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CHURCH BULLETIN – July 28, 2013 – 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, teach us to pray!

Readings: Gen 18.20-32 Col 2.12-14
 Lk 11.1-13

Responsorial Psalm: „On the day I called, O Lord,
you answered me” (Ps. 138)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 élő és Φ Pászti családtagok

Φ Balogh András

11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Ildikó, születésnap (anyukája)

Keményffy Olívia (barátja)

Φ Elek Ilona (leányai és családjuk)

Φ dr. Szabó Gyula, Zalaegerszeg volt plébánosa
(unokahúga, Ritter Teréz és családja)

Φ Marciano Mendoza (Nelia)

Φ Irsai Ervin (Hering család)

Φ Román Mihály és Erzsébet (leánya)

Φ Pincés Gyula, MO (sógornője, Erzsi)

Monday (29) Saint Martha

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General
the repose of the soul of Guidhelmina Franklin
God's grace and strength on Cheryl Lobo and family in
their loss of husband and father

Tuesday (30) Saint Peter Chrysologus

7:30 blessings on Remedios Luspo, on her birthday
blessings on Pinky Nolasco on her birthday

healing of Elisa Hung

our Φ Jesuits

Wednesday (31) Saint Ignatius of Loyola SJ

7:30 healing from cancer of Matt Puno
Jesuit vocations

7 PM béke a Kárpát-medencében

Thursday (1) Saint Alphonsus Liguori

7:30 good health and wellbeing of Fr Szabi Sajgó
Etelka and Pál

world peace

Friday (2) Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Bl. Peter Faber SJ

7:30 end of abortion
special intentions of Marriage Enc. Class 6

7 PM Bálintok (Rita)

Φ Lajos (felesége)

Φ Kovács László (családja)

Saturday (3)

7:30 Nagy and Erdős families (Zoli and Marika)

Bálints (Rita)

thanksgiving from Gene and Linda

healing of Ralph and Bruno

Baptism: Rontó Béla

Funeral: Balogh András (88)

PARISH EVENTS

Today: the farewell reception for Fr. Sajgó in the Hall
at noon **August 7** All Day Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament **17** Pilgrimage to Midland **September 3**
Married Couples Club at 7 PM **4** All Day Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament **7** Registration to Hungarian
School, Kindergarten, Scouts \spadesuit Concert of Katalin Pitti
in the church at 6 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\spadesuit Fr. Sajgó will celebrate the Sunday Mass last time
as our pastor today at 11:00, then will prepare himself
for his new responsibility at “Párbeszéd Háza”, a Jesuit
center in Budapest, starting his task there in
December. - *After the Mass there will be a reception in
the Hall. Everybody is most welcome.*

\spadesuit Our archdiocese is within \$500,000 of reaching her
overall \$12.3 million **ShareLife** campaign goal. To
date, our parish has contributed \$14,610 this year. Our
support does make a difference — the marginalized in
our society are served, clergy are formed, and the
Gospel is evangelized through the greater world —
through ShareLife funded agencies. Thanks to those
parishioners who have supported the ShareLife appeal
this year — your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Parishioners who have not made a contribution, can do
so before the end of the campaign on **July 31**. This
year, the opportunity to have all new or increased
contributions matched by a generous parishioner in the
Archdiocese is one that we must maximize. The
ShareLife appeal is the extension of our Catholic faith
to the marginalized in our society, and we need to do
all that we can to reach our campaign goal this year.

❖ **Parish “Council” 2013.** On the spring meeting of the representatives of our church the idea came up that it would be desirable to analyze together in more detail the situation of our parish, the challenges of our society, our possible responses, to work out a pastoral plan for the upcoming years in view of our special circumstances. So far we had two preparatory sessions; the actual “council” will take place in fall. Here is the list of the topics that were compiled on the preparatory meetings: 1) *pastoral service* 2) *the preservation of Hungarian Culture in Canada* 3) *mission towards and including our youth* 4) *social service* 5) *church groups* 6) *our relations with the Canadian Church and society* 7) *the material and real estate issues of our parish.* We welcome your ideas and suggestions, preferably in writing, about the above mentioned issues and the possibilities you see for renewal. Please let the pastor know, if you wish to organize a discussion group representing the English speaking members of our parish community. Everyone is encouraged to pray asking the Spirit to lead our parish through this period of change and renewal.

