

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

*A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*

## Thirtieth 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 23, 2022

This week I had to practice a lot of patience. I guess the Lord thinks I need it! I won't bother with the in and outs of the situation, but we are changing our phone and internet company to Verizon. It has been a pain! Hopefully, the pain will be over soon.

Thankfully, I'm not only part of the IT department. I also get to evangelize the students. This week I had the joy of meeting with some students for spiritual direction. I also enjoyed watching "Two Towers" with the FOCUS students. I had forgotten how good Tolkien is. If you haven't read the Lord of the Rings series of books, I highly recommend them. Through the different characters you get a Christian view of reality. I would call it a Catechism of sorts. A great tool for evangelization!

Last Sunday, Fr. Sam hosted a Pub Trivia at the Cathedral. It was a great event. He had about 65 young people gathered in the basement, competing for great prizes. Of course, there were lots of questions about England, that is why it is called "Pub" Trivia. But what made it even better is that the group of which three of our FOCUS missionaries participated ended up number one. They won the whole thing!

Also, on Wednesdays the Cathedral hosts the Credo series of formative talks on the faith. They follow the Catechism of the Catholic Church in detail and they are very informative. One of our students has joined the series of talks and is interested in being confirmed. Olivia, one of our FOCUS missionaries, will be her sponsor. We keep them in our prayers.

As we approach the Commemoration of All Souls, on November 2nd, please remember to write down the names of your loved ones in our book of remembrance. The book is located in a stand close to the entrance of the Church. I will offer the Mass on that day for all the deceased listed in the book.

May our blessed Mother, our Lady of Guadalupe, keep you all under her care and protection.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Commenting on today's parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, St. Gregory tells us that "there are different shapes in which the pride of self-confident men presents itself." He brings up four different manifestations of pride we should avoid.

The first thing to avoid is "when [people] imagine that (...) the good in them is of themselves." Some weeks ago, when talking about gratitude, we said that humility is the basis of gratitude. If we want to be grateful, we need to first acknowledge that everything we have is a gift, that we have received it. Although the Pharisee does thank God, his gratitude is not genuine since it does not come from humility.

There is also a sense of self sufficiency in this first manifestation of pride. These kind of people don't "need" help from God or from anyone else.

Secondly "when believing [the good in them] is given (...) from above, that they have received it for their own merits." In other words, in this type of pride people might acknowledge that the good they have, they have received, but they deny it has been freely given. Rather, they claim it was given to them because of their merits. In other words, that they "deserve" what they have received.

The third kind is even worse, they "boast that they have that which they have not." At least in the two previous manifestations, the good was real, they were just denying that it was a gift or that it was freely given. In this case these kind of people are further from the truth and that gets them deeper into pride. If "humility is to walk in truth," as St. Teresa of Avila said, pride is all the opposite. The more prideful we are, the more disconnected from reality we are. That is why it is often said that pride blinds the intelligence.

Finally, in fourth place, there are those who "when despising others aim at appearing sin-

gular in the possession of that which they have. And in this respect the Pharisee awards to himself especially the merit of good works." This is probably the saddest of all the kinds of pride since these kind of people need to denigrate someone else so as to affirm themselves. This comes from a deep insecurity and a great lack of faith and hope.

If we want to be humble, therefore, we need to have the opposite attitude. Acknowledging that we don't have anything that we have not received, that these things were given to us as gifts, without making up gifts we actually don't have and not putting down other people so as to shine ourselves.

Jesus told us last week that we need to be insistent in prayer. Now he adds that to pray well we also need to be humble. And that this is clearly an indispensable precondition to be heard by God.

A humble, grateful, joyful and trustful heart is the perfect interior disposition from prayer. First, we need to approach prayer acknowledging our smallness in comparison with the immense majesty of God. That as sinners, we are unworthy of presenting ourselves before him, but because we trust in his mercy and we know he delights in us spending time with him.

Secondly, acknowledging all the gifts we have received, especially the gift of his friendship and his mercy. The gift of Jesus Christ, the blessed Virgin and the saints. The gift of faith, of Baptism and especially of the Eucharist. The gift of family, friends and our beloved country.

Thirdly, with a joyful and trustful heart. Rejoicing that we are approaching our dear beloved Father who delights in us. A Father who rejoices in pouring his love and grace over us. A Father who makes us good, beautiful and worthy by his love. Someone we can confidently call *Abba*, Father!

# Meet Dillon Craig

Hello everyone! My name is Dillon Craig, and I am a first-year student at CU Denver. I am on a pre-health track, and I am studying to hopefully enter medical school post-graduation. I grew up without a religious background and my family rarely talked about anything resembling a higher power. My brother and I shared a love for science, and we often discussed the afterlife, the soul, and the amazing creation that we call the universe. Although we admired the works of God, we never had been introduced to the concept of a creator.

After graduation from high school, I decided to take a few years off from education. I moved to Arizona in July of 2021 to live with my brother. Within the first few months of my relocation, God spoke to us through a protestant missionary. Our eyes were opened through a single conversation with a stranger. We could now see a reality that was infinitely greater than the one we had been living in. Our usual conversations about science expanded to capture the teaching of the Gospel, morality, and the possibility of eternal life.

Throughout the next few months, my brother and I attended several different churches, debated about other religions, and quickly began our lives of faith. I felt called to the catholic church mainly by the beauty and holiness I had experienced in mass. My brother did not share my point of view on Catholicism but encouraged me to follow where God was calling.

My prayers with the rosary and my interest in the lives of saints were some of the greatest factors in my conversion. While meditating on the mys-

teries of the holy rosary, I felt as though I could actually see Christ suffering for my sins and rising for my salvation. There was a calming presence almost every time I sat down to pray with the beads of our Blessed Mother. The first saint that I first came into contact with was Mother Teresa. Almost 6 years ago, I went on a trip to India where I happened to serve at the Missionaries of Charity orphanage for a few days. Our group stopped at the resting place of Mother Teresa and at the time I didn't think much of it. Years later she began to work in my soul. During the first few weeks of my conversion, I was gifted

the opportunity to read one of her books, "A Simple Path." From there, she spoke into my heart and encouraged me to live a life more filled with service. Mother Teresa has led me to volunteer, serve, and ultimately has now led me back into education.

It is difficult to put into words a story that is full of life changing decisions, struggles, doubts, and revelations. There have been countless conversations and encounters with Christ which have brought me to where I am now. My

story, and God's desires for my life, are nowhere near finished. I am now attending RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults) at the Holy Ghost Church in downtown Denver. I still am growing daily in my love of Christ, and I am hopeful for what He has planned for me. Prayers for all who attend St. Elizabeth's and especially for the FOCUS missionaries who have played a HUGE role in my spiritual journey! Their service, their encouragement, and their devotion to God has brought me into a closer relationship with Jesus. Peace be with you always.



Dillon Craig

## 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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## 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/>

or email Johanna:

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## Announcements

**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](mailto:lisa@stelizabethdenver.org) and we will include the intention in the Prayers of the Faithful for the upcoming Sunday.



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