

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear brothers and sisters:

If you haven't seen how the dining room is turning out, I invite you to come over and take a look. Hanna, an affiliate FOCUS missionary, has been volunteering her time to paint the walls. The FOCUS missionaries have moved away all the furniture that they are not going to use. It is turning out to be a very welcoming environment for the bible studies. We also had some fun watching the first movie of the Lord of the Rings on the big screen. Brilliant!

You might also want to stop by the bride's room. Trey has installed some new carpet. This will be our new multipurpose room: Bride's room, youth group, liturgy committee, collection counting, bible study and meeting room. We even have a network color printer in there!

Talking about printers, about a month ago I was able to connect the Xerox photocopy machine to the network. So, the bulletin you are reading is actually being printed in house. Whenever the bulletin is in color, about once a month, Fr. Sam has generously allowed us to print it at the Cathedral which has a color printer that can print 11 x17. Thank you, Fr. Sam!

As you can see, I'm a little bit of an IT (information technology) person, or you can also call me a computer nerd. In the same department, I'm glad to report that we have migrated our email server to Office 365. I also applied and got a grant from Microsoft for free Office 365 and Azure Cloud Computing. In fact, last week I was able to move our web server to Azure. So, we'll be saving some money there. I'm also trying to get a faster internet connection for the same price or cheaper than we are currently paying.

On to other news, by the mercy of God the ministry to the college students of the Auraria Campus keeps expanding. We are already at 15 students involved in the FOCUS bible studies. I want to thank you for your prayers and ask you to keep them up. We depend on you! I place each one of you under the loving gaze of our lady of Guadalupe.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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>

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

I don't often think of the Gospel in terms of comedy. But this Sunday's parable of the persistent widow makes me smile, especially when it says "because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me."

It is comical that someone so corrupted as the dishonest judge would be frightful of a poor old lady. When thinking of the widow I picture one of my mother's aunts, Norah. She lived to be 100 years old and I had the joy of having her come to my priestly ordination. She was the sweetest woman ever. She was short and couldn't move much. But once or twice I saw her angry about something and it was a frightening view. And okay, I confess. She was probably my favorite aunt because she always had "alfajores" (yummy cookies) and "dulce de leche" (milk based caramel spread) ready for me when I visited. I have a little bit of a sweet tooth...

When reading this parable, I always imagine Norah striking the judge with her cane saying "scoundrel, do justice." I picture the judge reduced to compliance of whatever she is asking. It is so funny because of the contrast between someone so powerful like a judge and someone so insignificant like a widow. What is the power of the frail little old lady? Her perseverance. She is on a mission and won't give up.

What does perseverance in prayer mean? The most obvious answer is that we need to pray daily. Let's do a morning offering as soon as we wake up. Offering the day to the Lord and asking for his grace and help. Praying every night, especially making an examination of conscience and an act of contrition. Praying the Holy Rosary daily, especially during the month of October, when we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Taking at least 15 minutes of our day for mental prayer. Reading scripture. And of course,

participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and going to Confession often.

Another meaning is less obvious. It is to walk always in the presence of God by a spirit of prayer and love. Remembering God and his love for us throughout the day. Frequently elevating our heart to him and having brief but intense moments of communion with our beloved.

The rest of the logic is simple. If the dishonest judge is moved to do good because of the persistence of the widow, how much more our heavenly Father is going to grant his children what they ask for?

As I've already told you, I'm a broken record, and so I return to the topic of trust. Perseverance in prayer is based on trust that God is our loving Father. He loves us more than we can love ourselves. He wants to make good of us and through us by the trials we are asked to face.

Sometimes we might be wavering in our trust because it seems that God does not answer our prayers. St. Augustine has a good answer to this: "The Almighty does not always hear us as soon as we would wish, nor in the manner that seems best to us. But if we are not always heard according to our desires, we are always heard as far as is conducive to our salvation. He sometimes delays, in order to exercise our patience, and increase our ardor: sometimes He grants, in His mercy, what, in His justice, He would refuse."

