganisták

+Meszesán Mihály – felesége és családja

+Szakál Ferenc és elhunyt családtagok – család  
elhunyt családtagok – Márai család

+Larry Shugan

**12:00** +Bukovec Dávid - a tanítói színtársulat

### Monday (23)

7:30 +John Lim - Patricia Lim

thanksgiving from Sazon family

**Tuesday (24) Our Lady of the Way, Blessed Louis-Zéphirin Moreau, World Day of Prayer for the Church in China**

7:30 +John Lim - Patricia Lim

Ryan Carvalho, on his birthday

**Wednesday (25) Sts. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Gregory VII, Bede the Venerable**

7:30 +Manuel and Rita Aycardo

Etelka és Pál

7 PM Száraz mise

**Thursday (26) Saint Philip Neri**

7:30 the priests of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

**Friday (27) Saint Augustine of Canterbury**

7:30 Phillip, special intention

frs. Fernando Suarez and Jeff Shannon, special intentions

+Rada Lajos (Hungary) – Kis family

**Saturday (28)**

7:30 +Joseph F. Ingoldsby

**First Communion:** Almási Anna Flóra, Bálint Mónika Michelle, Bokor Mónika Ágnes, Búzási Botond Árpád Patrick, Fabik Hannah, Francis-Vaszi Alexander János Paul, Hart Nicole, Király Alexis Karina, Márton Levente Ákos, Német Albert, Öreg Andor Péter, Poroszlay H. Stephen, Ruzsák Laura, Schultz Emilia, Schultz Mátyás, Szatmari Andrea, Tykei Dániel, Vass Endre Béla, Vismeg Norbert Péter, Wagner Andrew Alajos.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 26** Benefit concert for Japan at 7 p.m. **May 28 & 29** „The Colors of Heaven.” The exhibition of David Beerl’s paintings, a Hungarian artist **June 4** „Sacred Music from Austria. Masses by Schubert and Haydn.” Scola Cantorum concert at 7 p.m.

❖ **Benefit concert for the victims of the earthquake in Japan:** “Thomas Bacsi’s concert with guest artists from the Royal Conservatory of Music”, on May 26, at 7 p.m. The following artists will be performing from the Young artists’ Performance Academy: Thomas Bacsi (Organ), Sarah Balatoni (high soprano), Ann Blennerhassett (high soprano), Vartan Gabrielian (Bass-baritone), Lynn Anoush Isnar (Low Soprano), Monika Kovacs (high soprano) és Ema Nikolovska (Violin).

❖ **WORKING WONDERS FOR OUR FAITH.** An engineer, a banker, an advertising executive, an athlete. These are some of the men who have decided to answer God’s call to dedicate their lives to the service of God and the salvation of souls. They come from all walks of life, backgrounds, skill sets, ethnic communities, ages and economic situations. At SL funded agencies such as Serra House, Redemptoris Mater, and St. Augustine’s Seminary, they undergo extensive formation, theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping sustain the vocations for priesthood and inspire discernment for God’s call. In 2009, ShareLife helped support 70+ priests and seminarians in their formation studies. 3<sup>rd</sup> **ShareLife** collection – June 5. Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

**Funeral:** Taray István (93)

## Mary Trail (Mária Út)

### A Spiritual route through Central Europe

The Mary Trail is a pilgrim and tourist route network through Central Europe. It starts in Mariazell (Austria) and ends at Csíksomlyó (Transylvania) with total length of 1.400 kilometres, which can be covered on foot in 60 days. It has not been thoroughly finished yet but already being used by pilgrims and tourists:

Mariazell - Kőszeg - Celldömölk - Bakonybél - Csatka - Bodajk - Vértessomló - Péli földszentkereszt - Esztergom - Márianosztra - Mátraverebély - Szentkút / Budapest - Máriabesnyő - Gyöngyös – Egerszalók - Eger – Miskolc - Sajópálfala - Tokaj - Máriapócs.