❖ On June 24th the following Hungarians received the **2013 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards:** Tamás Perlaky (10 Years), Andrea Perlaky (15 Years), Julius Rédly (40 Years), Angela Alimi (Youth), Kálmán Czeglédy (25 Years), Margaret Lovrics (30 Years), Julie Spinelli (15 Years), Andrea Peterdy (5 Years). All of them were nominated as the members of the Hungarian Helicon Society, Toronto. Congratulations!

The Lord's Prayer

Something happens to a person when they are at prayer – their whole demeanour changes – something magical, which can't be counterfeited. The mere sight of someone at prayer touches the deepest part of us and we can't help but be drawn.

What would it have been like to see Jesus at prayer? It was not unusual for him to pray alone in the presence of his disciples. Today we are told: Once Jesus was in a certain place, praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray ...'

It doesn't take much imagination to see the disciples sitting all around on the grass, on a rock, on a fallen tree – just watching the Lord at prayer. It must have been a profoundly moving experience.

For us, prayer is a graced moment when we stop what we're doing, we put aside the things that preoccupy us and, from deep within ourselves, we reach out for God. It is a moment of communion with God in which our faith embraces him, and we surrender ourselves to him.

What prayer was for Jesus we cannot really know. His relationship with the Father was profoundly different from ours. That's why Jesus never at any time spoke of 'our' Father. He always spoke of his Father or your Father. That is also why he said, in answer to the

disciple's request: Say this when you pray Jesus could say 'my Father' in a way that we never could.

At any rate the disciples were so deeply moved that when he finished they asked him: Teach us to pray. They wanted not only to pray, they wanted to learn to pray well. The first lesson here is clear - the first requirement for real prayer is to want to pray - desire.

The second lesson is equally apparent – our prayer must be within the prayer of Jesus, within the unfolding plan of God. We constantly have to ask ourselves, 'What does my prayer have to do with the concerns of God and the coming of his kingdom?' To put it more simply: What does my prayer have to do with God?

You may find this notion a little surprising, but it is possible for us to pray in such a way that our prayer has little or nothing to do with God. Without realising it we can become so self-absorbed that our horizons shrink and we become entirely focussed on our own anxieties and concerns. Then God becomes merely a supermarket or a welfare agency, the handy repository of those things we think we need.

Our prayer, even when we do make legitimate petitions, should express our worship and love of God and a desire that, above all, his kingdom should come because, sadly, it is possible for our prayer to overlook the prerogatives of God and actually lead us away from his kingdom. That is why Jesus says – Say this when you pray: Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come.

This is the proper starting point for all prayer because this was always the starting point for Jesus. This is the spiritual light which must cast its radiance on all our petitions.

This revealing radiance will tell us if our prayer has to do with the kingdom of God, our journey to holiness, our becoming like Jesus, or if it is just a collection of impertinent requests for impossible exemptions from the human condition? This kind of prayer is not 'within the prayer of Jesus'. Rather it is a rebuke to God which suggests that God has somehow made a mistake and we have to ask him to fix it.

So now we can see the importance of the 'Our Father'. The kingdom of God is coming; it is close at hand. Our most urgent task, more important than our house, our work, our health, is to seek the kingdom in our lives and to be ready for its final arrival.

Let's pray to the Father for our daily bread. He knows what we need before we ask him. Let's forgive the sins of those we need to forgive and ask God's pardon for our own. Let's ask God's grace to overcome the many temptations which seek to turn us aside from the right road. Let's ask God to deliver us from every evil.

Constant readiness requires constant prayer but always the kind of prayer that harmonises with the prayer Jesus taught us to pray (*Fr John Speekman*).