

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Fifth 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Spiritual Direction for College Students



<https://calendly.com/fatherrichard/spiritual-direction>

February 5, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to share a “check-in” we got on our Facebook page from Norman Maynes. Norman took a selfie with our “When I was Hungry & Thirsty” statue last Thursday. He wrote in his post, “So I passed by this man it’s a statue and this is a man asking for change. I put some change in his cup, I know it was going to be a donation for the church but I realized I looked at the man’s hands and they have holes in his hands. I said oh my God this is Jesus Christ as a statue asking for change. So I realized to change my ways I have to pay up and have my faith in the Lord. Amen.”

What a wonderful reflection from Norman. We keep him in our prayers! By the way, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram if you still need to do so! :)

Next Sunday, February 12, we will host coffee and doughnuts after Mass. We are planning to do this once a month. This gathering will be an opportunity to get to know each other better and foster a deeper fellowship.

The Bible Studies are up and running again. We have three studies for young men and two for young women. Please, keep praying that we keep attracting more students to our ministry.

Lastly, we have restarted our Thursday lunches. Every Thursday after Mass, the FOCUS missionaries cook lunch for our students. This semester we started something new. During lunch, I give a talk with a powerpoint presentation and questions and answers. The feedback has been very positive. We are now studying the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May our Lady of Guadalupe shower abundant graces over you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

A long while ago, I watched a video on youtube called “Eight Reasons Why I don’t share my Faith.” I remember it being hilarious. It features a young man who is afraid of sharing his faith. He manifests his fears about sharing his faith in eight very funny sketches.

The eight reasons are:

1. I might get beat up.
2. I won’t make any sense.
3. I might be made fun of.
4. I don’t know how to start.
5. I’ll be a bad witness.
6. I’ll say the wrong thing.
7. People will think I’m a religious nut.
8. I don’t know enough.

Jesus calls us today to be salt of the earth, light of the world, a city on a mountain, and a lamp on the lampstand. The common thread of these comparisons is boldness in evangelization.

While this video exaggerates the dangers of evangelizing, we often believe these things or use them as excuses.

A big enemy of evangelization is “human respect.” Human respect is fearing man more than God; being more concerned with what people think of us than God. This fear is at the root of many of our sins.

Sometimes human respect moves us to do what we don’t want to because of what people would say if we didn’t. This instance of human respect is similar to what we call “peer pressure.” In this scenario, a young adult might be moved to drink more than he is comfortable with, because he fears his peers would make fun of him and call him “lightweight.”

At other times human respect moves us to commit sins of omission. In this case, we end up

not doing a good action because people might criticize us. This is often the case with evangelization.

Contrary to human respect, Jesus is making a case for boldness in sharing the Gospel. Commenting on this passage St. John Chrysostom says: “It is not for you then to flatter and deal smoothly with men, but, on the contrary, to be rough and biting as salt is. When for thus offending men by reproofing them ye are reviled, rejoice; for this is the proper effect of salt to be harsh and grating to the depraved palate. Thus the evil-speaking of others will bring you no inconvenience, but will rather be a testimony of your firmness.” We are called to be “rough and biting,” challenging the world to change.

Jesus also says, “you are the light of the world.” St. Hilary comments, saying, “It is the nature of a light to emit its rays whithersoever it is carried about, and when brought into a house to dispel the darkness of that house.”

If in the case of salt, we had a meaning of “challenge,” in the case of light, the sense is more positive. Light gets everywhere and dispels darkness.

In the life of the Apostles, the light of the Gospel reached all the corners of the known world. The Church rapidly expanded.

The light of the Gospel also helped countless pagans to turn from a life of sin to the joy of living with the Lord.

In evangelizing, then, let us be salt and light. Salt that challenges others, is bold, and has no regard for human respect. A light that reaches everyone around us and invites them to a life of joy and friendship with God.

SEEK 2023 Experience

By Hannah Nguyen

Hello everyone! My name is Hannah, I can't wait to share my SEEK experience with y'all! This was my first SEEK conference. I have been to quite a few conferences and retreats over the years, but this one was completely different than anything that I could have imagined.

Every day was a new adventure. I felt like the Lord guided every footstep that week.

There were so many incredible speakers. Every talk seemed to have reached every part of my life in one way or another. I loved getting to see Father Mike, Emily Wilson, and so many others. I stumbled across a talk from Father Josh Johnson that changed the entire way that I pray. I was not planning on going to it, but happened to walk past the hall at the perfect time. It showed me that nothing is a coincidence, everything is a God instance.

It was incredibly special to see so many people on fire for the Lord. I loved getting to meet new people and be reunited with old friends. It was a great gift from God to be surrounded with so much love and joy. I gained so many amazing friends that I will walk with for the rest of my life. There were many moments that we were able to share with each other how God is working in each of our lives. The Lord moved all our hearts and it was beautiful to

see how He catered to each one of us. Memories were made that I will never forget, we got to dance together, there was endless laughter, and many tear filled moments. All of those moments are a gift that I could never put a price on.

I loved getting to spend late nights in adoration. There was one particular night that stood out to me. It was a crazy day but I stopped by the chapel before heading back to the hotel. When I was in the chapel, for a moment the entire

world seemed to stop. I reflected on the week, and wanted to thank God for every moment of it. The week was so beautiful that I found it hard to find words to say, after about an hour of thinking finally words came: "I just love you Lord. I just love you so much." After I said that, I felt like I received a long comforting hug from Jesus. It was the most peaceful moment I have had in my entire life. There is nothing in this entire world that I want more in this life than to love Jesus with

my entire heart.

SEEK was a priceless, beautiful, and life changing experience. It changed the way that I see the world. I learned so much, but the main thing I learned was what love is. He says "I love you more" every moment of every day.

I am so excited to keep falling in love with the Lord again and again.



Hannah, Isabel and Celia at SEEK 2023

Campus Outreach

Sports

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free Lunch

Thursdays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
(St. Elizabeth's)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 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

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

Announcements

Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass - Sunday, February 12th.

Ash Wednesday Masses - February 22nd, 12:15 PM and 5:00 PM. A light meal will be served after each Mass.

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 Open - Maintains safe and sanitary conditions on our Sandwich Line. 9am - 12pm Saturday and 10am - 12pm Sunday. Contact hr@stelizabethdenver.org if interested.

Bible Study

“Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life”

This study looks at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation.

Every Sunday after Mass
starting the First Sunday of Lent

This is a 10-week Bible Study. It will start the first Sunday of Lent. We will take a break for Easter Sunday.

We hope this activity can be a means to deepen our faith while also getting to know each other better and be an opportunity for fellowship.



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