

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Sixth 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 12, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

In 1963 Pope Paul VI promulgated the document “Sacrosanctum Concilium” on the liturgy. This document was approved by the vote of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council.

In number 120, we read, “In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church’s ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man’s mind to God and to higher things.”

Providentially, two weeks ago, we were contacted by the Mother Cabrini Shrine to see if we would be interested in receiving a donation of their electronic organ. After consulting with Fr. Sam, we were glad to accept the donation, and on Tuesday, January 31, the movers brought the organ and put it in the choir loft with the help of a lift.

On Wednesday of last week, the organ technician serviced it and finalized its installation. I’m glad to report that this beautiful instrument fills the whole Church with a fantastic sound!

I pray that the organ will be as the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council desired, an instrument that adds a wonderful splendor to our Masses and lifts our minds to God and the things of heaven.

Our transition to the organ will take some time as our musician learns this instrument. In the meantime, I ask you to pray for our music ministry.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep guiding us daily in our journey to heaven.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Maria Goretti was born in 1890 in Italy. Her father died of malaria when Maria was very young. She helped her mother and siblings with cooking, sewing, cleaning her house, and watching her youngest sister, Teresa.

When Maria was about 12 years old, she was sitting outside her home sewing while her oldest brother was working on the farm. While focusing on her work, she was surprised by her neighbor, Alessandro, who tried to rape her. Maria fought bravely and told him she did not want to sin.

Hearing her words and seeing that his evil intent was not successful, Alessandro became very angry and began to choke her. Then, he got his knife and he stabbed her eleven times. He stabbed her another three times when he attempted to reach for the door.

Maria was taken to the hospital, where she underwent surgery, but her wounds were too severe. While at the hospital, before dying, she forgave Alessandro and said she wanted him to go to Heaven with her.

Shortly after, Alessandro was captured and questioned. He admitted to trying to assault her and, being unsuccessful, stabbing her to death. He also admitted he had harassed her in the past and attempted to rape her in other occasions. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

While Alessandro was in prison, he remained unrepentant for a long time until, one night, he had a dream. In the dream, he saw Maria giving him lilies (a symbol of purity), which burned in his hands. After this dream, he repented and changed his ways. After 27 years of prison, he was finally released. He visited Maria's mother and begged for forgiveness, to which he said, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

When Maria Goretti was canonized, in 1950, by Pope Pius XII, Alessandro was present at the ceremony. He later became a lay-brother of the Capuchin Order, where he served until the end of his life.

We hear in today's Gospel, "if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

This passage is particularly compelling because Jesus makes friendship with God depend on our reconciliation with our brothers. That brings into perspective how much the commandment of Love of God is connected with the love of neighbor. They are so interlinked that one cannot exist without the other. They are like two sides of the same coin, two different manifestations of one same love.

Jesus invites us to radical friendship. Friendship with him and with those around us. A love that has its basis in Christ but expands and transforms to everyone that comes in contact with us; a love that is radical to the point of loving and forgiving our enemies.

From the height of the Cross, Jesus taught us the same lesson with his example when he said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Our blessed Lord knew how hard this teaching is to our frailty, so he decided to practice it himself to the most heroic degree.

St. Maria Goretti manifested this radical love for Alessandro in three beautiful ways. We find this most generous love in the forgiving of her attacker before her death, in her intercession for Alessandro's conversion, after her death, and in the holy life he led after that.

SEEK 2023 Experience

By Ines Kabeya

Hello everyone!! My name is Ines. Before Seek, I had no idea what the Seek conference was. I had not even been to a conference. This was my very first conference ever. One late December evening after adoration, a friend invited me to join, and intrigued by the “you are called” I was like sure, I have nothing to lose. I did not know what to expect at all whatsoever but I was still very excited about the adventure.

Fast forward to when we got there, I was so overwhelmed by the amount of people that were there. I had never seen so many priests

and bishops under one roof. The place was just radiating so much joy. In the midst of my anxieties and worries, I just felt overwhelming peace and joy. There are so many highlights from the conference but a few of my favorites were morning Mass, the keynotes, the concurrent women’s session, the impact sessions, small prayer groups, new friends and not to forget getting so close to meeting Jonathan Roomie, an actor that plays Jesus in *The Chosen* (better luck next time).

I can be a very reserved person, but during this time The Lord really opened my heart to let loose and just enjoy the experience. I got to meet so many cool people and gain great friends. It was so beautiful to see people share their stories and what they had learned from different sessions and just how much support everyone was for each other. God blessed me with really cool friendships at this conference. I am blessed with friends that share my joy for the Lord and bring

me closer to God.

Starting every day with God at morning Mass was just amazing. It taught me to prioritize God in my life and place him at the center of it. Every session I attended spoke to the core of what was happening in my life and taught me lessons that will help me grow in my relationship with Christ. And then there was adoration; this was so much different than any other adoration that I’ve been to. Usually, when I go to adoration, it turns into a giant complaining session but this time it was different. I still had time for my complaints, I guess I should say prayers and not complains

and I also had the time to just seat in the Lord’s presence and just soak in his goodness in my life. My heart felt so warm, physically very warm, and I could just feel the Lord’s presence within that place, and I was so comforted. This whole experience was just so overwhelming for me. Getting to witness so many people that were just so on fire for the Lord was wow. Each day I was

at Seek, It became very clear to me that this was where I needed to be.

Seek23 was such an amazing experience for me. This conference reinforced God’s love for me in areas of my life where I did not feel his presence. I was filled with so much encouragement to keep seeking God in the midst of all my discouragements, anxieties, worries, and fears. This conference stirred up for me more hunger and a deep longing for God in my life. I can’t wait to see what God has in store for me.



Ines, Celia, Hanna, and Thomas at SEEK 2023

Campus Outreach

Sports

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free Lunch & Talk

Thursdays 1:00 PM - 3:00 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

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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