

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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,

After a while of back and forths, we have finally installed most of the carpet in the friary. All the upstairs is done, and the downstairs is about halfway done at the moment of writing this. I want to thank, again, the donors who have made these improvements to our building possible.

On Saturday, April 22nd, the Archdiocese of Denver published the new assignments of priests. There two particular assignments that are important for St. Elizabeth's.

Fr. John Ezratty, MC, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Bernadette in Lakewood and St. Mary Magdalene in Denver. Fr. John has been the superior of the Miles Christi community at St. Elizabeth's. Starting on August 15, he will be discerning joining the Archdiocese of Denver as a diocesan priest. We will continue to keep him in our prayers!

Another assignment that concerns us is Fr. Martin Latiff. He will join us full-time to the service of St. Elizabeth's and the Auraria Campus. Fr. Martin is currently in San Diego, CA, and in mid-August will become the superior of our Miles Christi community at St. Elizabeth's.

Finally, also in August, Br. Francis Conte Grand will be joining us from Argentina. He has served for 16 years in Michigan and later returned to Argentina. He is now very excited to assist us in our ministry to St. Elizabeth's and the Auraria Campus.

May our Lady of Guadalupe, mother of the Good Shepherd, keep you always in her care. Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. As we read the Gospel of the Good Shepherd, the Church invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; this is also called the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Sometimes we need a little context to understand the comparisons of the Gospels better. Jesus relies heavily on metaphors of daily life that his contemporaries would recognize immediately. Unfortunately, our contact with nature is often sporadic, and we see sheep only at the petting zoo.

When visiting Israel, you may see a genuine sheep pen. There is a lot of rock around in the countryside. People build sheep pens by putting rocks together and forming a square with walls of about three feet and only one opening without an actual door.

The sheep enter through that opening. A hired person often mans that opening. But when the sheep pen is small, the shepherd himself lays down at the opening, becoming himself the gate.

Jesus refers to a sheep pen like that when he says, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep" (Jn 10:9).

The metaphor of Jesus being the door for the sheep is such a beautiful and profound symbol of his role as the pathway to salvation and eternal life. It inspires hope and faith in those who trust in him.

The idea that Jesus is the door for the sheep to enter into heaven is a reminder that he is the only way to reach God. Jesus's teachings provide us with a route toward redemption and forgiveness. The idea that Jesus is the door for the sheep is

a powerful testament to his love and position as our savior.

As Catholics, we believe that the fullness of the truth is found only in the Catholic Church. We believe that being Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or Catholic is not all the same. Only Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

We can always rely on Jesus to guide and protect us. His love and guidance are a constant presence in our lives, and we can trust that he will always be there for us, no matter what. With Jesus by our side, we can face any challenge or obstacle with strength and courage, knowing that he is watching over us and guiding us on our path. Let us turn to Jesus in times of need and trust in his infinite wisdom and love to keep us safe and protected.

Jesus also says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

The care that Jesus has for us is centered on giving us life, eternal life. That life that comes to us through the salvation of Jesus is not sad and boring. It is abundant in opportunities to love God and those around us. It is abundant in the flood of graces that we receive daily to live our lives filled with Christ's love. It is abundant in the fruits of the Holy Spirit that proceed from our good works, especially love, joy, and peace.

Let us trust in the love that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has for us. He will always lead us to green pastures. He loves, knows, and defends us at every instance.

The more we trust and rely on Jesus, the faster we will advance in our closeness to him. We will strengthen the security of our salvation, and sooner start living in Heaven while still here on Earth.

Let Us Love Jesus, Our Good Shepherd

By St. Henry of Osso

I am the good shepherd, says Jesus, (Jn 10: 11) who gives his life for his sheep, who leads them to safe pastures, who protects, defends, and takes care of them.

I am the Good Shepherd, who enters by the gate, and the sheep hear my voice, and I call each one by name, and bring them to graze, I in front of them, the sheep following me because they know my voice...

I am the Good Shepherd, who guards the sheep gate...

I am the Good Shepherd, who comes that my sheep may have life, more abundant life...

I am the Good Shepherd, and I know my sheep, and my sheep know me...

I am the Good Shepherd, who has other sheep not of this flock, and I will gather them, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock and one Shepherd.

The heart of Jesus delights and finds great joy in repeating that He is the Good Shepherd. Just as there is no other father as good as God is, so also is there no shepherd as good as Jesus is.

See Him running up and down hills and through woodlands in his concern for his sheep. He comes down from Heaven and takes the form of a shepherd in the womb of a virgin. Presented in the temple, He is marked with the mark of his sheep, flees to Egypt, later returning to his country to work and practice his trade of guarding the sheep.

He leaves the ninety-nine sheep in the fold and goes searching for the lost one; finding it, He joyfully carries it back to the fold on his shoulders.

See Him carrying the lost sheep; sometimes the lost one is called the Samaritan Woman, at other times, Zacchaeus or Matthew, or a thousand other names.

Contemplate Him weeping at the sight of the lost sheep of Jerusalem because they did not hear his loving call, his voice, his warning...

Watch Him going tirelessly through the villages, cities, hamlets, and hills of Judea to recover the lost sheep... See how He labors all day long and grows tired, how He passes the night in prayer asking the Father to send more shepherds!

Finally, consider how, after fulfilling his divine mission on earth, He embraces the cross: He allows the soldiers to open his heart, and He gives his life, shedding all his blood, while remaining as food for us in the Eucharist—all this for the life, restoration, and salvation of his sheep.

Good Shepherd, Christ Jesus! No one is a good shepherd but you, Jesus! You alone are the true shepherd of souls who give your life for your sheep... May I follow, love and adore you alone, with all my heart.

2. Let us enter into the loving heart of this divine shepherd and measure, if possible, the depth, width, and height, and the extent of the charity that enkindles his heart for the salvation of his sheep, who are all of us.

Even on the cross He does not forget his charge as Good Shepherd, and overlooks his sufferings to bring into the fold the lost sheep, the good thief. As soon as He dies, the centurion is converted, and the soldiers strike their breasts confessing that He was truly the Son of God.

Contemplate Him in Heaven sitting at the right hand of the Father; you will see how He shows Him his wounds and intercedes for our love. See Him in the Eucharist offering himself as victim to the Father day and night and to us as food and consoler.

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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Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Jesus Christ known to others.

Please visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614 to give to the Archbishop's Appeal.

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 30

May 7, 14, 21

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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