

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday to Friday: 12:15 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Confession Times

Monday to Friday: 11:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Thursday: 4:20 PM - 5:20 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>

October 30, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Thursday Fr. Sam hosted FOCUS missionaries and I for dinner at the Cathedral. It was on the Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica.

After the 6:30 PM Mass Fr. Sam gave us a wonderful tour of the Cathedral. Fr. Sam, besides being the Rector of the Cathedral, is also a great historian of the Archdiocese of Denver. We got a lot of very interesting information about sacred art and the historical importance of the Cathedral.

Once we had visited the interior of the Cathedral, we proceeded to climb the stairs of the bell towers. We climbed first about 40 feet and went outside to the balcony. Then we climbed another 60 feet or so and we went in between the ceiling and the roof. It was amazing to see the brick and steel guts of the building.

We climbed about 10 more feet to the west tower. We had a great view of Colfax Avenue and the State Capitol from there. We also had a great view of the east tower that hosts the bells of the Cathedral. We waited to hear the bells ring at 8 PM and then we all sung the Salve Regina up there. It was epic!

After our workout at the bell tower we enjoyed a very tasty lasagna prepared by Dave paired with beer from the Benedictine Monastery in Norcia, Italy! I really enjoyed the great conversation and brotherhood we had throughout the evening. Thank you, Fr. Sam!

On to other news, the Colorado Catholic Conference has put out a voting guide at <https://cocatholic.org/resources/voter-guide/>. You will also receive a hard copy of the “Colorado Catholic Voter Guide” with this church bulletin. Please, check these resources as we prepare to cast our ballot on November 8th.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep 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

Growing up, all through elementary school I was one of the tallest students in my class. I was the second or third tallest. I received my first holy communion in fourth grade. I attended a Catholic School run by religious brothers and we prepared as a class for this great Sacrament.

My most vivid memory of the preparation was enacting the Gospel passage of Zacchaeus in a small group of about five students. Guess what character I played: the sycamore tree! I had one of my classmates climb on my back as we enacted the passage.

I'm guessing this was a prophetic event. In a way I became a sycamore tree to help people approach Jesus. To aid the faithful in experiencing the mercy of Jesus for us. This is what I strive to do as a Priest.

Zacchaeus was "seeking to see who Jesus was." But he couldn't see Jesus without the aid of the sycamore tree. Jesus had been calling him inter-iorly. The tree was just a means to get there.

In one way or another we are all called to be what the sycamore tree was for Zacchaeus. A bridge between people and Jesus. This is what being an apostle means. Let's look at some qualities of the sycamore tree we can imitate for evangelization.

In the first place, the sycamore tree supported the weight of Zacchaeus. Supporting the weight of others on our back, being a kind of bridge between Christ and others takes a big spirit of service. It requires that we are willing to sacrifice for our brothers and sisters.

Secondly, looking at some pictures of sycamore trees on the internet I found something peculiar. This kind of tree is usually very open with big low branches. That makes it especially easy to climb. We need to imitate that in our lives. Be approachable to people around us, welcoming

and helpful. The branches of the sycamore tree open very wide, almost like a hug. How beautiful would it be if when people approached us they could feel the openness of the heart of Christ? Jesus was crucified so that his arms would remain forever opened to receive us.

Thirdly, another quality of the sycamore tree is its height. It is a pretty tall tree. To be able to see Jesus, Zacchaeus climbed high above the crowd. We need to be courageous to challenge those around us to elevate their thoughts above materialism, money, fame and pleasure. People need to know through us that they have been called to something greater, to a great dignity, the dignity of God's children!

Lastly, the sycamore tree was essential for the encounter with Christ, but it was useful for only a few minutes. Once we have done our service, we need to get out of the way. We need humility. In this we must imitate St. John the Baptist who said: "He must increase; I must decrease." It is sometimes a temptation to want to make evangelization about ourselves. But we don't own anyone, the souls are of Christ. He purchased them with his blood.

While we should be always open to walk with people for as long as they need us, it often happens that the Lord wants us to give a certain person a concrete short aid. Let's serve a certain person only as long as the Lord needs us to do so.

It's not about us, it's about Christ. To evangelize effectively, we need to have a deep humility by which we don't come across superior to others. The deeper the truth that we want to transmit to others, the deeper our humility should be. Otherwise, people will be repelled from our message.

Therefore, let's imitate the virtues of the sycamore tree: spirit of service, openness, courage, and humility.

Meet Chris Bonderer

Hello! My name is Chris Bonderer. I'm from Ashland; a small city in the middle of Missouri. Go Eagles! I have a wonderful family of 5: one older brother, Matt, and one younger, Sam. I also had the unique privilege of knowing all 4 of my grandparents growing up.

They both lived on farms, so I spent a great deal of time in my childhood cutting wood, driving four wheelers, and walking around in the woods of Missouri. I love the city of Ashland, and I could definitely see myself living there again one day.

It's a pretty small city though, so I went to school with the same 115 people from kindergarten until graduation in 2018. I then studied Elementary Education at the University of Missouri. While I was studying at the University of Missouri, or Mizzou, I began to find some interests and hobbies outside of the typical teenage boy hobbies of video games and Instagram.

The first one came from my dad. We love movies. Adam Sandler is his favorite, followed closely by any and all superhero movies, but I find myself enjoying movies about the military or westerns. "The Guardian" boasts the title of my favorite.

I also found that I loved the outdoors and water in particular. It was the motivation to work as a lifeguard for 5 years - always enjoying a huge cannonball or a high dive off the diving board. In my later years, I learned about making a pour over coffee and owned a Chemex coffee brewing

instrument for a couple of months. I still have a cup or two each morning! One truly new hobby has been reading and writing poetry. I once read a book that had me truly in love with the world around me and showed me the idea that I could share my experience with others by writing. The book "A Severe Mercy" still remains at the #1 book spot on my list!



Chris Bonderer

This is my first year working full time as a missionary with FOCUS, and it's been a wonderful experience to really look at the world in its eyes. Nothing has challenged me more than reflecting on my personal and authentic convictions about who Jesus is. I spent my life in a daze, going with the flow, but I can't anymore. I can't share something that I don't have.

So if I want to share love for God, then I need to go looking for it for myself. I hope this for all of the students I encounter, but I've come to find this is really what I want for all people.

I truly believe Jesus has something to show each of us. We need only ask Him!



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
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



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethdenver/>

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 and we will include the intention in the Prayers of the Faithful for the upcoming Sunday.

Financial Presentation - Join us on Sunday, November 6th for the Financial Presentation to the parish. A review of Fiscal Year End 2022 will be provided, as well as a summary of the current year budget and offertory trends.



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