

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confession Times

Monday to Friday: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Spiritual Direction for College Students



Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday at noon, I had the joy of baptizing Genevieve Grace Tortorelli, daughter of Anthony and Amanda Tortorelli, whom I married last year at St. Elizabeth's. Seeing Genevieve become a child of God and a daughter of the Church was a joy. Congratulations to Anthony, Amanda, and all their family!

St. Elizabeth's has been quiet the last week since the students have been with finals. However, we had a small event last Sunday with some students to prepare ornaments for the Christmas Tree in the lounge.

Fair warning: I'm not the best at crafts or art. My thing is preaching, teaching, spiritual direction, finances, and computers, but not art. Nevertheless, I was courageous and joined the students in this endeavor. I painted a globe with the colors of my home soccer team, Boca Juniors, and I wrote its acronym on it (C.A.B.J.).

Afterward, I sent a picture to my sister, who said I should place my ornament on the back of the tree. I answered that it was "modern art," and therefore, it was intended to be ugly :)

In other news, we have secured some of the front pews to the ground and will screw the other two this week. We are also installing non-slip furniture pads on the rest of the pews so that we don't need to make new holes in the floor.

With the help of Trey and Bro. Francis, I have also installed a 16-channel XLR patch panel in the sound system cabinet so we can connect directly to it when needed. This patch panel will give us the same functionality we previously had with the inputs on the platform we removed.

May the blessed Virgen of Guadalupe grant us the grace of having our souls ready to receive the Light, Jesus our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

I grew up in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The winter in that city is very mild. It gets cold and rains, but you have plenty of sunny days and no snow.

When I moved to Metro Detroit, MI, in 2002, I found a completely different reality. The first time I saw snow, it was very magical and fun. Also, I enjoyed having a Christmas when it was cold and not with 100 degrees of heat and 90% humidity like in my home city.

However, the magic of the snow disappeared after a little while, and I started to miss the light. I remember doing a little research on the Internet and being surprised to find that in the Detroit area, the average number of sunny days in December is one, and in January, it is 100% more, two. So, in 60 days, you only have three full sunny days.

At first, it seemed strange that one of my history teachers at St. Heart Major Seminary in Detroit took a whole week off in February to go to the Caribbean. He would return each time with a great tan. But when Spring came, I understood. Even though I was seemingly all right, I realized I had missed the sun a ton!

St. John the Baptist came to give testimony to the Light, our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent is a season of preparing to receive the Light. It is like the end of winter, around the beginning of March, when you are waiting for the Springs.

In early March, the days get longer little by little, some trees start to get a few leaves, you can hear the birds sing, and many animals have new offspring. That already cheers one up. As we get closer to Christmas, we also get more and more glad. The joy increases day by day. The Light is almost here.

A few months ago, my mom, who is 75 years

old, had cataract surgery in one of her eyes. She decided to get this procedure done because her sight was not good enough to drive, and they would not renew her driver's license. She also could not distinguish people's faces on TV and told me she used the TV as a radio.

My brother-in-law, who is a great eye doctor, performed the surgery. That same day, my mom could read tiny letters on the TV without the aid of glasses. That was amazing. She was so happy; she was bragging about having perfect vision.

In the cataract condition, the lens of your eye gets cloudy, and you cannot see correctly. Vision becomes blurry, hazy, or less colorful. So, in the cataract surgery, they replace that lens with a new one.

We can also get cataracts of the soul. The eyes of the soul get cloudy through attachments to money, success, and popularity. Any sin, vice, or addiction that reduces our freedom also clouds the eyes of the soul.

To receive Christ, our Light, we need to have the eyes of the soul crystal clear. St. John the Baptist invites us to purification. The purest our soul is, the more we can see the Light of Christ's love, peace, and joy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the most potent healing procedure for the soul. Let's take advantage of it this Advent season. A good Confession is the absolute best way of getting ready to receive the Light.

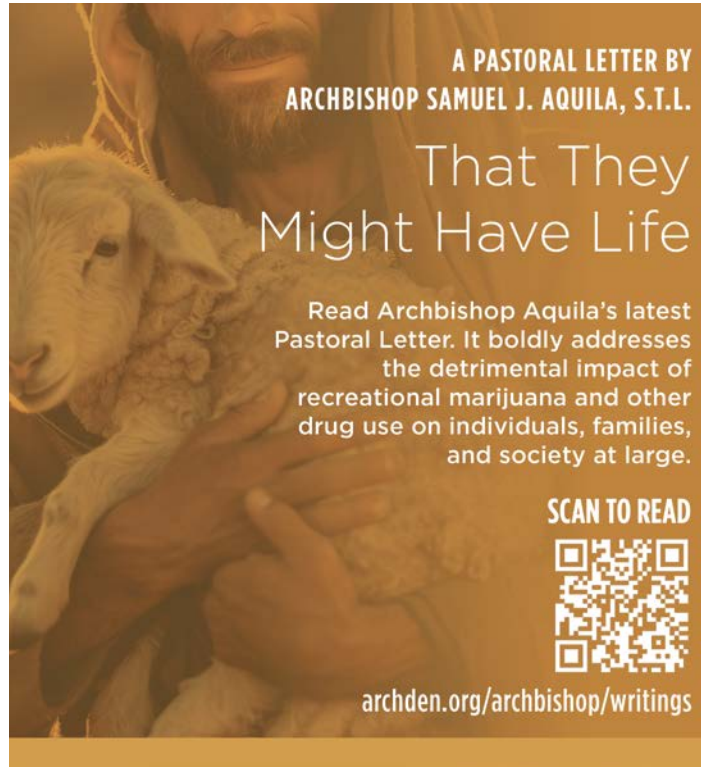
I also suggest you spend time in prayer with the Blessed Mother this last week of Advent. Reflect on the great love with which Mary expects Jesus, the great joy of her heart as the big day approaches. Accompany Mary in her joyful expectation of the Messiah.

Confirmations



Campus Outreach

Campus outreach
activities
will resume
on January 15th




A PASTORAL LETTER BY
ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL J. AQUILA, S.T.L.

That They Might Have Life

Read Archbishop Aquila's latest Pastoral Letter. It boldly addresses the detrimental impact of recreational marijuana and other drug use on individuals, families, and society at large.

SCAN TO READ



archden.org/archbishop/writings

Announcements

Liturgical Ministries - Volunteer opportunities for greeters, lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers. Sign up here: <https://www.stelizabethdenver.org/ministries>. If you wish to volunteer for substitute cantor contact Fr. Richard.

Prayers of the Faithful - If you have someone you would like prayers for, let Lisa know at lisa@stelizabethdenver.org and we will include the intention in the Prayers of the Faithful for the upcoming Sunday.

Sandwich Line - We need volunteers every day of the week, 9am - 12pm. We are in great need of men's shoes and boots - new or used.



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Christmas Break

December 11 – January 15
No Adoration during Christmas Break
Regular Mass schedule
except for December 24 and 25
Regular Confessions schedule
except for January 1-5

December 24
Sunday Mass: 9 AM
Christmas Eve Mass: 4 PM

December 25
Christmas Day Mass: 9 AM

January 1-5
Regular Mass Schedule
No confessions



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