

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

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

## Thirty-second 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

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>

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Dear brothers and sisters,

This week, people at Verizon kept helping me to become a saint. After several hours on the phone with them, they were able to solve the issue on their end. We finally have faster internet! I keep joking that the previous internet speed we had was a human rights violation! Hahaha!

On Thursday the FOCUS missionaries hosted a party for students at St. Elizabeth's. It was a "black light" party. I even tried the fluorescent glasses. There were about 20 students hanging out, eating good food, playing corn hole and video games.

The purpose of the party was to promote the SEEK conference that will take place Jan 2-6 in St. Louis, MO. It is an annual conference organized by FOCUS for college students. During COVID the conference was held locally by regions. The last time it was held in one place was in 2019, when they had nearly 17,000 participants!

We have several students attending so far. I myself am also already registered. I will be attending as chaplain to our students. We count on your prayers so that many more students will be inspired to attend!

One of our parishioners suggested that I give a book recommendation here. About two weeks ago during daily Mass, I recommended the book "Discernment of Spirits" by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV. This book discusses the rules of discernment of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

These rules are a powerful aid in our walk to holiness. How do I know if my thoughts or desires are from the good or the bad spirit? What should I do when in desolation? What should I do when in consolation? What things should I have in mind when making choices? These are some of the areas where discernment is helpful. You can also check out the podcast "Discernment of Spirits with Fr. Timothy Gallagher." It is basically the same content of the book, divided into several talks.

May our Lady of Guadalupe bless you abundantly.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In my priesthood, one of my favorite things to do is to prepare couples for the sacrament of Marriage. It's beautiful to be a part of the preparation for the wedding. You see couples grow in love, get excited for the future, develop their understanding of this amazing sacrament and strengthen more and more the devotion to each other in preparation for the final commitment. I count this one of the finest blessings the Lord grants me.

Some months ago, a soon to be husband asked me about the passage of the woman with seven husbands. He was concerned that the passage might suggest that in heaven husband and wives don't have a bond any longer. He thought this might mean that when he gets to heaven he won't care about his wife. This young man definitely cares deeply for his fiancé, so this question was heavy in his heart.

While I'm not going to be focusing on the resurrection in this reflection, I want to highlight that this is the main purpose of this parable. The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, give Jesus an extreme example to force him to follow their view. Of course, Jesus ends up upholding the belief in the resurrection.

Going back to my friend's question, we need to distinguish an essential happiness or joy in heaven and an accidental one. The essential joy of heaven is, obviously, the beatific vision. Seeing God face to face. Knowing him as he is. This is the main source of happiness and joy in heaven. Even if there were no other reason for rejoicing, this one thing would give us complete happiness for all eternity.

However, God is very generous and he gives us other reasons for rejoicing in heaven. We call them "accidental," not because they are "unimportant," but because they are not the "most" important source of happiness. Aquinas tells us

that accidental joy in heaven comes from the contemplation of anything that is created. So, the essential source of joy is God himself, who is uncreated; everything else is an accidental source of joy, created.

For example, the Blessed Virgin Mary is a creature. In heaven we will see her incomparable beauty and rejoice. That joy is accidental, but very powerful. St. Catherine Laboure looked into the eyes of Mary and said she could never forget that beautiful gaze. When I get to heaven, besides looking at God face to face, the first thing I'm going to do is to look into the eyes of our Lady!

In heaven we will also enjoy the company of the angels and saints. We will get to know how they have interceded for us during our lives. We will rejoice of their amazing glory. In heaven there is no place for envy. We will just rejoice of their good and glory.

Our own body will be also a source of joy for us. We will be glad to be a whole person again in the resurrection with both body and soul. At that time all the hardships of our life will look like nothing in comparison with the joy of heaven.

We could look at many other things like this. So, what was my answer to my friend? There is no marriage in heaven because there is no need for procreation since the number of the elect are complete. However, there will be still a close bond of love between spouses in heaven. They will receive a tremendous "accidental" joy from each other's company, and especially rejoicing in each other's happiness and glory. A similar principle applies to close relationships like family and friends.

In conclusion, we have a lot to look forward to in heaven. This world, although filled with sorrow, is beautiful. Heaven is even more beautiful. We will not miss anything from here and every desire of our heart will be perfectly fulfilled.

# Meet Olivia Morris

**H**i! My name is Olivia, and I am currently serving in my fourth year with FOCUS! I work both with students at the Auraria Campus, walking with them in friendship and leading bible studies, as well as in the main headquarters at the office in Golden working with surveys and data analysis. I was born and raised in Houston, Texas and am one of 5 children. I love to spend time outdoors, play sports and go to the gym, am an amateur photographer, have probably seen every early 2000's rom com there is and absolutely love to travel (especially to Latin America)!

I was blessed to grow up Catholic and loved learning how to pray and more about who God is from a young age. I started to come into a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus in high school, when I would go visit the Adoration chapel at my parish after school when I was stressing about sports, friendships, college applications and all the typical challenges facing a teenager. The Lord revealed Himself to me so clearly in the Eucharist and filled my heart with such a profound peace every time I was before Him in the Blessed Sacrament that I knew the Catholic Church was the true faith.

I attended college at The George Washington University in Washington, DC looking for both a Catholic community and opportunities to pursue a career in politics and media and it is there that I met the FOCUS missionaries who absolutely changed my life for the better. I loved my time in DC- I was involved in Greek life, political student organizations, and the Catholic community- but my encounter with Jesus on a FOCUS mission trip to Ireland in 2017 convicted me to put Jesus

and Him alone at the center of my life for the remainder of my time in college. I ended up majoring in Spanish and Latin American Literatures and said yes to being a FOCUS missionary after graduation, and I feel extremely humbled to have received the call to be on mission full-time for the Church.

I served my first year with FOCUS at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO for my second year. I moved to Denver last year to serve with FOCUS Missions and worked with our hosts in Latin America to

help coordinate and plan mission trips to provide students with the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the poor, and for the poor to encounter Him in the missionaries and students! I have been on 10 mission trips and absolutely love spending time with Jesus in the poor. In my fourth year with FOCUS I work part-time at the office doing survey work, part-time with the team at Auraria and attend grad school at DU for International Development.



Olivia Morris

I love spending time with students and talking about all the radical things Jesus has done for us and wants to do for us, so don't hesitate to reach out to me! Thank you and God bless!

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## 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

**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.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass** - On Thanksgiving Day, we will have Mass at 9 AM.

**Altar Linens** - Volunteers needed for weekly washing of Altar Linens. This is one of those "behind the scenes" ministries that allow for an intimate encounter with Jesus. If interested, please contact Fr Richard at [frichard@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:frichard@stelizabethdenver.org) or call the office 303.534.4014.



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