

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

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>

Dear brothers and sisters,

We had a very fruitful first meeting of the Evangelization Advisory Committee last Sunday at the Friary. We exchanged opinions on how to do our outreach most effectively to the students, our guests to the Sandwich Line, and our parishioners.

One of the ideas we had is to start a Bible Study after Sunday Mass during Lent. To this end I have selected the study entitled “Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life” by Ascension Press. This study looks at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.

This is a 10-week Bible Study. It will start the first Sunday of Lent. We will take a break for Easter Sunday. I hope that this activity can be a means to deepen our faith while also getting to know each other better and be an opportunity for fellowship.

Another thing we talked about is to pray every day before serving food at the Sandwich Line. I have done it every day this week. We are looking for volunteers to do it every day in the future. The Christ in the City missionaries have volunteered to do it a couple of days a week. I already have someone else for Thursdays. Let me know if you would like to help pray with our Sandwich Line friends!

Yesterday we had our first “reunion” with the students that attended the SEEK 23 conference organized by FOCUS. We had Mass, tacos, and fellowship. This is a great way to strengthen the friendships started at the conference.

As classes have restarted at the Auraria Campus, our daily Masses and ministries have seen more students this last week. I ask you to please pray for the Bible Studies for students that start again next week.

May our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, guide us in all our endeavors.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

When I was 18 years old, I felt the calling to becoming a priest. It was 1993 and I was in my senior year of high school. At the time, I had been dating a girl for about 18 months and, at her suggestion, we had taken a break for me to discern my vocation better. Looking back, it was a very courageous suggestion she made.

After taking a break from the relationship I started to pray more and to go to daily Mass more often. At the beginning I would just go to Mass after school, but it turned quickly into going to Mass every single day. I also remember reading several times some of the works by St. Alphonsus Liguori. Additionally I started to pray the Rosary daily too.

One day, I came upon a very simple flyer for a parish mission. This simple text was speaking about Jesus dying on the Cross and redeeming us, and the Sacraments of the Church being rivers of grace that come down from Calvary to us, to give us life. Immediately I felt in myself a certainty: "Becoming a priest, I can be a channel of the love of Jesus for people. Nothing is preventing me from that. I could say yes to the calling right now." I knelt crying and I promised the Lord and the Blessed Mother that if they wanted me to become a priest, I would. I think that even then, I secretly hoped the Lord would not call me. A couple of days later, while talking with a good friend, I realized that the Lord was indeed calling me. I entered the seminary right after high school and was finally ordained a priest in 2006.

Countless of priests and nuns have similar stories. But the calling of Christ is not only for priests and nuns. Countless of lay people have stories of conversion when the Lord called them from a mediocre life to a life striving to holiness.

This is what happened in today's Gospel when

Jesus called Peter and Andrew saying, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

The first step in embracing a call to holiness or to a particular vocation is listening. For that we need to spend some time in daily prayer. We won't listen if we don't spend time conversing with the Lord, reflecting on his life, receiving the Sacraments.

To listen is also to trust in his plan for us, his love and his mercy. Jesus' plan is going to be the best plan for us. The path that Jesus has for us is where we will be able to be the happiest, the most fulfilled in our lives.

The second step is to follow, to say yes. To follow Jesus into the unknown. For this step we can look to Mary who in the Annunciation said "fiat," let it be done. She did not know in advance about the flight to Egypt, or the Cross. She knew that it was not going to be easy, but she trusted. She did know that the Lord would give her abundant grace every step of the way.

Also, in the Annunciation we find another key for following: humility. In a way, the Lord wants to do only what we let him do. He does great things on us in proportion to our humility.

The third step is mission, becoming "fishers of men." When we listen and we follow Christ, it is not just for us but for the whole entire Church. For this mission we shouldn't look so much to our own qualities but to the great things that the Lord will do through us if we abandon ourselves in his loving hands.

We find then some themes: Openness, trust, humility.

What is Jesus calling us to, today? Let us open our hearts to his calling and follow it with great joy and trust.

SEEK 2023 Experience

Hello! My name is Andrew Nguyen and I am currently a freshman at the University of Colorado Denver. SEEK 23 was my first ever SEEK conference and I enjoyed it so much! For those of you who do not know, SEEK is a conference for college students where there are keynotes about our faith and how to live it out, fun events and games to build relationships and fellowship, information and shopping booths, and a beautiful adoration procession. Furthermore, there are also constant opportunities for confession, prayer, and counseling. An incredible part of the conference that stuck with me was witnessing thousands of people gathering together and so devoutly worshipping the Lord. Seeing how devout and pious everyone was truly inspired and motivated me to further explore my faith and devote myself to the Lord. As a result, this made me realize that I can do so much more in terms of growing in my faith and that there is so much that God has to offer for us if we say yes to Him. There were also a multitude of famous faces such as Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Edward Sri, Sr. Bethany Madonna and Sr. Miriam James and many more who made appearances at the conference and gave keynote sessions throughout the conference. I loved the conference so much because I was constantly reminded of God's endless love for me and how He wants to have a relationship with me. I believe a lot of us end up forgetting how loving and merciful our Lord God is despite hearing the message so many times. SEEK was a con-

stant reminder of that love, and I am so grateful to have been able to receive and experience it so overwhelmingly. Overall, my favorite experience at SEEK was the adoration and procession. Though kneeling on the ground was painful, the gaze of Jesus touched my heart in a way that I had never experienced before. The two hours of adoration and worship brought me a peace that my heart had always longed for, and from that realization, I realized that true peace and happiness can only be found in the Lord. The music

ministry that was provided during the mass services and adoration lifted my heart up to God and allowed me to experience spiritual healing and comfort in the Lord as everybody prayed together and came together in praise and worship. As a musician myself, I was inspired to provide music in a way that is solely for the Lord and the sake of leading the congregation in prayer. I found myself playing more prayerfully and with more devotion as long as I focused on God and offering the music up to Him. The main message that

stuck with me from SEEK was a talk that spoke about suffering. Throughout the conference, the message of suffering and how it is a gift from God was eminent and provided lots of healing and comfort for me and I hope many others as well. I learned to trust in the Lord and that He will give us the graces to overcome and embrace our suffering as well as the trials of life. Embracing suffering is the path to holiness, and the path to Heaven is holiness. Praise God now and forever. Amen



Andy Nguyen

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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Announcements

Liturgical Ministries - Volunteer opportunities for greeters, lectors, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers. Sign up here: <https://www.stelizabethdenver.org/ministries>. 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.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethdenver/>

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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