

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ We will be praying the rosary every Sunday morning at 9:30 before Mass. All are welcome to pray with us.
+ Confession time is available before mass on Sunday.
+ **Today, September 24**, we will have a second collection for seminarians. Let's pray for and support vocations. Coffee and pastries will be served after mass.
+ **September 24** - The Free Hungarian Reformed Church will have a tea afternoon. Tamás Kovács head consul will greet those present, followed by a cultural program to celebrate the 23rd year of the congregation. All are invited, details are on the flyers.
+ **September 30** at 6pm we have a retro dance party with famous Hungarian performer Miklós Fenyő. Hungarian dinner will be served, all proceeds go to the school / dance group.
+ **October 1** - coffee / pastries after mass.
+ On **October 14th**, everybody is invited to attend the Harvest Ball., from 6PM, organized by the Hungarian Scout Troop #19. There will be mass from 5PM, before the event.
+ Please report any changes in address or phone number to the office.
+ Sunday mass intentions for our loved ones can be requested in the office.
+ *If you would like to rent the Mindszenty Hall for private events, we ask that you stop by the office at least three weeks before the requested date.*
+ To learn more about our events, visit www.stephenchurch.org

HIRDETÉSEK

+ Rózsafüzért imádkozunk minden vasárnap a Szentmise előtt 9:30-kor.
+ **Ma, szeptember 24** a Szentmisén második gyűjtés lesz a Szemináriumok javára. Imádkozzunk papi hivatásokért, adományainkkal támogassuk előkészületüket Jézus tanításának hirdetésére. Szentmise után sütemény és kávéra hívjuk a kedves híveket.
+ **Ma, szeptember 24** A Szabad Magyar Református Gyülekezet 1 órai kezdettel Teadélután rendez. A program keretében Kovács Tamás vezető Konzul köszönti a megjelenteket, amelyet kultúrműsor követ. 2 órakor a Gyülekezet 23. éves fennállásának ünneplése, ezt követően süteményt és kávéval szolgálnak fel a megjelenteknek. Szeretettel hívnak és várnak mindenkit. Részletek a szórólapon olvasható.
+ **Szeptember 30** - Este 6 órai kezdettel Fenyő Miklós fellépésével Retró buli lesz a Szent István Templom Mindszenty díszteremben. Magyaros vacsora várja a megjelenteket, a bevételt a Szt. István templom Magyar Iskola / Bokréta Táncsoport javára fordítják.
+ **Október 1** Szentmise után sütemény és kávé lesz.
+ **Október 14- Szüreti bál**, a Hunyadi Mátyás Cserkészcsapat rendezésében este 6 órai kezdettel. A Bál előtt Szentmise less 5 órától. Szeretettel hívnak és várnak mindenkit. Részletek a szórólapon, vagy érdeklődjenek Baksay Zoltánnál.
+ Kérjük, hogy akinek címe, vagy telefonszáma megváltozott, jelentse be az irodában.
+ Vasárnapra szentmiséket kérhetnek szereteik elérére. Kérjük jelentkezzenek az irodában.
+ Templomunk eseményeit megtekinthetik: www.stephenchurch.org

Dear Parishioners,

Life is not fair! God is fair! However, sometimes God seems unfair. In the parable in today's gospel several workers are hired. They all work various amounts of time but at the end of the day they all get paid the same amount of money. The ones who worked the longest hours complain that it is unfair that people who worked fewer hours got paid the same amount that they did. The whining and complaining went on and on until the boss asked them if they were jealous because he was generous. He tells them to take their money and go their way. Jesus ends by saying, "Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." In other words, don't be standing up in front pointing out the fact that you are deserving of God's favor. Live in humility and trust that God will work all things out in honest and fair ways.

We all sometimes get jealous of others to the point of thinking that God plays favorites and spares some people trouble in life while we suffer through misfortune, sickness and pain. However, do we really know what goes on in other people's hearts, minds and souls? Perhaps we all suffer to the same degree but in different ways. Or look at it another way, regarding anyone who is reading this, none of us is an earthquake victim in Mexico or a hurricane victim in Puerto Rico. Why were we spared that pain? Does that seem fair that we were spared that horrible tragedy will thousands of innocent men, women and children are suffering because of those so-called "acts of God?"

A response to this is in the reading from Isaiah as God says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." So, we need to get out of the sinful business of comparing ourselves to others and wrongly concluding that God loves some people more than he loves us. God loves all people unconditionally in the same way. As we are told in Romans 2:11, "For God shows no partiality." If we go on "living in the flesh," as St. Paul says in the second reading than we are always going to be coming up with petty reasons to feel sorry for ourselves and question the fairness of God. What a waste of time and energy and how disrespectful that is to God.

We need to say the same thing St. Paul said in today's second reading, "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." We need to act in a manner fitting for people who are united with Jesus and destined for the glory of heaven and avoid childish comparisons and pettiness. Serving and trusting God above all things is what we are called to do!

In God's love,
Father Michael Knotek

TESTVÉREINK, A SZENTEK

Szeptember 24-e Szent Gellért püspök és vértanú ünnepe. Útban a Szentföld felé Magyarországra vetődik, Szent István király marasztalására hazánkban telepszik meg. Szent Imre lelki vezetője, bakonybéli remete, majd csanádi püspök. 1046-ban a pogány magyarok a később róla elnevezett hegyről a mélységbe taszították.

