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Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Parish

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Masses in English: Monday - Saturday at 7:30 AM

Masses in Hungarian: Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM

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CHURCH BULLETIN – September 3, 2017 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?

Readings: Jer 20,7-9 Rom 12,1-2

Mt 16,21-27

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 for Bernadette Cheng

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

✠ Horváth szülőkért és testvérekért

(Horváth Ilona és családja)

11:00 Rosemary Rozinka Tallon felgyógyulásáért

(családja)

✠ Erzsébetért (szülei Farkas Sándor és Teréz)

✠ Tréki Béláért (felesége és fiai)

✠ Mátyás Margitért (fia és családja)

✠ szülőkért (Zoli)

✠ Csernik Erzsébetért, ✠ Forrai Gáspárért és élő és

✠ családtagokért (Forrai család)

Monday (4)

7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Bernadette Cheng

Tuesday (5)

7:30 for our ✠ Jesuits

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Bernadette Cheng

for ✠ Julie Tellis

Wednesday (6)

7:30 for Jesuit vocations

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Bernadette Cheng

Thursday (7) St. Stephen Pongrácz, St. Melchior

Grodziecki and St. Mark Krizevcanin

7:30 for the conversion of non believers

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Bernadette Cheng

Friday (8) The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 for our benefactors (the Jesuits)

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Bernadette Cheng

for Pat Hawkins (Margaret Hawkins)

for ✠ Sárközy Aurél, anniversary (family)

for ✠ Gácsik Andrásné, anniversary (family)

for the protection of the unborn

Saturday (9) Saint Peter Claver

7:30 for world peace

for the Rosary Apostolate and for Sr. Marilina

for Etelka and Pál

for Bernadette Cheng

for blessings on Simone Carvalho (Peter Carvalho)

for ✠ An-Sum John Park (Connie Choi)

The Holy Father's September prayer intention

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Marriage: Luke Cutajar & Maggie Korogyi

Andrew Komáromy & Bianka Kozempel

Marriage Announcement (1)

John Kovács & Nicole Snape will be married at our church on September 22, 2 PM

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday (5) Married Couples Club at 1 PM

Wednesday (6) Seniors Club at 1 PM

Thursday (7) Making of rosaries at 6:30 PM

Saturday (9) Registration for the Hungarian School in Kaszap Room between 9:30-12:30

Sunday (10) Communion of the Men's League

16. Registration for Scouts at St. Edward's CES **17.**

Communion of the Married Couples Club ❖ Lángos

sale, followed by a dramatized story from the „*One Thousand and One Nights*,” performed by the Lángos

Punchers **21.** Making of rosaries at 6:30 PM **23.**

Registration for Scouts at St. Edward's CES **24.**

Luncheon to support the Caritas Group **27.** Christian

perspective discussion group at 7:45 PM **1.**

Communion and meeting of the Altar Servers and

Youth Club; catechesis at 12 PM, followed by pizza

lunch **3.** Married Couples Club at 1 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **First Communion and Confirmation preparation courses** start in September on Saturdays between 1-2:30 PM. Please contact the church office 416-225-3300 ext. 21 for more information and registration.

❖ As the Synod on Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment approaches, we want to hear from you! Faith Connections and the Office of Catholic Youth will be hosting **Live Listening Sessions with the Toronto Bishops**. Young people 16–29 will have the opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' questions in preparation for the Synod! Your voice is important! Visit <http://bit.ly/synodspeakup> for more information and to RSVP. **September 13, 7 p.m. @ St. Patrick's, Markham.** September 19, 7 p.m. @ St. Isaac Jogues, Pickering. October 2, 7 p.m. @ St. Stanislaus, Toronto. October 11, 7 p.m. @ St. Christopher's, Mississauga.

Saint Stephen Pongracz, Melchior Grodziecki and Mark Krizevcenin

Today we remember three priests who died heroically for their faith, two of whom – Stephen Pongracz and Melchior Grodziecki – were Jesuits and one – Mark Krizevcenin – a diocesan priest.

