## St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

### **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

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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 Thurdays: 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

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Dear brothers and sisters.

Happy Easter again, and happy Divine Mercy Sunday! We rejoice in celebrating today the gift of the Risen Lord to the whole Church: his Mercy! I recommend the site <a href="www.thedivinemercy.org">www.thedivinemercy.org</a> for more information about today's feast day.

On Easter Sunday, we had the biggest turnout to date, with 130 people attending Mass. This turnout was even bigger than Christmas Eve!

We also had an excellent attendance of young kids who got buckets filled with Easter Eggs. My gratitude to those who prepared the Egg Hunt for the little ones.

While the kids searched for the treats, the not-so-young enjoyed an Easter flan! Apparently, it was pretty good:).

As the school year comes to a close, we will soon be saying farewell to our FOCUS missionaries. Most of them are moving on to other campuses, and we will get new missionaries in August. Our current missionaries' last day on campus will be Tuesday, May 9th. On Sunday, May 6th, we will have a farewell party after Mass to honor them.

I'm very grateful to our FOCUS missionaries for their efforts in the evangelization of our college students. Thanks to their efforts, we now have eight bible studies with about 30 students involved in them and another 12 students in discipleship. Their work has truly transformed our outreach on campus. May God bless them in all their future endeavors!

May our Lady of Guadalupe give us a share in her joy at the Resurrection of her Son.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Richard, MC

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## Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

s St. John Paul II put it, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity." We will first see in today's Gospel how Jesus bestows on us the gift of Divine Mercy.

As we have mentioned before, the Risen Lord has the office of consoling. This is why Jesus opening words are, "Peace be with you."

The disciples needed peace for three reasons. They had sinned, some by denying him, others by running away, they were depressed and hesitant in their faith, and the Jews were persecuting them.

While we notice the words of Jesus, let us place ourselves in the upper room with the apostles. We also need to hear this greeting. Let us taste the sweetness of these words as directed to us personally.

Then "he showed them his hands and his side." We want not only to listen but to see. The sight of the precious wounds of the Lord is glorious indeed! Seeing the holes in his hands and his side fills us with the confidence of receiving his Mercy. Those are the marks of the Passion, the source of our forgiveness.

The effect of the greeting and the sight of Jesus' wounds is instantaneous, "the disciples rejoiced." We must repeatedly beg during the Easter Season to rejoice with Christ for the glory of the Resurrection.

Jesus repeated the greeting, and breathing on the disciples said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."

It is clear to me from today's Gospel that we have three notions that are closely connected: his wounds (the Passion), his peace, and the forgiveness of sins. We could summarize all of this in one concept: Divine Mercy.

In her Diary, St. Faustina Kowalska records an extraordinary promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world. "My Daughter, tell the whole world of My unfathomable Mercy. I want the Feast of Mercy to be a refuge and sanctuary for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the depths of My Mercy are open; I pour out a whole sea of graces on souls that approach the fount of My Mercy. Any soul that makes its Confession and receives Holy Communion will have its sins and its punishment completely remitted. On that day are open all the Divine floodgates through which graces flow; let no soul fear to approach Me, even if its sins be as scarlet. My Mercy is so great that through all eternity no mind, neither human nor angelic, shall fathom it. Everything that exists has come forth from the depths of My Mercy. Every soul in its relation with Me shall contemplate the whole of My love and Mercy for all eternity. The Feast of Mercy has come from My depths, and I want it celebrated officially on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind shall not know peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercv (Diary, 699)."

Let us honor Jesus today by receiving Holy Communion in the state of grace, and with great trust in his Divine Mercy.

This last condition of trust is critical. Jesus told St. Faustina, "The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (Diary, 1578)."

Today is our opportunity to jump into the ocean of Jesus' Divine Mercy. Why not take advantage of this generous invitation of the Risen Lord?

## Easter in 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: <a href="https://www.stelizabethdenver.org/ministries">https://www.stelizabethdenver.org/ministries</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:lisa@stelizabethdenver.org">lisa@stelizabethdenver.org</a> and we will include the intention in the Prayers of the Faithful for the upcoming Sunday.

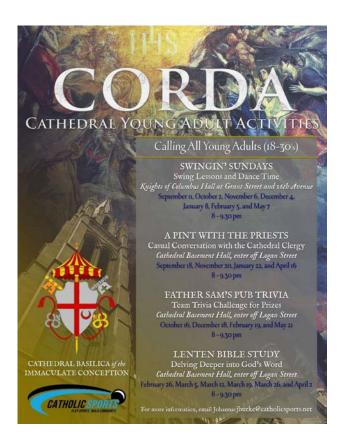
**Altar Linens** - Volunteers needed for weekly washing of Altar Linens. This is one of those "behind the scenes" ministries that allow for an intimate encounter with Jesus. If interested, please contact Fr Richard.

**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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### 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**

April 16, 23, 30 May 7, 14

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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