



## St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, ON

*Roman Catholic*

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**Pastor: Jenó Rigo**

**Hungarian Church Services: Sun. 9.00 AM**

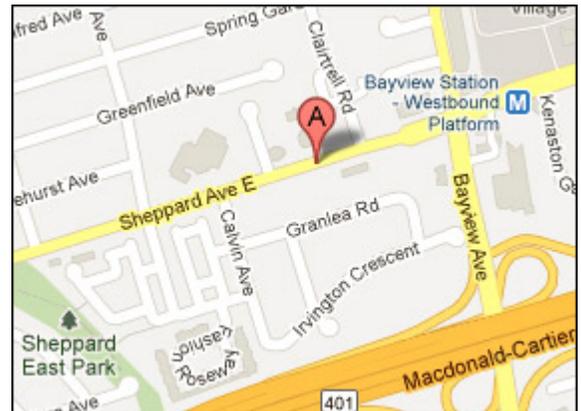
**Hungarian Congregation: 600 people**

### Church History

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It is 1928. The number of Hungarians is increasing rapidly. Archbishop Neil McNeil realizes that a solution must be found for the pastoral care of Toronto's Hungarians. Thus he requests a Hungarian-speaking pastor for the community.

The Archive of the Toronto Archdiocese refers to László Forgách as a pastor of the Hungarian Parish. In this time there was no Hungarian church, births, deaths and funerals take place in other community churches. In 1939 a chapel is built in a rented building at 15 Grange Rd., but the final solution is reached only in 1944, when the community buys an unused Anglican church on Spadina at Dundas Streets. This becomes the first church of the parish, which is consecrated by Archbishop J.C.A. McGuigan on March 19, 1944. The church is dedicated to St. Elizabeth of Hungary as its patron saint. In 1978 was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish. Indeed it was built on a solid foundation. In the second half of 1983 the question of finding a lot for building a new church is raised. With the consent of the Archdiocese a new location is selected and on June 7 1984 a purchase agreement is signed for the new location at 432 Sheppard Ave. East. Plans for the new church, parish office, hall and youth wing are completed. In the spring of 1985 the sod-turning ceremony is held, and on July 28, Sunday, the move from the old church is completed. The first mass is held on August 4, while the consecration of the church is held on Saturday, October 5 at 5 pm. The new location revitalizes parish life. The new hall attracts many events organized by various church groups. In 2003 was celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our parish. The celebrations continue with numerous events over a six week period. In May 2008 Father Szabolcs Sajgó is appointed Pastor.



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