

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Fifth 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,

Today we are grateful for our FOCUS missionaries, Marco Orellana, Mauricio Recendez, Nolan Armbruster, Alexr Vazquez, Tyler Dillon, Spence Hutchinson, and Joseph Zavala. Sadly, we say farewell today as we wish them a blessed mission during their new assignments.

As you know, the missionaries at St. Elizabeth's come for only one year to grow in their formation and later join another Campus as full-time missionaries. It is bittersweet for us because we have become fond of every one of these young men.

Also, these young men have been the first contingent of FOCUS missionaries at St. Elizabeth's, and therefore, even more special.

My overall feeling is of profound gratitude. After a whole year of tireless work, the Auraria Campus is flourishing. We sent more than 20 students to the SEEK conference, more than 30 students participated in Bible Studies, 12 students profit from weekly discipleship meetings, and we had an endless list of outreach to students, including talks, Adoration, barbecues, St. Patrick's celebration, Ash Wednesday soup, sports, among many others.

I am also grateful to the FOCUS formation team, Josh Santo, Jon Brakenhoff, Jacob Lawhorn, and William Ives. May the Lord reward all your efforts a hundredfold.

Please, keep each of these missionaries in our prayers and the next batch of missionaries arriving at St. E's next August.

May our Lady of Guadalupe envelop in her mantle each one of our missionaries.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Today we get another powerful “I am” statement from Jesus. As we mentioned before, each time Jesus says “I am” in the Gospel of John, we should open our eyes very wide and pay close attention. These statements show us the profound realities of our Lord and his mission among us.

Jesus, by saying, “I am the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6), reveals to us that he is the way to the Father, but also, at the same time, the destination.

Aquinas comments on this verse, “Christ himself is the way, and therefore he says: ‘I am the way.’ This certainly is eminently right for through him we have access to the Father. Since this way is not separate from its end, but joined to it, he adds the truth and the life; thus he is himself at once both the way and the goal. In his human nature he is the way, and in his divine nature he is the goal. Therefore, speaking as man he says: I am the way; and speaking as God he adds: the truth and the life. These two words are an apt description of this goal.”

As you know, Jesus is true man and true God. As a man, Jesus is the way. Because he is fully human, he is the mediator between God and man. We go to the divinity through his sacred humanity.

As divine, Jesus is also the goal. He is truth itself since he is the Word, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. He is also life itself since “all things were created by him, and for him” (Col 1:16).

The logical conclusion of this is very simple, hold on to Christ. Aquinas tells us, “Therefore hold

fast to Christ if you wish to be safe. You will not be able to go astray, because he is the way. He who remains with him does not wander in trackless places; he is on the right way. Moreover he cannot be deceived, because he is the truth, and he teaches every truth. And he says: ‘For this I was born and for this I have come, to bear witness to the truth.’ Nor can he be disturbed, because he is both life and the giver of life. For he says: ‘I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly’ (John 10:10).”

Let us notice the benefits of clinging to Christ. We will not go astray, wander aimlessly, be deceived, or be disturbed. Who does not want always to be secure, stay on the right path, never be entangled by lies, and always be at peace? We all desire truth and life and want to get there. There is only one answer: our Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Teresa of Avila teaches something similar when she says, “If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight.”

It is, then, the sacred humanity of Christ, the way to all graces. Only by Jesus dwelling in our hearts, loving him, and clinging to him will we attain the fullness of truth and life. Let us today cling to Jesus in holy communion, embrace his feet like the holy women in the Resurrection and never let go of him again.

Jesus After the Resurrection

By St. Henry of Osso

What does Jesus do? He consoles his afflicted Mother, Mary Magdalene, the unfaithful Peter, the fainthearted and cowardly disciples and Apostles. He strengthens their faith, gives peace to their souls, gives them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins.

The fatherly Heart of Jesus does not rest; as He loves his children so much, even though they are ungrateful sinners, He appears to them innumerable times, encouraging them always to have faith, peace, and love.