This route is for anybody who would like to walk a pilgrim route on foot with an open heart and with the hope of a spiritual renewal. You can walk alone or in groups. Everybody is invited for this unique experience: come as a believer, search for a spiritual relief, seek the cultural treasures of Central Europe or be a nature lover. It's an international cooperation. Austrians, Slovaks, Hungarians and Romanians are working on it at the moment, and later on Slovenians, Croatians and Poles will join as well. A special feature of the Mary Trail is that the whole route connects more than 100 Mary shrines. Partial routes from one shrine to another can be defined as separate pilgrim routes. You can find details at [www.mariaut.hu](http://www.mariaut.hu)

### Mátraverebély – Szentkút (Holy Well)

Mátraverebély - Szentkút is one of the pilgrim towns of the Mary Trail (in our last Church Bulletin, we featured another town of the trail, Máriapócs). It is situated in the Northern part of Hungary. While from the East the wild mountain Mátra rises above the village, with a view to the romantic Wolf hole, from the West, as if it was opposing this wildness, the gentle slopes of the Cserhát borders it.

One of the most significant ancient monuments of the country could be found here. The early gothic church built on roman basement is mentioned in manuscripts for the first time in 1329. Their walls are decorated with gothic murals from the 15th century, and its stone pulpit was made in a late renaissance style. The church has kept its original style till nowadays, but it has received its final form around 1830.

The tomb of the founder of the village, Péter Vereb can be found here, as well, who was buried in 1403, and who remains to be a mysterious character of our history. According to some theories he was the father of János Hunyadi, and so the grandfather of King Mátyás. This theory hasn't been proved yet, but his close relationship with the Hungarian King Zsigmond (later the Holy Roman Emperor Sigismund,) is undisputable.

Since eight centuries pilgrims have been visiting Szentkút. For what reason? Here is the legend: Once, in the 11th century lived in Verebély a poor shepherd and his mute son. They were grazing the flock of the village near to the place where today Szentkút is situated. One

day the boy had a special revelation: the Holy Virgin with her baby in her arms appeared to him in the leaves of the trees, and pointed towards a spring. The mute boy drank the water, and a miracle happened: suddenly he started to speak. He shouted for his father, who was so amazed that he couldn't say a word. He deepened the hole of the spring, and so was formed the saint fountain, the Virgin Mary spring, that has been pouring its curing water from its seven taps for centuries. The memory of the meeting of the boy and the Holy Virgin is kept by a stone statue. Beyond the documented miracles several legends live about the inexplicable events that happened here.

A lovely, shady forest pathway leads to the St. Imre and St. László springs, which are also connected to ancient legends. In the end of the 11th century King St. László was chasing the looter Kun armies that cooped up him and his soldiers in this narrow valley. The Hungarians didn't have water, so King St. László stabbed his lance into a rock, from which a fountain arose. According to another legend the Kun armies while chasing King St. László cooped up him in a valley, where the king was facing a huge precipice. The king jumped bravely with his horse "Szög" over the precipice, and hence crystal clear water sprang from the trace of the horseshoe.

Near to Szentkút devotional place in the side of the Hilltop Meszes can be found the romantic hermit's caves that have special feeling. Hermits have been living in the holes dug in the rocks since the early Middle Ages, and those who went there could have found their late descendants yet in the 1930's.

The first stone church was built in 1210. The twin-towered Baroque church today dedicated to the Assumption of Our Lady was built in 1763 and in 1970 the pope endowed it with "Basilica minor" title. The towers are covered by onion spires. The high altar, the pulpit and several statues are of a Rococo style and both side altars were created in a late Rococo, so-called 'copf' style in the 18th century. The 18th-century holy statue of the Virgin Mary is placed on the high altar. The foundations of the modern church were laid by a hermit and then from 1758 to 1763 it was completed with assistance from the Almásy family. Their family crypt is on the western part of the church. László Almásy („The English patient”) was buried here, too. A Franciscan monastery joins the church from the east. Alongside the western facade there is a park area with old trees and benches and in favorable weather conditions open-air holy masses are held here.

The Holy See officially erected the place as a shrine in 1258. Catholic believers may partake in complete indulgence here on any day of the year. More than 200 thousand people visit Szentkút in a year, so it's not surprising that in 2006 it received the "National Devotional Place" title. The Cave of Lourdes was built behind the outdoor altar in the beginning of the previous century. The thanksgiving marble tablets on its walls prove the miraculous strength of the place and of faith.