

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

First Sunday of Advent

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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 27, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

At the start of a new liturgical year, we welcome Abigail Skinner as our new pianist. Abby is a first-year piano student at MSU Denver. She is a double performance major, studying voice performance as well as piano. Abby will be playing for us on Sundays and other feast days. We are looking forward to meet her and welcome her to our community.

The numbers of students signed up for the SEEK conference in St. Louis, MO, is steadily growing. We have 16 students signed up. Please, keep your prayers coming, they are working! :)

As you know the Fraternas are moving from St. Elizabeth's next week. After 20 years of being with us they have found a new home until July when they will be leaving the Archdiocese of Denver and go to start a new adventure the Lord is calling them to.

This Wednesday I had the grace of celebrating Mass at their Chapel and having breakfast with them. We had a great time. We spoke a lot of Spanish. Actually I spoke a lot of Spanglish...

We are grateful to God for the gift that the Fraternas have been to the whole Denver community but particularly to St. Elizabeth's. I see the power of their charism especially when interacting with the missionaries of Christ in the City. The Fraternas have been able to impart to these young people a great love of God mingled with a dedication to love of neighbor that is really inspiring. We will truly miss them!

Finally, let me share with you a project that I'm doing with Sister Lucia Christi, from the Sisters of Life. We would like to celebrate the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe in a special way. On December 12, after 12:15 PM Mass we will bring a big image of our Lady of Guadalupe on Campus and invite students to pray. Afterwards, we will invite them to Eucharistic Adoration.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep you in the hole of her mantle always.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

We continue with the second of our five Sundays series on the virtue of charity and the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel we read "So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

We clearly see in this passage the Advent theme of preparation for the double coming of the Lord in Christmas and at the end of time. A very important aspect of this preparation is certainly doing acts of love, acts of charity. But also, by guarding us against the enemies of charity.

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the enemies of charity are sloth, envy, and pride.

Let's start with sloth. Sloth is not merely laziness but sorrow, or sadness toward what is good for the soul, of spiritual goods. Sloth is the sadness that motivates us to not pursue what is ultimately good for us.

Sometimes we identify sloth only with not wanting to work. But in fact, there is a kind of sloth that is so active in work that there is no space for prayer. We are so busy all the time that there is no space for God in our lives.

We see in daily life some expressions of sloth. Workaholics, as we just discussed, seeing faith as a restriction on freedom, depression, anxiety and inability to forgive.

Envy is another enemy of charity. It consists in despising others for their good fortune both spiritual and in the world. Some examples of envy are obsession with comparing to others, social media, fictions that we believe to be realities, being irritated or skeptical about the conversions of others and spirit of judgement.

Envy is so ugly that some have called it the "just

vice." Not because it is a good thing, but because the person who acts out of envy receives its punishment right away by the awful feelings that are attached to it. Indeed, this is a very sad vice.

The third enemy of charity is pride. Pride is the aversion from being subject to God's will for our life. What charity is for the virtues, pride is for every sin. If we grow in charity, we grow in everything good. If we grow in pride, we grow in everything bad.

Some examples of pride are seeking for notice or praise for temporal things such as the car we drive, the clothes we wear or the house we live in; looking down on others who have less or different gifts than we have; thinking that the gifts we have are our own doing and not something given by God; making ourselves look better than we really are.

Advent is a time of conversion. Let us make an examination of conscience regarding sloth, envy and pride. Which of these enemies is afflicting me the most right now? What are one or two things I can do in that area to improve?

Finally, let us look at Jesus in the Eucharist. Without him we are powerless in our battle against the enemies of charity. But with him we can do all things. Let us strengthen ourselves with the Bread of Heaven for the long journey.

If our hearts are cold, the Eucharist is a furnace of love. If we don't feel like praying, Holy Communion will give us fervor. If we fall into comparison, Jesus in the Eucharist will let us love others as he loves them. If we are tempted by pride, let us receive Jesus so that he can give us a heart like his, meek and humble.



Meet and Greet



St. Elizabeth's Feast Day



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Dee's Famous Guacamole!



Cookies Finding People's Hearts



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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

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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@catholicsports.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.

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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