What does He talk about? He always speaks about the Kingdom of Heaven, of his Church, of the trials and triumphs that await them. The disciple cannot be greater than the Master, He repeated. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. But take courage; just as I have overcome the world and hell, so will you also overcome, because I will be with you even until the end of the world (Mt 28:20).

Are your actions and words similar to those of Jesus?

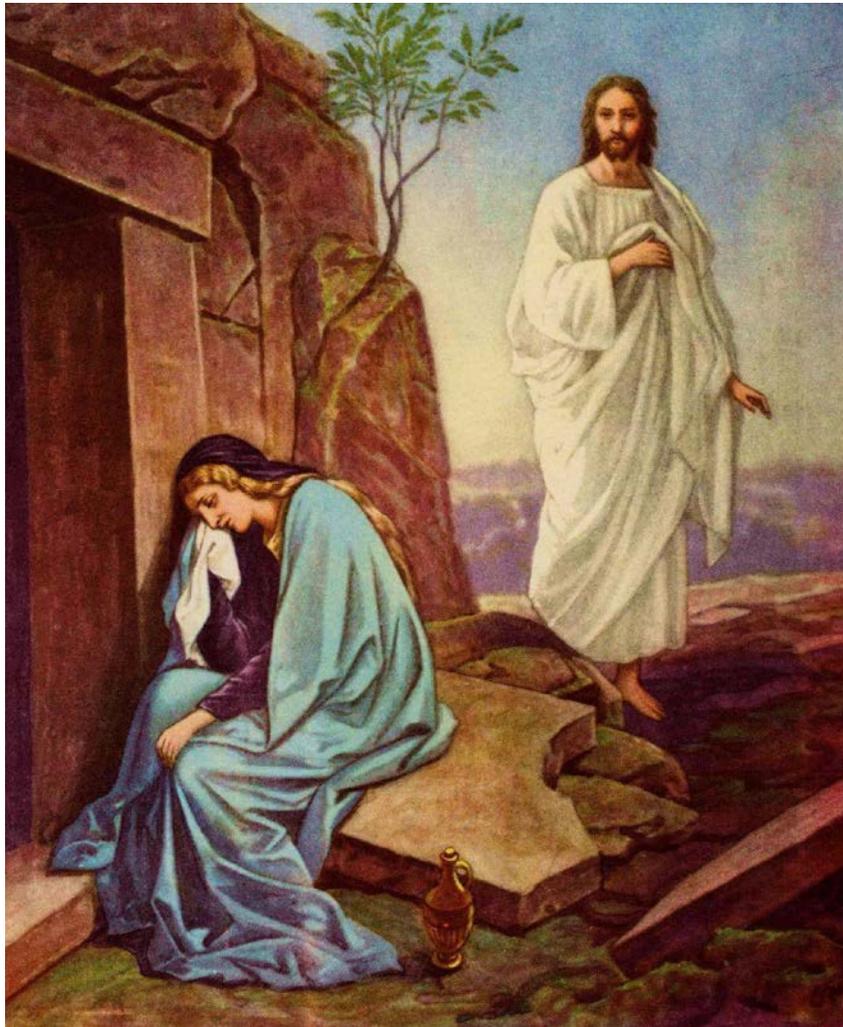
From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (cf. Lk 6:45). Are your words trivial... arrogant... slanderous... angry? Are your works sinful... slothful? Then you are not imitating the

conduct of the risen Christ.

If you do not love your neighbor as yourself and you do not prove this by your actions, if you do not have zeal for the interests of Jesus, particularly the salvation of all persons; if you do not aspire to renew the world with the spirit of Christ by your prayer, good advice, and good example, your life is not perfect.

Blessed are you a thousand times if you follow Jesus and welcome Him with love and gratitude. He will be for you the light,

the life, and the way that will lead you to eternal happiness.



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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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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