

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Thirty-third 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>

November 13, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

I'm overjoyed to share with you our Patronal feast as we celebrate St. Elizabeth. I'm looking forward to tasting Dee's famous guacamole!

This week the FOCUS missionaries have continued encouraging students to sign up for the SEEK Conference. We have about 11 students already signed up and several more are interested. I invite you to please keep praying so we can have as many students as possible participate in this life changing event.

Last weekend we had a great presentation of the financials of our Church by Lisa. It was very informative. I joked that it was longer than the homily! Thank you, Lisa for all you do for St. Elizabeth's!

In that vein, you might have heard from Lisa that we are running an annual deficit of about \$60,000. Please, consider starting a pledge or increasing your existing one. I was also joking that now I'm a full time beggar. So, don't come near me unless you want me to hit you up for money!

This Saturday I will be presiding over a wedding at St. Elizabeth's. It's my first time doing so at this church. Let's pray for this couple and for all couples that have been married here and will be married here in the future. May the Lord strengthen their bond of love more and more each day.

Finally, Trey and I have been working very hard on the installation of a new wired and wireless network. Thank you, Trey! The missionaries and students have commented that now they can do their work at our facilities and they don't need to go find internet at the library.

May St. Elizabeth and our Lady of Guadalupe guide you and protect you always.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

This Sunday we celebrate with great joy our Patron, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Today we are commenting on the Gospel of her feast day, Luke 6:27-38 instead of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Recently, I have installed new wi-fi access points throughout the Church's office and I have changed the password to the guest network. The new password is "bunsandroses." Some of the students were surprised and thought I was referring to the famous band "Guns and Roses." So, I explained to them that this refers to the well-known miracle of the roses.

One of St. Elizabeth's biographers tells us: "One day, when accompanied by one of her favorite maidens, as she descended by a rude little path and carried under her mantle bread, meat, eggs, and other food to distribute to the poor, she suddenly encountered her husband, who was returning from hunting. Astonished to see her thus toiling on under the weight of her burthen, he said to her, "Let us see what you carry"—and at the same time drew open the mantle which she held closely clasped to her bosom; but beneath it were only red and white roses, the most beautiful he had ever seen, and this astonished him, as it was no longer the season of the flowers. Seeing that Elizabeth was troubled, he sought to console her by his caresses, but he ceased suddenly, on seeing over her head a luminous appearance in the form of a crucifix. He then desired her to continue her route without being disturbed by him, and he returned to Wartbourg, meditating with recollection on what God did for her, and carrying with him one of these wonderful roses, which he preserved all his life. At the spot where this meeting took place, he erected a pillar, surmounted by a cross, to consecrate forever the remembrance of that which he had seen hovering over the head of his wife."

This story resonates with the themes of the Gospel of today's feast day. Give to everyone who asks, love those who cannot repay you, be merciful, give, and it will be given to you. Elizabeth lived these truths to perfection. Indeed, she became a saint by practicing them.

The bread, the "buns," she carries to the poor are turned into roses. While Ludwig, Elizabeth's husband, always supported her charity, he might have wanted to quell suspicions of the family that she was stealing treasure from the castle to give to the poor. The miracle of the roses happens to manifest Elizabeth's innocence and holiness. She does the Lord's work, and the Lord himself protects her from slander.

We could also connect this story with the fruits of love. St. Elizabeth practices the works of mercy and God grants her love, peace and joy. The roses are an external manifestation of the fruits.

In fact, it is said that when her body was moved for the process of canonization, there was a sweet smell of flowers. This is something that often happens with the saints. God allows this small miracle to show the wonderful smell of the saint's virtues.

We must have in mind that if we give, it will be given to us. Actually, when we give, we always receive more than what we have given. Let's be courageous and test it. We will learn it from experience.

At St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church we have the blessing of serving the homeless and those in need every day of the year. This is very much in the spirit of our Patron. Like Ludwig, let's treasure Elizabeth's roses in our lives, being able to notice the fruits that love, mercy and service bring with them. If we do so, the sign of the cross will rest over our heads too.

