

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-seventh 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,

October 2, 2022

I want to reiterate my invitation to celebrate our Sandwich Line volunteers this Tuesday, October 4, the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. We will offer the Mass at 12:15 PM for our volunteers and their intentions. I'm very grateful to God for the gift that our volunteers are to St. Elizabeth, to the needy and even to me in particular. I have been very impressed and inspired by their dedication and love for those in need.

Continuing with the invites, some parishioners are organizing a meet and greet opportunity to get to know better the FOCUS missionaries, Fr. John and me. It will take place on October 23 after Sunday Mass. If it seems that I'm organizing my own party, that is right! Ha, ha, ha! Please, come and share some coffee and doughnuts with us!

Yes, another invite is coming! This year we will celebrate the liturgy of St. Elizabeth of Hungary on Sunday, November 13. There will be a bake sale to benefit the Sandwich Line. Cookies find a way to people's hearts! We'll also provide, as other years, a novena that you can pray at home to help prepare for this feast day.

Since I arrived, seven weeks ago, I have been doing some reading about St. Elizabeth's life and I'm so excited for her feast day. Her humility, service to those in need, deep prayer and love for everyone around them really touched my heart. As our patron saint, may she help us imitate her loving heart.

On to other news, our FOCUS bible studies for college students grew to four! I again ask you to please keep praying for our college students. What our missionaries are able to do relies heavily on your daily prayers.

Finally, let me ask you to please follow St. Elizabeth's on Facebook and Instagram. You can find the information on the back of the bulletin. May our Lady of Guadalupe keeps us all under her maternal care.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

We read in Lk 17:10 “When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

“Unprofitable servants,” this is a fact of our human condition. Servants because Jesus is our Lord by right of creation, “for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth” (Col 1:16), of nature, “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14), and of redemption, “You were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled” (1 Pet 1, 18-19).

We are his servants because we belong to him. He has chosen us to be his holy people. Serving him is all our joy and our glory.

The adjective “unprofitable” reminds me of what St. Paul said: “For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want.” This quote describes perfectly what I feel when I start a diet with enthusiasm and fail two days later, or when I start to read a book that I never finish, or when I go to confession with true contrition but very soon after fall in the same sins again and again.

When thinking of the concept “unprofitable” two other things come to mind that I want to reflect on. The first one is that we need to be humble. Indeed, everything we have is a gift from the Lord. Like St. Paul says “Who confers distinction upon you? What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” (1 Cor 4:7).

Our qualities as people, our education, family, friends are gifts. The country where we live, our city, those around us are gifts. The fact that we were baptized Catholic, that we have received

the sacraments, that we have faith in God, that we’ve learned about the Church are gifts. Even our defects are gifts for our sanctification. The only thing that we actually have not received are our sins. But of course, even those we can turn into gifts by making them an object of God’s mercy.

As St. Theresa of Avila said, “humility is to walk in truth.” Humility means to accept who we are with all our defects, to see ourselves as God sees us. The deeper our true knowledge of ourselves, the greater things the Lord is going to be able to do through us.

The second thing that comes to mind is that we need great hope in God’s mercy. Let us see God looking at us with his eyes of mercy. Humility is to know that we cannot do anything without him, but that “[we] have the strength for everything through him who empowers [us]” (Phil 4:13).

St. Francis de Sales said that “God wants your misery to be the throne of His mercy. He desires that your powerlessness be the seat of His omnipotence.” This is exactly how last Sunday’s collect started: “O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy.” God rejoices in showing his power by forgiving our sins. Thankfully, since God is omnipotent, his power to forgive transcends our power to sin. In a strange way, the bigger our sins are, instead of despairing, we should hope more, knowing how God rejoices in exercising his omnipotent mercy over us.

Finally, let’s be on guard against discouragement. When looking at our sins and our weakness, we can be tempted to give up. That is because we focus too much on ourselves instead of trusting in God’s mercy and love. Let us ask the Lord to give us an unlimited trust in his loving mercy.

Meet Ben Taylor

Hello, my name is Ben Taylor, and I am from the small city of Peoria, Illinois. My six siblings and I are cradle Catholics, and we grew up in a faithful household. My parents instilled good Catholic values in me, but for many years my relationship with Christ was very surface level and not personal. I never really thought it would change, but God had other plans. During the summer before my freshman year of college, my parish priest and spiritual director, Monsignor Brownsey, stopped me after mass to ask if I wanted to talk. During this talk, I went to confession for the first time in a long time, and he explained the importance of a personal relationship with the Lord. I began to try and take my faith seriously and grow in my relationship with Jesus, but after that summer, things plateaued during college. It was not until I received a reality check during my first semester of law school that I truly had a conversion.

At the time I was moving to Columbia, Missouri, to attend the University of Missouri School of Law on a full ride when unexpectedly my girlfriend of two years broke up with me. I took it hard, and things only became harder once I got to Columbia. I struggled to connect with other law students, and I realized my interest in the field of law was disappearing. It was during this time that I met two FOCUS missionaries and the campus minister, Ryan, and they got me to join Ryan's bible study. I began taking my relationship with the Lord seriously again, and I desired to delve deeper than before.

My relationship with Christ grew exponentially, and in January I got invited to go to SEEK, which is a Catholic conference put on by FOCUS. During the Saturday evening of the conference, I was in prayer when suddenly it felt like I had been mentally hit over the head with a 2 by 4. I had no idea what was happening, but there was this singular powerful sentiment that popped into my head: I needed to trust God. I was confused because I thought I had been putting my complete trust in the Lord, but He revealed to me just how much I was still grasping to control. I said in prayer right then and there, "okay Lord, I trust you. I want to surrender my life completely to you," yet, I really had no idea at the time what that meant. The next day SEEK ended with a talk from Fr. Mike Schmitz on the need for young Catholic adults to live out the call to mission. It set my heart ablaze with the desire to help others in their paths toward Christ.

Soon after, I was asked out of the blue to interview with FOCUS. After some discernment, I ended up interviewing with FOCUS, and I loved it. I began discerning the decision to either join FOCUS or stay in law school, and I realized God was asking me to leave the life I had planned behind for the one He had for me. I accepted the offer, and I am excited to be here building friendships with students and sharing Christ's love with them.



Ben Taylor



Campus Outreach in Pictures



Auraria Campus October Fest



Monday's Sports & Freezie Pops



Thursday's Grill Out, Adoration and Talk



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