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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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CHURCH BULLETIN – March 2, 2014 – 8th Sunday in ordinary time

Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Readings: Is 49,14-15 1Cor 4,1-5 Mt 6,24-34

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 †Bárdos Sándor (barátja)

†Derényi Jenő (Klára és Tibor)

†Mátés Anna (fiai Miklós és Ervin)

†Kirec János (Dobos Ilus és családja)

†Szalai István emléke (Vados család)

Kirec Annus, születésnap (Dobos Ilus és családja)

11:00 †Kosa Consty

†szülők (lányuk)

†Serke Imre (testvére és családja)

Mária Kongregáció élő és †tagjai (kongreganisták)

Bukovec János felépülése (Lutár Irén és családja)

†szülők, Gugg János és Erzsébet (lánya és családja)

†Manuel De Sousa (De Sousa család)

Monday (3)

7:30 the intention of the Jesuit General

†Paul Lee

Tuesday (4) Saint Casimir

7:30 our †Jesuits

Bálint, birthday (mother)

Ash Wednesday (5)

7:30 Jesuit vocations

7 PM a magyar politikusok megtérése

†Wohlfart János (felesége és családja)

Thursday (6)

7:30 the conversion of non believers

Friday (7) Saints Perpetua and Felicity

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

†Varazsdi Anna, anniversary (Évi and Zoli)

the repose of the soul of Chito Viola

7 PM családtagok megtérése

Szabolcs atya

†Farkas László, 5. évf. (felesége és családja)

†Farkas László emléke (Kovács család)

†Kovács László emléke (felesége, leánya, sógornője)

Saturday (8) Saint John of God

7:30 world peace

†Alexander Gáti (wife and family)

Etelka and Pál

The Holy Father's March prayer intentions

Universal: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of **women**.

Missionary: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to **consecrate their lives** to proclaiming the Gospel.

Funeral: Kovács Rozália (88)

PARISH EVENTS

March 2. Schnitzel and bake sale (Caritas) **4.** Married Couples Club at 1 PM **5.** Ash Wednesday **8.** March Break – no Hungarian School, Scouts, Confirmation classes ❖ Daylight Savings Time begins – adjust your watches one hour ahead at midnight **9.** Bake Sale to support the orphans of Fr. Bőjte ❖ Trip of the Altar Boys **23.** Anniversary of the Consecration of our church; Luncheon at 12:30; to order tickets, please call Rita at 416-856-5369 (adults \$25, youth \$10, free under the age of 6) ❖ Scola Cantorum Lenten Concert, conducted by Imre Oláh at 2:30 **30.** first ShareLife collection **1.** MCC at 1 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ A Lenten spiritual journey: watch **movies of the saints!** Discuss their secrets of sanctity to strengthen your faith and to respond to your personal 'call to holiness' Join us this Lent as we pray, learn and challenge our lives to live our faith more deeply. This five week course "Models of Holiness" starts Tuesdays, **March 4,** 7-9pm; or Saturdays **March 8,** 10-12 noon at Holy Cross parish hall, 416- 421-5225. Registration is only \$15.00. More info: www.kolbeapostolate.com

❖ **World day of Prayer** on Friday, **March 7th** at 1:30 P.M. at Forest Grove United Church, 43 Forest Grove Drive (6 blocks north of Sheppard off of Burbank, east of Bayview). Service is written by the women of Egypt. Theme is "Streams in the Desert". Readers for St.

Elizabeth's Church will be Frances Horvath and Irene Birinyi. Participating 7 churches are Blessed Trinity R.C., Church of the Incarnation, St. Gabriel's R.C., St. Elizabeth's R.C., Trinity Presbyterian, St. John's Anglican, and Forest Grove united Church. Everyone is welcome – refreshment served after the service.

The Lenten message of Pope Francis

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. To help Catholics live our Lent with greater dedication to the Lord Jesus, Pope Francis, as did his predecessors, addressed a Lenten message to the Catholic world.

He chose as his theme the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "Though rich, Jesus became poor so that by his poverty you might become rich." Paul is writing to the wealthier churches of the Greek-speaking world to encourage them to share their financial resources with the poor Church of Jerusalem. The pope asks what these words and invitation to gospel poverty mean for us today?

First, God doesn't reveal himself cloaked in worldly power and wealth. Though equal to the Father, Jesus humbled himself so that he could be like us in all things but sin. In this Jesus shows his extraordinary generosity and love for us. He lived among us to offer forgiveness and to take upon himself the burden of our sins to free us from our misery. He truly is rich in mercy, a mercy he extends to us, not from afar, but by being in our midst as one who serves. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus offers us the privilege to become "brothers and sisters in the firstborn brother." (Romans 8:20)

What is the only regret we should have? According to the French writer, Léon Bloy, it is in not being a saint! The pope says, "We could also say that there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and sisters and brothers of Jesus."

Paradoxically, "in every time and place, the Father continues to save humankind through the poverty of Christ who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his church, which is a people of the poor."

Consequently, in imitation of Jesus, "we are called to confront the poverty of our sisters and brothers, to touch it, make it our own and take practical steps to alleviate it."

He then speaks of three types of destitution. Material destitution affects people living in conditions opposed to human dignity, lacking basic rights such as access to food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. The church offers help through such organizations as Catholic Charities Services and many other works of charity.

Beyond meeting basic needs we must struggle to end

violations of human dignity, discrimination and all types of abuse in the world. He states, "When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity, and sharing."

Next there is moral destitution consisting of slavery to vice such as alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography. Then there are people who see no meaning in life or suffer from unjust social conditions including unemployment that takes away their dignity as breadwinners, as well as access to health care.

This is linked to the spiritual destitution of those who turn away from God and reject God's love. The pope says that God alone can truly save and free us from our inclinations to evil, as those in AA recognize.

What is the antidote to spiritual destitution? The Gospel, the Good News of Jesus which we Christians are called to proclaim, that God forgives sins and gives us the strength to overcome our compulsions to sin because God loves us and calls us to share eternal life with Jesus. This demands a decision to follow Jesus no matter where he leads us. And following Jesus during Lent must include self-denial. He asks, "What can we give up in order to help others by our own poverty, and our willingness to do with less so that we might share with others whose basic needs are not being met."

Lastly Pope Francis prays that all members of the Church might undertake a fruitful Lenten journey and asks for our prayers. (Most Rev. Peter A. Rosazza, auxiliary bishop emeritus, archdiocese of Hartford)

Lenten Fasting Regulations: Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

Thoughts of St. Ignatius of Loyola

- * He who seeks to scale the heights must go far down into the depths.
- * If a man wants to reform the world, either by reason of the authority of his position or the duty of his office, he must begin with himself.
- * If ever you find ignorant or malicious people calumniating you, pray God that the things they say may never be true.
- * I leave it to your good sense to decide which is better: to say now to all that is earthly, What does it profit a man? Or to cry in vain later on, What did it profit?
- * The man who has turned aside from the world should be like a statue, which refuses neither to be clothed with a rough garment nor to be despoiled of the rich robe it used to wear.