

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

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>

Dear brothers and sisters,

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. We are finally back in ordinary time, back to the green vestments. It's kind of sad for me. But, thankfully, we will still have our Christmas decorations until February 2nd. By the way, I want to say how deeply grateful I am to all who have helped making the Church so beautiful for Christmas!

Ordinary time reminds me it is, unfortunately, not always Christmas, or Easter, or Lent, or Advent. There are special times and non-special times, that is, just regular times. A similar thing happens in our lives. We have Christmas times, such as the birth of a child; Easter time, such as a wedding; Lent, like a death in the family and so on. But there are also just regular times. Times when we wake up, go to work, come back home, have dinner, share with our loved ones, go to bed and do it all over again the next day.

These regular times are the biggest part of our lives, but also the biggest part of our sanctification. It is in our daily lives that we truly become saints. It is in being united to God in the day to day that we show our love for him. It is in sacrificing, giving the gift of ourselves to those around us, that we show true love for our neighbor. It is not in the thing that we do three or four times per year, but in the thing that we do day in and day out that we show our love for God and our brothers and sisters.

This coming Monday classes restart on the Auraria Campus. I ask you to please keep praying for our students as we continue our outreach to them. We depend on your prayers!

May we be always on our Lady of Guadalupe's lap, embraced by her loving arms.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In today's Gospel we find John the Baptist encountering Jesus the day after Jesus' baptism. This Gospel passage opens to us the deep truth of who Jesus really is.

John says that Jesus "existed before me." This of course does not refer to Jesus' human nature. We know that John the Baptist was born six months before John. What does it refer to then? To his divine nature.

Jesus is the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. We are now going to briefly explore what is called the hypostatic union. Our English adjective hypostatic comes from the Greek word *hupostasis*, which the Fathers of the Church understood as person. So, the hypostatic union is the union of the divine and human nature in the Second Person of the Trinity.

When we talk about nature, we talk about what a thing is. So, what is Jesus? Jesus is true God and true man. Without any loss of his divinity, he became fully human. A person refers to who someone is. Who is Jesus? He is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God.

So, when John the Baptist says, "he existed before me," he is very conscious of Jesus' divinity. By the way, this is of course one of the particular characteristics of John's Gospel. He shows us the divinity of Christ from the get-go and doesn't wait until the end of the Gospel like the other writers do.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, when meditating on the Incarnation says that we should notice that the Lord "has become man for me." Let us reflect on how much love Jesus had for us that he became man "for me." His love is personal.

Continuing with the revelation of Jesus' identity, John the Baptist gives us another big clue:

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." A big part of Jesus' identity is being our Redeemer. He took on a full human nature so that he could offer his life for the salvation of the world. He loved us so much that he was born to suffer.

All of us have been born to live. Jesus, in a sense, was born to die. The meaning of his life was to give up his life for us. To surrender himself on the Cross for you and me.

Not only did Jesus become man for me, but also he has died "for me." These are two magic words. Let's meditate on them carefully so that they burn in our hearts.

Finally, John tells us that "he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." Here John is telling us that not only has Jesus died for you and me, but also that he makes his work of salvation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus can give the Holy Spirit because he is God, and also because, even in his humanity, he was filled with the Holy Spirit from the first moment of his conception. This is again, because of the hypostatic union, because his humanity is perfectly united with the divinity at all times. Also, because Jesus even as a human was destined to be head of the Church and he who is the head needs to have in its fullness all the holiness of the whole body, the Church.

Not only does Jesus redeem us, but also he administers his redemption by the Sacraments. He gives us the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Confirmation. He stays with us in the Eucharist until the end of time.

So, Jesus became man for me, died for me and stayed in the Eucharist and the Sacraments for me. What am I going to do for him?

Maternal Presence at the Sandwich Line

Am I not here,



I, who am your Mother?

A 6 x 4 feet banner of this picture will preside at our Sandwich Line starting on January 16.
The banner was blessed during Sunday Mass on January 8.
May our Lady of Guadalupe bless with her maternal presence all of our guests and volunteers.

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
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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.

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 and Tuesday crews can still use some help 9am - 12pm. We are in great need of men's shoes and boots - new or used.

Safety Associate weekend paid position opens - Maintains safe and sanitary conditions on our Sandwich Line. 9am - 12pm Saturday and 10am - 12pm Sunday Contact hr@stelizabethdenver.org if interested.



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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

NOTE: Youth Group will not meet on the first Sunday in February. Contact Liz for alternate plans.

Spiritual Exercises

Silent Retreat for Women

January 27-29

Hideaway Retreat Center, 3805 Walker Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Phone : 858-768-0872

Email: colorado@spiritualexercises.net

<https://www.mileschristi.org/event/colorado-springs-co-3/>

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat for women 16+ with spiritual talks and time for personal meditation.

The retreats are preached by the priests of Miles Christi, according to the method and the principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Apart from the spiritual talks and time for prayer, each day there will also be Holy Mass, Holy Rosary, and opportunity for confessions.

This retreat will start on Friday at 4 pm and conclude on Sunday at 5 pm.

As experience has shown throughout the centuries, the Spiritual Exercises have proven to be an excellent means of conversion and sanctification. In addition, the Magisterium of the Church has commended them numerous times.



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