

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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>

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we welcome Fr. Donald Haggerty, who is preaching a retreat to the FOCUS missionaries. It is a three-day retreat and we expect around 70 people to attend. We pray for very fruitful days of prayer and reflection.

After several weeks of hosting painters at the friary, we finished on Friday with that phase of our building improvements. A light white paint provides a brighter and larger sense of space to the corridors. We used a light gray for the offices and bedrooms as that works better in areas with lots of light. Please, come and check out the new paint!

Our next step is to change the carpet. We hope we can accomplish this before Easter.

Please, help me thank the family that donated these improvements by praying for them and their intentions. I am very grateful!

Finally, Archbishop Aquila is calling the attention of all the faithful to three bills that have been introduced in the Colorado Senate (23-188, 23-189, and 23-190) and are an attack on the dignity of human life and the unborn child. This devastating legislation is anti-life and continues to promote a throwaway culture.

For more information, go to <https://www.prolifeco.org/>. Please contact the bill sponsors and make your values known.

May our Lady of Guadalupe accompany us in our Lenten journey.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Mary and Martha lovingly complained to the Lord.

We find in today’s Gospel a very human experience — an experience of pain and loss. Which of us has not felt similarly to these women after having lost a job, fallen ill, been abandoned by a friend, or dealt with the death of a loved one?

The words of Mary and Martha are at once an acknowledgment, an expression of the pain and an invitation to trust. In my humble opinion, these words are an excellent prayer in times of distress.

Let’s slow down for a moment and elucidate a little more. It is universally accepted as very unhealthy to suppress and silence our feelings. Sometimes we might be hurting, and instead of telling the Lord in prayer about it, we act as if nothing is happening. This is so silly; it is hilarious! We pretend that Jesus does not know our hearts and deepest thoughts!

Even Scripture itself as seen in the Psalms demonstrates that our feelings should be an integral part of our prayer. We can find a Psalm for every emotional state we find ourselves in. They encompass the whole range of human emotions from sorrow, lament and depression to joy, praise and celebration.

Mary and Martha shared their deep sorrow with Jesus. But that is not the whole story. While it is true they address the Lord with sadness, they also approach him with great confidence.

What they say to him is not merely a complaint; it is also a statement of faith in the power of Christ. And even perhaps a nudge for him to do something else for them if he so desired.

Again, when in pain, we should imitate these saintly sisters and unite in our prayer, both a

manifestation of our emotional state and unlimited confidence in the plan of God and his mercy.

Luckily for the sisters, that is not the end of the story. Jesus answers Martha saying, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

The gravity of this statement cannot be overlooked. Let us remember that whenever we read “I am” from the mouth of Jesus in the Gospel of St. John, we should remember God in the Old Testament saying, “I am who am.” Jesus is *directly* claiming his divinity.

But also, whatever follows the “I am” denotes something fundamental to Jesus and his mission. In this sense, Jesus became flesh to make us sharers in his Resurrection, save us from sin and hell, and ultimately invite us to live with him in heaven forever, even with our resurrected bodies.

Christ doesn’t just brag about what he is capable of, but rather immediately performs the greatest miracle of his public ministry. This miracle is so amazing, and so well known by everyone, that it is the single action that makes the Pharisees determined to kill him. Due to the fact that Lazarus was a very popular and prominent person, the news of the miracle spread quickly and far.

Finally, let’s reflect for a moment on Jesus weeping. The Jews commented, “See how he loved him.” Christ is fully divine, but also fully human. He is fully human even now in heaven at the right hand of the Father.

Are we suffering, sad, or in need? Jesus weeps for us too. He truly cares. And best of all, he has a plan! Let us open our hearts to the Lord and trust his most loving and merciful Providence.

Superbowl Party Pictures



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)

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 Open - 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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Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4

No Mass at St. Elizabeth's
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (11:00 AM)

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7

11:15 AM Stations of the Cross
12:00 PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 8

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00 AM Easter Day Mass
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass

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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