Have you ever gotten to the car rental counter and found out that they don't have the car you've reserved? What happens then? You often get an upgrade. God often does not hear us "in the manner that seems best to us." In other words, he "upgrades" our requests to give us what is really best for us. Let's thank the Lord for the upgrades.

Meet Mauricio Recendez

Greetings to my St. Elizabeth's family! My name is Mauricio Recendez and I am a first-year missionary from Albany, GA. I went to school at Georgia Southern University where I graduated this past May with a degree in Supply Chain Management. I firstly want to say that I am grateful for the hospitality provided here at St Elizabeth's. It has been great to meet some of you and I hope to meet more of you in the weeks to come! By this point you may be wondering what brought me to be a missionary...well it was not until I got to college that I discovered why my faith mattered.

I started school at GSU in fall 2019 and Jesus was the last person on my mind. In fact, I remember feeling relieved at the thought of not having to go to Mass every Sunday since mom was not there to make me accompany her. Shortly after that thought of course, a friend from back home, who was also attending GSU, invited me to the first student Mass. By trying not to be a bad friend, I accepted his invitation.

After that Mass I put my name down on a bible study interest form since I hardly knew anything about the bible and also recognized that it can be a difficult book to read. I kept faithful to bible study and through time I formed close friendships with the guys in my study along with some of the people from the Catholic group. By just my witness to the friendships around me, I was placed in awe in how much more authentic these relationships were compared to the friendships that I was accustomed to coming from secularized culture. These men and women were displaying vulnerability in their relationship

with Jesus and within their own friendships. Oddly enough, this was one of the first times I saw men and women respecting themselves. Through this I found a true beauty in the Lord's creation which in turn brought down the walls around my heart that prevented me from seeking an authentic relationship with the Lord and my peers. Coming from a worldly lifestyle, I brought along the habitual sin with me. It got to a point where in the midst of my involvement and "Yes" to the Lord, He revealed to me that there is no room for mediocrity and that I needed to choose

between Him or the world. This was a message that I tested for all of college and it wasn't until halfway through my last semester where God humbled me and showed me that there were no half measures when it came to doing His will.

This realization took place shortly before I interviewed for FOCUS in late February. At the time I had no intentions of working for FOCUS and I interviewed solely to keep an open door. When interviewing for FOCUS, full honesty is encouraged and expected and so I

even told my interviewers that I did not see myself doing this work. After the interview weekend, my heart began to finally take into account how much I needed to follow God fully and for myself. FOCUS was a way to put my selfish desires to the side and give God my whole self through this work. At first the thought brought some anxieties, but the peace and love that the Lord showed at the same time overshadowed those fears and assured me that He wanted me here at the Auraria campus in Denver, CO.



Mauricio Recendez



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
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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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/>

or email Johanna:

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Announcements

Welcome and Reception - On Sunday, 10/23 after 9:00 Mass the Liturgy Committee will have a reception welcoming Fathers Richard and John and the FOCUS missionaries. This will give all parishioners a chance to speak one on one and get to know all of these new faces. Coffee and donuts will be served outside on the grass unless the weather is inclement. Then it will be held in the dining room. We hope to see you all!

Month of Remembrance - Once again, we would like you to bring in pictures of your loved ones who have passed on to be placed on the special table in the back. The Book of Remembrance will also be set up ahead of November for you to start listing the names of any additional friends or relatives who may have died this past year. Fr. Richard will be saying Mass on All Souls Day, 11/2 at 12:15 for all the names in our Book of Remembrance.

St. Elizabeth's Feast Day - On 11/13 we will celebrate our Patron Saint, Elizabeth of Hungary. There will be a bake sale, roses and Dee's excellent guacamole. All proceeds will go to the Sandwich Line. Please bake or buy something to include in the bake sale. We will again do a Novena prior to her feast day. This will be available as we near 11/13.

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.



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