

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday: 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM

Spiritual Talk

Thursday: 4:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Spiritual Direction for College Students



<https://calendly.com/fatherrichard/spiritual-direction>

Dear brothers and sisters,

September 25, 2022

On Wednesday the Auraria Campus had the Fall Fest, a wonderful exposition of countless campus organizations and clubs. The FOCUS missionaries and I manned a table in representation of St Elizabeth's. We had hot coffee and snacks for the students. We also played corn hole and football. I say "we" because, although with very bad hand to eye coordination, I attempted a game of corn hole and I learned to toss the football. It was a lot of fun!

Also, this week the FOCUS Missionaries had the first two bible study groups with young men from campus. This is a very important milestone since bible studies is one of the most powerful ways of evangelizing on campus.

As I see it, bible studies provide for two of the greatest needs of our students: good virtuous friendships and solid formation. It's commonly known that in college years one of the most devastating dangers is bad friends and peer pressure. We hear countless stories of our young people influenced in a negative way by the "party scene" and growing further and further from Christ. It is precisely in this context that good virtuous friendships can make a difference. Young people need to be challenged by their peers. When good friendships grow, the opposite to peer pressure happens. Young people get attracted to good things because their friends are doing them.

A similar thing happens with solid formation. In college, more often than not, our young people receive very secular formation at best and very anticatholic formation at worst. Good formation is needed to see reality through God's eyes, to judge current situations through Gospel values.

I ask you to please keep praying for all and every one of our students on campus, but especially for those who are starting to participate in a bible study, that the Lord will touch their hearts and minds with his grace. May our Lady of Guadalupe keep us always in the crossing of her arms.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

The last two Sundays we have been reading chapters 15 and 16 of the gospel of Luke. First the Lord revealed to us his tender compassion through the three parables of mercy. After that we were instructed about almsgiving through the parable of the dishonest steward. At continuation, we find the Pharisees complaining and mocking Christ. We read that “the Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him” (Lk 16:14).

The Pharisees, who were full of pride and greed felt called out and so they disdained the Lord. In answer to this mocking Jesus gives us the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, showing them what the consequence of greed is.

St. Gregory tells us that “our Lord mentions the name of the poor, but not the name of the rich, because God knows and approves the humble, but not the proud.” This fact called my attention. This might be the only parable in the gospels where one of the characters is called by name.

Maybe Jesus calls Lazarus by name to let us know that God notices the suffering. This is precisely the opposite of what the rich man does. Lazarus lays down at his gate, but the rich man does not notice him. He sees him with his bodily eyes, but has no regard for his suffering.

How often, in our daily lives, we ignore the sick, the suffering, the poor. Not only we might not notice but sometimes we might even be bothered by their presence. It’s something that our society wants to hide, to ignore.

Jesus invites us to practice the works for mercy, both the physical and the spiritual. We need to notice and tend to the needs of the hungry, the poor, the sick, but not only of those who suffer those things in the body but of those who suffer also in the soul.

On a different note, in the same way that Jesus sees the suffering of Lazarus, he also sees our suffering. We are never alone when we suffer because Jesus is with us. It’s true that we feel alone at times in the midst of the cross, but Jesus is strengthening us with his grace.

Lazarus did not have any consolation in his suffering. Not only did the rich man ignore him but even the dogs came to lick his sores. For the Jewish people dogs were impure animals, so even this detail was increasing his suffering rather than giving him relief.

After Lazarus dies, he is taken into heaven. In his life he was lacking consolation. But God gave him all his consolation and reward at once in heaven. It often happens that in our lives God withdraws consolation from us for a long time, only to give in one moment, at once, all he had withheld before.

Finally, I want to reflect on hell. St. John Chrysostom tells us that the rich man “died then indeed in body, but his soul was dead before. For he did none of the works of the soul. All that warmth which issues from the love of our neighbor had fled, and he was more dead than his body.”

Indeed the rich man was already living in hell in the midst of his riches because he was living without love. His soul was dead because the love of his neighbor was absent. Let’s strive to live a life of service, a life dedicated to the works of mercy, that we might already in this life experience heaven.

Readings for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4-7 | *Ps* 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 | *1 Tm* 6:11-16 | *Lk* 16:19-31

Meet Joe Zavala

Hello all, my name is Joseph Zavala and I grew up cradle Catholic in Southern California. I had the basic understanding of who God is all the way up until January 2019. Someone told me that I would make a great priest considering how “obedient” I was in faith. I freaked out and got mad at God for that was not the direction I wanted to go in life. The pastor at my parish told me to pray about it and to live each day at a time, however, I was impatient. I grew in fear and anger toward my creator for trapping me in this path. So, in the coming years, I did not want to be Catholic anymore for God felt like a demanding dictator; however my dad told me to at least go to mass on Sundays as long as I lived under his roof. So to escape, I hung out at bars, crazy parties and pursued the wrong people.

During this, my sister would invite me to happenings with friends she made in her Bible studies led by FOCUS Missionaries. I remember telling her that I wanted nothing to do with missionaries, since I had considered them “Happy Jesus Freaks”. Then, one night when I was sick, I saw a video of a good friend who mentioned, “God seeks you out.” I never heard it that way before; it felt like God actually cared enough to find and listen to what I had to say instead of Him demanding things. But months later, I pursued a relationship with a non-practicing Catholic girl who I thought was everything. The friends I made left me and the job I had was not the best, but I was finally in my last year of college. That’s when the COVID mandates lifted as I

stepped on campus.

I then recalled what my sister tried to do and my friend’s video. So I thought maybe I could meet God halfway and meet new friends. When I met the new Missionaries, I joined a bible study. It was small and I relearned what my parents had taught me, but in a different light. As I got more involved with the events and retreats, I began to see the heart of Jesus, realizing that I had viewed Him in the worst way possible. He only wanted to share his heart and to help me be the man that I am meant to become. To be free in Him, priest

or not, wanting to add more to my life. At this, I told my girlfriend to come with me in faith, but she replied that she would not even try; begging me not to do this. It was either everything I wanted...or God.

The following month sucked since I ended up single and with no job, only school and bible study. But after that lonesome month, God did not abandon me. In the spring of 2022, He gave me better friends, and a job. For the first time in my life, I could be

myself with these people and be free in my faith. Like a weight lifted off my shoulders!

Then, through God’s humor, he provided the opportunity to become a FOCUS Missionary. I now aim to share what I have learned with others.



Joe Zavala



Mission page

Campus Outreach

Sports & Freezie Pops

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Quad)
Thursdays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Quad)

Free Grill Outs

Thursdays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
(St. Elizabeth's)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursdays 4:20 PM - 5:20 PM
(St. Elizabeth's)

Spiritual Talk

Thursdays 4:00 PM
(St. Elizabeth's)

Youth Group

First Sunday of every month,
starting in October

After Mass through 11:30 AM

Come together for games,
activities and formation

All Middle and High School
young men and women are welcome!

Hosted by Liz Barreca



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CORDA

Young Adults (18-30's) Activities

at the
Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Swingin' Sundays

Swing Lessons and Dance Time
(First Sundays)

A Pint with the Priests

Casual Conversations with the Cathedral Clergy
&

Father Sam's Pub Trivia

Team Trivia Challenge for Prizes
(Third Sundays)

For more information:

<https://www.denvercathedral.org/young-adults/>

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Sandwich Line Volunteer Mass

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

12:15 PM

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Join us to celebrate our
Sandwich Line volunteers

Mass will be offered
for our volunteers and their intentions



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