

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Sixth 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

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,

Last Tuesday, we said farewell to our beloved FOCUS missionaries. We had a big party. Some of the students cooked dinner. There were about 50 people in attendance.

After the delicious meal and flan :), Hannah Nguyen, president of the Catholic Club, and Dillon Craig, vice president, said some very heartfelt words of gratitude for our missionaries. After that, each missionary got a gift, and a card. As they got their gifts, the missionaries also manifested their gratitude for all the Lord has done this year in them and our campus.

On Thursday, our missionaries got their assignments for the new school year. Spence will serve at Georgia University, Tyler at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Nolan at California State Fullerton, Joseph at Western Washington University, Marco at Lehigh University, and Mauricio at Texas A & M University Kingsville. Luckily, we get to keep Alex with us for another semester!

We have several things to celebrate as we wrap up the school year. As I mentioned before, we had a big group of students attend the SEEK Conference, Bible Studies, and participate in discipleship.

Also, Celia, one of our students, has accepted to become a FOCUS missionary next school year. Will Ives has applied to the Seminary in Denver. Dillon Craig has been received in the Church and confirmed. Celia, Ines, and Maddie have also been newly confirmed. We keep them all in our prayers!

We have also had a Bible Study for adults on Sundays. Flan, doughnuts, and coffee once a month has been a success. We will continue these things in the fall.

Recently we have been forming a student choir, and we are considering launching a career advisory program for our students with the help of the parishioners.

May our Lady of Guadalupe protect and guide our missionaries in their new assignments. Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

A few days before Pentecost in 1544, the well-known miracle of St. Philip Neri's heart took place. One of his biographers describes it as so: "While he was with the greatest earnestness asking of the Holy Ghost, His gifts, there appeared to him a globe of fire, which entered into his mouth and lodged in his breast; and thereupon he was suddenly surprised with such a fire of love, that, unable to bear it, he threw himself on the ground, and, like one trying to cool himself, bared his breast to temper in some measure the flame which he felt. When he had remained so for some time, and was a little recovered, he rose up full of unwonted joy, and immediately all his body began to shake with a violent tremor; and putting his hand to his bosom, he felt by the side of his heart, a swelling about as big as a man's fist, but neither then nor afterwards was it attended with the slightest pain or wound."

For the rest of his life, St. Philip Neri was fueled by an intense divine love and possessed a contagious joy.

While typically, these types of experiences remain in the spiritual realm, it was later confirmed that his heart did, in fact, grow larger.

"The cause of this swelling was discovered by the doctors who examined his body after death. The saint's heart had been dilated under the sudden impulse of love, and in order that it might have sufficient room to move, two ribs had been broken and curved in the form of an arch. From the time of the miracle till his death, his heart would palpitate violently whenever he performed any spiritual action."

The autopsy confirmed this story from his life and was an added impetus to his eventual canonization.

It is an astonishing miracle, one that highlights the power of God's love and how the gifts of the

Holy Spirit can truly set us on fire, helping us to spread love everywhere we go.

As we rapidly approach Pentecost, the Church presents the promise of the Advocate. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate because he makes us ask in prayer what we need. He is Comforter,

The Holy Spirit is also called a consoler because he is formally love, and his main fruit is joy. As an ancient hymn puts it (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*), "Greatest comforter, sweet guest of the soul, sweet consolation. In labor, rest, in heat, temperateness, in tears, solace."

While we have received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and an increase of his gifts in Confirmation, Pentecost is a time when the Holy Spirit pours himself more abundantly in us. That is why St. Philip Neri prepared himself so diligently for that great feast.

Let us imitate this great saint by preparing ourselves well.

Firstly, let us pray often to the Holy Spirit and beg him to come to us with his gifts in a fuller way. For this, I suggest praying with two powerful hymns, "*Veni Creator Spiritus*" and "*Veni Sancte Spiritus*." These hymns have a profound theology of the Holy Spirit and his work of sanctification over us.

Secondly, I suggest that we try for these two weeks not to deny anything to the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit work in us through motions or inspirations. The more we say yes to those motions, the more the Holy Spirit can act in and through us.

Thirdly, pray to your Confirmation patron saint and ask him to intercede for you. Fourthly, pray the novena to the Holy Spirit, the oldest Catholic novena.

May the Holy Spirit find us in prayer with Mary when he comes in Pentecost.

Missionaries' Farewell



Campus Outreach

Campus outreach
activities
will resume
in August

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.

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.

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.

Sundays after Mass
May 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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