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4th SUNDAY OF LENT - March 18, 2012

CHURCH BULLETIN 12

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Readings: 2Chron 36.14-17,19-23

☐ Eph 2.4-10 ☐ Jn 3.14-21

Resp. Psalm: "Let my tongue cling to my mouth

if I do not remember you!" (Ps 137)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 +Máté István (Héring család)

+Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

+Zsótér Magdolna (Dr. Zsótér Tamás)

10:30 az egyházközség (plébános)

Fr. Bukovenszki Zoltán

Mária Kongregáció élő és elhunyt tagjai (MK)

elhunyt és elő Laczkó és Várfi szülők és

testvérek (Várfi család)

Lévay Jenő és Anna (Zinner és Schneider családok) Horváth Borbála és József (Zinner és Schneider cs.) Berger András, Nopper és Berger szülők

(Berger Mária)

Cristiano Pangrazio (felesége és fia)

Maria Hein (András Pangrazio)

- +Verseghy Ferenc és Józefa (Verseghy család)
- +Szarka István és Melinda (Verseghy család)
- +Zsigmond András és +Horváth László (család)
- +Törőcsik József (leánya, Marika és családja)
- +Háry szülők és +Háry testvérek

(Háry Ferenc és Irén)

- +Les Fabok (Les és Susan Nagy)
- +Les Fabok (Nagy Zoltán és Kata)
- +Lukovits János és Irén (leányuk és családja)
- +Bujna István (Ivancsics család)
- +szülei és +testvére, János (Ivancsics Irén)
- +Szórádi József (fia és családja)
- +testvérek, és József és László (Szórádi család)
- +Kotzian Erzsébet (Judit)
- +Csath Ferenc (Sándor család)
- +ifj. Fabók László (Ritter Teri és családja)
- +édesanya és +nővér (Poroszlay család)

Monday (19) Saint Joseph

7:30 +Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

Phillip, special intention

+Galambos László (Csányi Margit)

Tuesday (20)

7:30 +Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

+parents (Marika)

10:30 +Zsótér Magdolna (dr. Zsótér Tamás)

Wednesday (21)

7:30 +Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

souls in Purgatory

+Sinka László (Sinka család)

7 PM Etelka és Pál

+Huszár Terézia (férje és fia)

Thursday (22)

7:30 +Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

Friday (23) Saint Turibius of Mongroveio

7:30 +Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

Saturday (24)

7:30 +Nancy Lee (Patricia Lim)

EVENTS

Today: Festive Luncheon - Anniversary of the consecration of our church. No 12 o'clock Mass!

25 Scouts Crepes sale ❖ Gryllus brothers concert in the Church at 6 PM (Hungarian Folk Music)

April 1 Bake sale of the Married Couples Club

5 Holy Thursday; 7 p.m. Lamentations (choir); 7.30 Mass of the Last Supper, Homily, Holy Communion and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6 Good Friday; 3 p.m. Service of Our Lord's Passion, Homily, Holy Communion and Veneration of the Holy Sepulcher

7 Holy Saturday; from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Veneration of the Holy Sepulcher; 7.30 p.m. Easter Vigil services, Mass and Procession

8 Easter Sunday; Food blessing at the end of the 9 a.m. mass **15.** Divine Mercy Sunday – Mass at 3 p.m.

❖ You are invited to a special afternoon of **Music for Lent** at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary RC Church (432

Sheppard Avenue East) **today at 3 pm** with Imre Oláh organist and the St. Elizabeth Scola Cantorum. The program includes works by Bach, Liszt and Elgar. Admission is free, donations are welcome.

