

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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>

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Solemnity of Christ the King! With this feast day we end the liturgical year. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent already. And I keep getting old!

As you might have heard, the USCCB is promoting a National Eucharistic Revival. The revival started on the feast of Corpus Christi this year and will culminate with the 10th National Eucharistic Congress on July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN. For more information check out www.eucharisticrevival.org.

To launch the Eucharistic Revival in Denver, the Archdiocese has designed an Advent series of five homilies focusing on the virtue of Charity and the Eucharist. Starting today and going through the four Sundays of Advent we will explore God's love for us in the Sacrament of Love and our response.

Last week we joyfully celebrated St. Elizabeth's feast day. After Mass we had the bake sale and Dee's famous guacamole. I have to admit the guacamole was a hit, we sold all of it in no time! Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise some funds for the Sandwich Line.

This Sunday we say farewell to Mary Frances Jaster. After thirty years of volunteering as Choir Director and Pianist she is stepping down from her position. In the few months that I have been at St. Elizabeth's I was able to experience Mary Frances' tireless dedication to Sacred Music. I have been very impressed by her professionalism and the great quality of the music that she and the whole choir performed.

I want to thank Mary Frances for her generous and selfless service to St. Elizabeth's, to the Church in Denver and to Jesus Christ. It's very inspiring to see someone so committed to enhance the beauty of the liturgy by striving for excellence in performing Sacred Music. May the Lord reward her abundantly!

May Christ the King and our Lady of Guadalupe keep and guide you always.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In today's Gospel St. Luke tells us "Above him there was an inscription that read, 'This is the King of the Jews.'" (Lk 23:38).

As we launch the Eucharistic Revival, our first reflection is on Christ the King who gives us his love and invites us to friendship with him.

"This is the King of the Jews." Jesus is our King. His most kingly action was to die on the Cross. He is a King perforated by the nails, and especially trespassed by the lance.

The Lord dies to open his heart to us, to shed every last drop of his blood for us. Heaven was closed after our first parent's sin. Now we find heaven in the Sacred Heart of our Savior.

Jesus is King of Love because he gave us his love. He opened his Heart on the Cross for our salvation. He surrendered his life so that we can live in grace, in his love. He shed his blood so that through the veins of our soul his love can run.

He is also King of Love because he won our hearts on the Cross. Jesus could have redeemed us with one single prayer, a day of fasting or an act of mercy. Since he is true God, all his actions, even his human actions have infinite value. Why then did Jesus want to suffer so much for us? To show us his love, to win our hearts by all he has done for us.

So, Jesus on the Cross opened his heart to us, gave us his love and wanted to win our hearts. Why? Because his heart longs for our friendship!

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship," wrote St. Thomas Aquinas. This is what Jesus wants. Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, offers us his friendship. I even dare to say, begs us for our friendship. He wants to be our BFF!

In fact, Aquinas says, "Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious." Jesus offers me his company, his aid, his comfort, his love, his peace, his joy.

True friendship is based on unselfish love for another person. What is meant by unselfish love, according to Aquinas, is the "constant, effective desire to do good to another." This is exactly how Jesus loves us.

His love is constant, never changing. We might change and reject him, but he never tires of calling us back. We might get tired of asking him for forgiveness, but he never tires of forgiving us. Such is the love of our Savior, as constant and unchangeable as God is.

Jesus' love is also effective. He doesn't just talk about love but acts on it. Of course, we see it especially on the Cross and the Eucharist. But we also see it in thousands of gifts that he gives us every single day. With his Divine Providence he takes care of us every single moment of our lives.

The love of friendship is present in the Eucharist in a very powerful way. We see the constancy of his love. Every day we have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated in our Churches. We can receive him in Holy Communion if we wish to. He also stays present in the tabernacle day and night.

Finally, the love of Jesus in the Eucharist is effective. Holy Communion is our spiritual food. The Lord increases our love for him and for our neighbor. He strengthens us to love others as he loves us. He comforts us in our afflictions. In a word, in a mysterious way he transforms our poor human hearts into his divine heart.

Meet Hanna Nguyen

Hello! My name is Hannah, I am a sophomore at CU Denver studying Computer Information Systems. I was raised in Littleton, Colorado and was blessed to grow up in a devout Catholic household that shaped who I am today. My parents have encouraged my desire to always want to learn about Catholicism since I was a little girl, and taught me so much about who God is and how great His love is.

I always enjoyed being involved at church, keeping myself constantly busy with youth group or other various ministries. I can remember always having a strong relationship with God, but that relationship began to grow much deeper during my last year of high school.

As I began my senior year, I was introduced to a community of people leading the rosary online through a non-profit called Catholify. I remember watching and praying with various inspiring people all over the world, and this really helped me grow a great love for the rosary. Eventually, I felt called to lead rosaries as well on Catholify's YouTube channel. For the next couple of months, I led rosaries at 10pm every night. I grew close to the Blessed Mother and Jesus through reflections on the mysteries of the rosary. I also met amazing friends and mentors who have and continue to help me to grow a greater love for life and God.

I kept leading rosaries until I became sick with an infection that I battled with for a year. It truly tested my faith not just physically, but also mentally. I lost my ability to walk or stand without immense

pain which only left me with one option: to sit and be still. As someone who likes to keep busy and feels uncomfortable with silence, being still was not something that I was fond of. But the Lord used the silence and stillness to draw me closer to Him. Even though there was quiet, I felt I could hear God more clearly than ever before. My restless heart found comfort in His soft and gentle voice.

Learning to be still changed my relationship with God. I love having silent chats with God in adoration or at various points throughout the day. He has shown me all the beauty that this world has to offer, whether that be seeing beautiful flowers on my drive to school, or a starry night that He designed. I've seen these gifts as a love note from Him, and He delivers the love letters to me in a mailbox in my heart. As I get to reflect on my day, I reflect on the love letters from Him and grow closer to Him as I am reminded that He is always there and never leaves, not even for a second.



Hanna Nguyen

I have met so many people along the way, especially here on Auraria campus who have brought me so much closer to God. I still continue to lead rosaries on Instagram or other media platforms with my fellow rosary leaders during the summers.

I can't wait to see what God has in store, and for the adventures He has coming. Please pray for me on this journey, I will be praying for you!

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)

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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

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

Announcements

Liturgical Ministries - Volunteer opportunities for greeters, lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers. Sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094da5aa23a0fec61-liturg. If you wish to volunteer for substitute cantor contact Fr. Richard.

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. There will be a table set up for parishioners to place items to be used for their Thanksgiving dinner and those items will be blessed during Mass.

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.

Sandwich Line - Monday crew/s can still use some help - Mondays 9am - 12pm



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