Meet Spence Hutchinson

Hello! My name is Spence Hutchinson, a missionary for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), working alongside St. Elizabeth's on this Auraria campus. I was born and raised in the suburbs of Birmingham, Alabama. I grew up going to protestant church regularly, but our family did not typically talk about faith in the home. It wasn't very real to me, or important to me. And so I grew up in a community that was extremely results-oriented.

I went to college out-of-state at Ole Miss, and found friends in a Baptist community on campus. The problem was that there was not much depth or authenticity in my experience there and I continued to struggle on-and-off with no consistency in relationships and still had a double-minded life. I continually kept trying to force success in my own life but it wasn't working and I was still so far from true freedom.

Over time, I began to dive into scripture and noticed more and more that the things the Baptist community was saying was not congruent with capital T truth, at least in my opinion. I began to ask a lot of questions to my pastor and those discipling me, but I was told that I was overthinking it or taking the Bible too directly. After years of this, I bought into this, thinking there was just something wrong with me.

I eventually left that church and broke myself off with that community because I felt truly unloved and had disagreements about some theology. I still thought I was looking for a similar church though, but this time I was completely on my own.

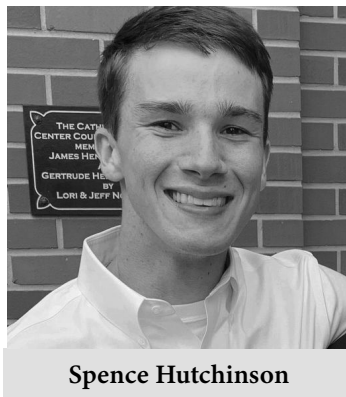
I started meeting with a Catholic friend of mine from that community and it started bugging me that I didn't actually know exactly what I disagreed with Catholicism, I just had heard all the

stereotypes about "earning salvation" from my anti-Catholic friends. I wound up trying to find what I disagreed with in order to find closure and move on in my church-seeking, but clearly never found it! I openly listened to Catholics talk about why they believe what they believe and went back to my former pastor to hear both perspectives about Catholicism. I then began to read and pray a lot to discern the truth for myself. During this time, I met my FOCUS missionary friend named Collin, who walked with me through the thick-and-thin of my conversion journey. We had many discussions where I tried to prove his beliefs wrong using Scripture. He then responded with scripted to back up his faith and invited me into the Truth of Christ and His Church. I had

never met people more alive than these new Catholic friends I began to spend time with. And so I ended up joining RCIA and entering into the Church.

During my first holy communion I had received tremendous amount of Grace and wanted to give my whole life to Jesus. I had graduated college at this point and worked in logistics for almost a year. But through this, I decided to leave my job to become a focus missionary, and move to

Denver. In my time so far as a focus missionary, I have experienced exponential growth in my freedom and relationship with the Lord, Jesus since the beginning of my faith journey. It is in loving others as a missionary and continuing to be formed by God throughout this journey by the Sacraments that I have helped me grow immensely in recognizing the Truth of the Father's FREE and intimate love. I thank God and my brothers and sisters in Christ for this, and ask that you pray for me in this endeavor of winning souls for Christ. If you are ever interested in spending time in fellowship or conversation about this, please let me know. God bless.



Spence Hutchinson

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:

jburke@catholicports.net

Announcements

Wall of History - For those of you interested in preserving St. Elizabeth's Past, we encourage you to help out on 11/20 in creating a "Wall of History" from photographs and art in the choir loft. Contact lisa@stelizabethdenver.org if you can help.

Christmas Baskets! - For those of you interested in carrying the torch for Christmas Baskets this year, please contact lisa@stelizabethdenver.org immediately to get the ball rolling on this treasured and joyful ministry to our surrounding communities in need. We need someone to train with the Fraternas (who have been organizing this for us in recent past) and lead the effort.

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.

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 or call the office 303.534.4014.



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