

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Palm Sunday

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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,

The Archdiocese of Denver is promoting a Rally for Life on Tuesday, April 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Colorado Capitol West Steps.

This is an opportunity for Coloradans to let the General Assembly know we do not want Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) 2.0!

RHEA violates the fundamental human right to life for millions of preborn children, hurts women and families, and it is out of touch with the desires of millions of Colorado voters.

On to another piece of news, I'm preparing another batch of flan for next Sunday. We will celebrate the glorious feast of Easter with an Egg Hunt for the children, and coffee and Argentinean flan for everyone else.

As we prepare for new carpet, we are making the final touches in the front offices. I invite you to come and take a peek. It's turning quite nicely.

This year for Holy Thursday, we will wash the feet of twelve young men to promote vocations to the priesthood. We are also honoring our young women by having them present the Holy Oils blessed during the Chrism Mass and bring the gifts.

I am grateful to the FOCUS missionaries for all their efforts in the Campus outreach. We currently have about 18 young men and 13 young women involved in our bible studies; several are also involved in discipleship. Please, keep the prayers coming; they are working!

May our Lady of Guadalupe grant us the grace of feeling Christ's unfathomable love this Holy Week.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Jesus enters triumphantly in Jerusalem. “The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.” Let’s notice the joy of the Heart of Jesus at seeing this beautiful gesture from the people. What they are doing is truly right and just. He, indeed, is the King of the Universe!

The people lay their garments first to recognize Christ as the King of their lives, with dominion over everything they are and have. And secondly, by the Lord touching their garments, He will bless them and give them grace to serve Him faithfully.

First, we want to recognize Christ as King. This last week, in the daily readings for the Mass, we have repeatedly heard how the Pharisees and members of the Sanhedrin rejected Jesus and his claims of divinity. We’ve listened to Jesus saying that “before Abraham was, I AM” and that he performs the Father’s works, and we need to listen to him because of it. However, the hardness of heart of the Jews is remarkable.

In contrast with that hardness of heart, we see today’s welcome from the people in Jerusalem. We want to console the heart of Jesus by making up for all those who reject his love. We want to say yes for all those who say no. We want to say “your will be done” for all those who only look to satisfy their selfish desires.

Let us present ourselves just as we are, with our gifts and our flaws, with our virtues and sins. Let us surrender our lives as Jesus rides along so that the Lord can make our hearts the throne of His mercy. It doesn’t matter the gravity of our sins, the poverty of our good works, or the coldness of our hearts. Jesus can make all things new. We only need to be willing to receive His

Mercy.

The Gospel tells us of the healing of a bleeding woman. She thought that just by touching the clothes of Jesus, she would be cured. And so it was. I believe that the reverse happens today. As Jesus passes over the clothes and branches that people have placed under his feet as a royal carpet, he blesses each one of them wholeheartedly.

As we pray today, let us beg Jesus’ blessing over ourselves, our families, friends, and projects. We need the blessing of the Lord. We are in need of his mercy and the power of his grace.

At times, we think that holiness consists only of willpower, doing good works, and never sinning. While it is true that we must cooperate with grace, remember that Jesus is working in us and will make us holy. Therefore, let us lay our garments so that Jesus touches them and makes us holy by the power of his love and mercy.

Finally, let me briefly mention the ass and the colt. Jesus tells the disciples to say that “the master has need of them.” I find these words very beautiful and encouraging. Christ does not need anything from us since he is God. However, in his mercy, he wants to make us part of his mission, and he wants to “have need of us.” Let us rejoice in serving him with a generous heart for whatever he needs.

Maybe we will have the joy of being the feet of Jesus, to bring his love around us, or his tongue, to proclaim his mercy, or his hands to bring healing, or his ears to listen to compassion. Whatever the Lord needs us for, serving will be an honor and a blessing.

Our Lord Hanging from the Cross

By St. Henry of Osso

After stripping Jesus of his garments in the cruelest way and giving Him wine mixed with gall, which He did not want to take, they nailed his feet and hands to the cross, and raised it on high, letting it slam into the hole dug beforehand; his whole body shook with excruciating pain.

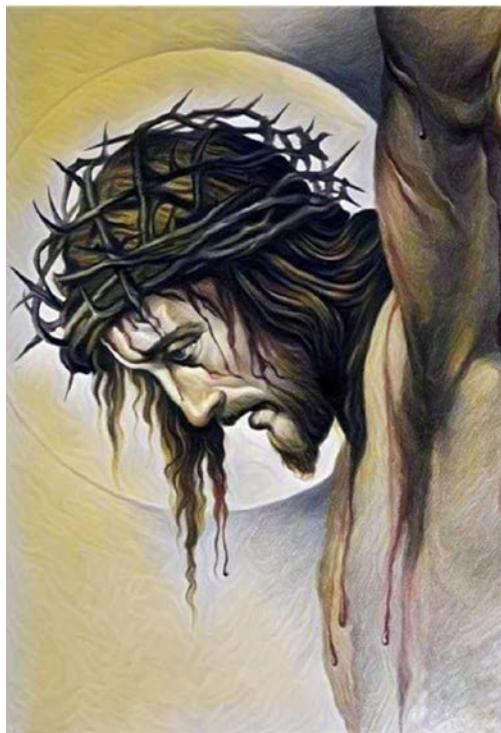
Jesus is nailed to the cross on high, his sorrowful Mother standing on one side of the cross, with Mary Magdalene and St. John on the other.

Raise yourself up on high with your Lord and Master; place yourself at the feet of the cross, raise your senses and the affections of your heart, to nail them with Jesus to the cross, so as to learn and understand all that He does and says there.

From the soles of his feet to the crown of his head, there is no part free of wounds in Him. His head, crowned with sharp thorns, has no place to lean on: What a torment! His hands, fixed with iron nails, are being torn apart by the weight of his body. The wounds on his feet begin to tear and expand with the burden of the body. The members are dislocated, the bones disjointed; the veins empty as the blood flows out of his wounds; his lips are parched, the tongue is bitter, and his whole body is torn apart. Man of sorrows, your place of rest is the hard wood of the cross!

How many torments in one!... There is no suffering comparable to this torment.

Observe the signs of bitter irony: the company of the thieves, the title of derision placed on the cross by orders of Pilate, the casting of lots on his garments by the soldiers; the infamy of the place, the time of Passover, the hour of noon, the immense throng of people from all parts to witness his torture; his vision tormented by the presence of soldiers, oppressors, Jews, pontiffs and elders, of the immense multitude contemplating him.



Observe the gestures of those who insult, mock, and sneer at Him. Look at his Mother, his loving Disciple, and Mary Magdalene, at the foot of the cross. Consider his other friends and acquaintances, watching Him from a distance, all increasing his pain and suffering.

Christ hears the cries and lamentations of his few friends, the shouts and tumult, the mockery and taunting, the jeering, insults and blasphemies of many of his enemies . . . Never had any criminal been treated this way.

Look at Jesus hanging from the cross and ponder the magnitude of his suffering, its constancy and duration. Exteriorly He suffers in his whole body; in each of his members, in all his senses. Interiorly He suffers in all the powers of his soul.

Look at Jesus hanging on the cross, his head bent, looking lovingly at you... his arms extended to receive you, his heart open to shelter you in it. All in Jesus exhales his love and suffering for you... for your sins.

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
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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 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
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Adoration at the Altar of Repose

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, coffee and flan 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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