

## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church

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CHURCH BULLETIN – June 7, 2015 – Body and Blood of Christ

Take; this is my Body.

**Readings:** B Ex 24,3-8 B Heb 9,11-15 Mk 14, 12-16. 22-26 WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR: **9:00** for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja) +Varazsdi Annáért (Évi és Zoli) Tolnai családtagokért (Ilonka és családja) Sihelnik Victóriáért, 3. évforduló (Sihelnik és Garcia Gomez családok) 11:00 Cathy születésnapjára (Farkas család) Lenke felgyógyulásáért (anyukája) szülőkért (Sepa Erzsébet és Ilona) Juhász Piroskáért (gyermekei) Fabók Lászlóért (leánya Rita) Mária Kongregáció élő és †tagjaiért Sinyi Ottóért (felesége és családja) \*Kis Sándorért (Simkó Kati és felesége) Román Mihályért és Erzsébetért (lánya és családja) +Lents Annáért (Nyugdíjas Klub) Tapasits Péterért (leányai, unokái és a család) Alex Stuartért (Adorján Gabriella) Monday (8) **7:30** for the intention of the Jesuit General for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) for the healing of George Brylowski Tuesday (9) BI. Joseph De Anchieta, priest, religious 7:30 for our +Jesuits for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) for the healing of Gene Sazon for Vivian, special intention 10:30 the funeral Mass of +Tiefenbeck Marika Wednesday (10) **7:30** for Jesuit vocations for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina)

blessings on Dorothy Medina on her birthday blessings on Fr. Jeno Rigo **7 PM** a magyar politikusok megtéréséért Derényi Jenőért (Derényi Szilvia és családja) Thursday (11) Saint Barnabas for the conversion of non believers 7:30 for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) for the healing of Fr. Leslie for the healing of Pável Marika (Piri) for **\***Kistóth Béla, on his birthday (friends) for *PBernadette Carvalho* (Henry Young) Friday (12) **7:30** for our benefactors (the Jesuits) for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) for the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Juretic family) for the healing of Fr. Blaise Jaschko for Irene, special intention for **†**Anna Lents 11:00 the funeral Mass of +Szabó László Saturday (13) Immaculate Heart of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** for world peace 7:30 for priestly and religious vocations for holiness in families for the Rosary Apostolate growth (and Sr. Marilina) for Etelka and Pál for the living and +members of Prokec and Pataki families (family) 12:00 marriage of Dicsi István & Grünstein Melinda The Holy Father's prayer intentions for June Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come. **Evangelization:** That the personal encounter with

Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in **priesthood or consecrated life**.

## Marriage Announcement:

Dicsi István & Grünstein Melinda (2) Hertel Tamás & Kunszt Éva (1) Funeral: Koppány Margit (90), Lents Anna (85), Pánkuthy István (87)

## PARISH EVENTS

7. Schnitzel lunch and bake sale of Caritas 14. Breakfast of Men's League Mass of the Altar Servers Tea party of the Seniors at 3 PM 20. Kodály Dance Ensemble year-closing performance at 6 PM at the YCDSB Centre for the Arts, 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill. Tickets: 416-878-8579 28. Trip of the Altar servers to Wonderland after the 9 AM Mass July
5. Lángos sale 27. Lecture of Fr Henri Boulad in the Hall at 7 PM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rákóczi Foundation is organizing every year the Students Without Boundaries educational scholarship program. Please contact the church office if you are considering sponsoring a student, alone or together with someone else. The cost for a 12 day trip is \$500 for a student.

Confirmation prep. courses start in September on Saturdays between 1-2:30 PM. Everyone between the ages of 13-25 can join who wants to know more about God, even if they are not planning being confirmed. Please contact the church office or Hanna: 647-879-5192, szte.ifjusag@gmail.com.

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ** Sometimes when I think of some of the different things that people of different faiths believe, and how strange they seem to me it also makes me think of the Eucharist. For those who do not believe as we do, it must seem like the craziest notion of all; that God makes himself present through the hands of a priest, in a tiny piece of bread and some wine. What could be more bizarre than that? And we don't just believe that it is a reminder of Jesus or similar to Jesus, but really and truly the body and blood of Christ.

In his first letter to the Christians in Corinth, which is the oldest account of the mass that we have, St. Paul says straight out, "This is what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you..." He doesn't say that he received it from the other Apostles, but from the Lord himself. But the line that always strikes me is where he says, "This is what I received from the Lord..." He is saying, "I didn't make this up and neither did any other person. Jesus himself taught us this and taught us to do this in his memory." And so every time an ordained priest says the words of consecration at mass, "This is my Body... This is the chalice of my Blood..." Jesus becomes present in the form of bread and wine.

There are two extremes that I come across with regard to the Eucharist. One is where someone will say to me, "Oh father I don't receive the Eucharist because I really am not worthy enough." Correct! No one is worthy enough nor ever could be, but since the Lord himself is happy to give himself to us this way, we should not be afraid to receive him. The other extreme is where people feel they have a 'right' to receive the Eucharist without any kind of repentance or need to confess every once in a while. Wrong again. There is no question of this being a 'right' on our part. The Eucharist is pure gift from God and for our part we must try to approach it as well as we can, especially by confessing our sins every so often. But the most important thing to remember is that the Lord wants to give himself to us, and so we should not be afraid to come to him. Remember that ultimately it is God himself who makes it possible for us to receive him. "Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed."

In the late 1500s there lived a woman named Margaret Clithero in the town of York in England. She was a convert to Catholicism at a time when it was against the law to be a Catholic. Priests used to come to her disguised as cloth penders, bringing her the Eucharist and she would hide them. She never saw Mass in a public church or heard a Catholic hymn being sung even though she lived next to York Minster Cathedral. It was an Anglican church at the time.

She was eventually found out and she was dragged from the butcher shop where she worked and brought before magistrates and ordered to plead guilty or not guilty, so that she could go on trial. She refused as she didn't want her innocent blood to be on the head of twelve jurors. She said, "If you want to condemn me, condemn me yourself." The judge said, "Because you are a woman I will let you go free, but you must promise never to hide these priests again." He then handed her the Bible and told her to swear on it. So she took the Bible in open court and held it up in the air and said, "I swear by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, if you let me go free, I will hide priests again, because they are the only ones who can bring us the body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

So just over 400 years ago, she was brought to St. Michael's bridge in York and given the punishment, worse than being hung, drawn and quartered. It was called in English law, 'the punishment most severe'. She was pressed to death under heavy weights. It was to take three days and she was to receive only a little muddy water to drink to keep her alive. The executioner was bribed and he put a stone under her head so that she died within an hour as her neck was broken. She was the mother of eight children, and some of them were there when she was executed.

In the little chapel that is there to her memory in York today, there is an inscription over the door, which is a message for our times. It says 'She died for the Mass.'

So the next time that you find yourself bored with the Mass, or just not too bothered to go because you're tired, think of her and think of the many priests and men and women who have been executed for carrying the Eucharist or for saying Mass. God has given us an extraordinary treasure in the Eucharist, may He give us new eyes to see what is here before us. (*Fr. Murchadh*).