- ❖ The Sixth Annual **Jesuit Provincial's Dinner** will be held on April 11, 2012 at Le Parc Dining and Banquet Hall. This year besides recognizing the 50th Anniversary Jesuit Jubilarians, Br. Robert Finlay, Fr. Robert Foliot, Fr. Douglas McCarthy and Fr. Michael Stogre; Dr. Peter Warrian and Dr. Margret Hovanec are being honoured with the "Magis Award" for their outstanding work and dedication. Tickets are available by calling 416-481-9154 or e-mailing <u>ido@jesuits.ca</u>.
- ❖ Happy Marriages just don't happen. They are like beautiful gardens that receive loving attention and nurturing. Schedule a **marriage enrichment**weekend at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre and treat yourself to a second honeymoon. The Centre offers comfort, excellent cuisine and an inspiring program. The next weekend is April 13-15. To register please call Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.
- ❖ Two weekends of prayer and contemplation are offered for **single women**, aged 30 50, April 27 29 or May 25 27, 2012. Location: 3377 Bayview Ave., Toronto. See posted flyer for more information. Contact dschweitzer@csi-to.ca or call 416-927-0720.

Rejoicing in God's Love

By Fr Munachi E. Ezeogu, cssp

"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her" (Entrance Antiphon -- Isaiah 66:10-11). Why does the church invite us in the middle of the penitential season of Lent to rejoice? The story of a little incident that took place in Mainz in 1456 when Gutenberg was printing the first printed Bible can help us with the answer.

The printer had a little daughter, Alice, who came into the printing press and picked up a discarded sheet with only one line of print. That line of print read: "God loved the world so much that he gave..." Now, those were times when popular religion was a matter of living in fear and trembling before the awesome wrath of God. So Alice put the paper in her pocket and kept on thinking on the fact of God being so loving, and her face radiated with joy. Her mother noticed her changed behaviour and asked Alice what was making her so happy and Alice showed her mother the sheet of paper with the printed line. Her mother looked at it for some time and said, "So, what did God give?" "I don't know," said Alice, "but if God loved us well enough to give us something, then we need not be so afraid of Him."

What is love? What does it mean to say God loves us? To understand what the Bible means by God's love we must bear in mind that whereas the Greek language has three different words for three different types of love English has only one. In Greek we have (1) **eros** meaning romantic love (like the love between a man and a woman that leads to marriage), (2) philia meaning fellowship love (like the love for football which brings people together to form a fan club), and there is (3) **agape** or sacrificial love (like the love that makes a mother risk her own life for her yet unborn child). In romantic love we long to receive, in fellowship love we long to give and take, in sacrificial love we long to give. Now, with what kind of love does God love us? God loves us with agape or sacrificial love. "God loved the world so much that He gave." That is one big difference between God and us: God gives and forgives, we get and forget. Giving is a sign of agape. This is the kind of love God has for us. This is the kind of love we should have for one another. This is the kind of love that is lived in heaven. And where this kind of love is absent, what you get is hell.

A certain saint asked God to show her the difference between heaven and hell. So God sent an angel to take her, first to hell. There she saw men and women seated around a large table with all kinds of delicious food. But none of them was eating. They were all sad and yawning. The saint asked one of them, "Why are you not eating?" And he showed her his hand. A long fork about 4ft long was strapped to their hands such that each time they tried to eat they only threw the food on the ground. "What a pity" said the saint. Then the angel took her to heaven. There the saint was surprised to find an almost identical setting as in hell: men and women sitting round a large table with all sorts of delicious food, and with a four-foot fork strapped to their arms. But unlike in hell, the people here were happy and laughing. "What!" said the saint to one of them, "How come you are happy in this condition?" "You see," said the man in heaven, "Here we feed one another." Can we say that of our families, our neighbourhood, our church, our world? If we can say that, then we are not far from the kingdom of heaven.

Today the Church invites us to reflect on God's love for the world and to be joyful because of it. God loves each and everyone of us, so much so that He give us His only son. Today we are invited to say yes to God's love. It is sometimes hard to believe that God loves even me, But I believe it because I know that God loves unconditionally; no ifs, no buts. Then we can love God back and enter into a love relationship with God. Then, like little Alice, our faces will radiate the joy of God's love. Then we shall learn to share God's love with those around us. Then we shall learn to give to God and to one another.