

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you read this you are undoubtedly very busy getting ready for Christmas. There are so many things to do as we grow closer to the day on which we celebrate the birth of Jesus. In the midst of all your shopping, cleaning, baking and other activities I hope you and your loved ones are also able to enter into the spirit of Advent and find extra time for the spiritual preparation we need to prepare ourselves for Jesus to be reborn within each one of us this Christmas. As Catholics we keep Christ in Christmas by engaging in prayer and in works of charity for the poor and the needy and then indeed Jesus will be reborn in our world.

I invite you to be part of our Christmas celebrations here at St. Stephen King of Hungary. Please see the accompanying list of our Christmas Mass times. As always, we will sing traditional Hungarian Christmas hymns and enjoy one another's friendship. Come to be with old friends and to make new friends. Together let us greet our newborn King in a grand fashion. Please feel free to invite your friends and relatives to accompany you to St. Stephen this Christmas. All are welcome in our church community and all are treated with warm regard.

I thank you for your continual support of St. Stephen King of Hungary through your prayers and attendance as well as your spiritual and financial offerings. Let us all continue to support our Hungarian Catholic parish so that we remain vital and vibrant for years to come.

I wish you and your loved ones all the blessings that come with the observance of Advent and Christmas. If you are traveling for Christmas this year may God give you a safe journey. May Jesus be reborn in each of our hearts this year and may we all be the peace we long for in our world. Please know of my prayers for you and your loved ones at my Christmas Masses and throughout the year to come!

May God bless you and surprise you with wonderful spiritual gifts this Christmas!

In God's love,  
Father Michael Knotek, Administrator