Frs Melchior Grodziecki and Stephen Pongracz became acquainted when they were both at the Jesuit novitiate at Brno but neither foresaw that they would be companions in martyrdom 16 years later. Melchior was born in his family's castle in Grodziec in Selesia, Poland. He attended the Jesuit College in Vienna and entered the novitiate in 1603. After studies in Prague, Melchior was ordained in 1614 and worked there until moving to Kassa (today's Slovakia). Stephen was born in Transylvania, Hungary and entered the Society at Brno at 20. After he was ordained in 1615, he was stationed at the Jesuit college at Humenne. Four years later he was sent to Kassa.

In the early part of the 17th century, Kassa was a stronghold of Hungarian Calvinists. The few Catholics who lived in the city and the outlying districts had been without a priest for sometime until the King's deputy asked for 2 Jesuits to care for the religious needs of the neglected Catholics there. Frs Grodziecki and Pongracz were the two priests to arrive in Kassa. As their missionary work amongst Catholics prospered, Calvinists hatred towards them increased. When the two priest heard the news that Gabriel Bethlen, Calvinist prince of Transylvania, wanted to expand his territory by appropriating some of the King's land and his Protestant army was marching towards Kassa, they returned to the city to be with the Catholics. They were joined by the diocesan priest, Fr Mark Krizevcenin.

When the Calvinists Minister in Kassa heard that the Jesuits had arrived, he sent his soldiers to arrest the 3 priests and later had them confined to their residence, with no food and drink. That night, knowing that their end was near, they heard each other's confession and

spent the night in prayer. The next morning, the soldiers tried to make them apostasize and accept Calvinism. When they repeatedly refused, the soldiers lost their patience and brutally burned, dismembered and beheaded them. The Protestant leader forbade the burial of the martyrs and it was only 6 months later after their deaths, that a devout Catholic Countess received permission to bury them. Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1995, the Martyrs of Kassa now stand before all the Church as an example of heroic witness to the faith.

These saints are remembered for their unflinching faithfulness to Christ and his Church that led them to choose martyrdom rather than apostasy. Mark served all as if he were among his own people. He was a genuine European. To him, Zagreb, Rome, Esztergom and Nagyszombat were a single field of apostolic activity and pastoral work. He did not classify people according to nations, or even according to religious convictions. There is testimony that he was on good terms with the Calvinists. Many of them were horrified by his death. He did not see Calvinists as enemies but as brothers in Christ, with whom it is necessary to live together in Christ's love. Love and dialogue were the messages of Mark, truly a man for our time.

In the consciousness of North American Catholics, Melchior Grodziecki, Stephan Pongracz and Mark Krizevcenin are comparatively obscure figures. Even among Jesuits, they do not attract the same attention received by saints like Edmund Campion, Paul Miki and Jean de Brebeuf - near contemporaries of the Martyrs of Kassa who died under similar circumstances, ministering in areas where Catholics were persecuted and apostasy was publicly rewarded.

Though the particulars may differ, Christian martyrs may be found in every place and in every age. The Jesuit martyrology continues to grow year by year, as the names of men like Richie Fernando, Elie Koma and Martin Royackers are added to the list of members of the Society who have lost their lives in the service of the Gospel.

To those of us who enjoy the comfort and relative security of North American life, the martyrs of the early Society and contemporary Jesuit martyrs offer a reproach and a challenge. The martyrs reproach us for too often remaining complacent in the face of injustice and for closing our eyes to the many forms of sinfulness that surround us. At the same time, the martyrs also challenge us to recognize the more subtle form of martyrdom that we are ourselves face each day - the martyrdom of those who seek to remain faithful to the Gospel in a secular and materialistic society.

As we remember our brothers Melchior, Stephan and Mark, may we take courage and gain strength from their example (jesuitjoe.blogspot.ca, livingspace.sacredspace.ie, jesuit.org.sg).