

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

The Ascension of the Lord

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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,

The school year on our Campus has come to a close. St. E's has been very quiet the last week. This "little break" has allowed Lisa and me to prepare the fiscal year 2023-24 budget. It has been more work than I had imagined, but the budget is almost ready. We will present it to the Financial Council at the Cathedral on May 27.

I'm glad to announce that this summer, the daily Mass will continue as during the school year, Monday through Friday. I am grateful to Fr. Sam and the Cathedral priests for covering for me when I am out of town.

Last Sunday was the last time Nolan sang for us at St. Elizabeth's. We are very grateful for his service to us and keep his new mission in our prayers!

Going forward, we are starting a youth choir with students from the Auraria Campus. Please, keep the endeavor in your prayers.

Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, Celia and Maddie, two of our students, will be confirmed at the Cathedral. We rejoice with Celia and Maddie and keep them in our prayers.

May our Lady of Guadalupe teach us how to be more open to the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In 2018 I had the fantastic opportunity of going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a group of priests and lay people from Miles Christi. It was an experience that changed forever my way of reading Sacred Scripture. When reading the gospels, I find it very helpful to have a picture in my head to connect with the reality I'm reading about.

During our pilgrimage, one of the places in Jerusalem we visited was the Chapel of the Ascension, located on the Mount of Olives. The Chapel contains a rock with what is believed to be one of the footprints of Jesus before going into heaven.

Before leaving his footprints on the rock, Jesus gave some instructions to the Apostles that we can find in today's Gospel and first reading.

I find it very powerful that Jesus' last words before going into heaven in the Gospel of Matthew are, "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

When faced with our weaknesses, difficulties, and sinfulness, it is very easy to get discouraged. At times we might feel like giving up. Precisely in those times, we should remind ourselves of the words of Jesus. They give us hope that we are not alone.

Jesus goes to heaven not just to have a good time but to intercede for us. He is the only Mediator between God and man. He cares for you and me and constantly makes intercession for us to the Father.

The opening prayer of today's Mass reads, "Where the head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope." The mystery

of the Ascension of the Lord fills us with hope because he is the head of the Church. Because Jesus has triumphed, the whole Church has triumphed. Because Jesus is at the Father's right hand, our human nature has already triumphed too. Since Jesus has made it into heaven, you and I can also hope to get there.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit."

We trust that since Jesus is in a position of power, he will intercede for us. We also trust that he has sent us and the Church the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in our journey.

After the Ascension, the book of Acts tells us, "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."

As we approach Pentecost, let us devote ourselves "continually" to prayer. We need to beg for an increase in the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us. Jesus wants to increase his love in us; we just need to open ourselves to it.

A detail often overlooked is that everyone prayed "along with ... Mary, the mother of Jesus." In our preparation for Pentecost, let's consider with what ardent desire, yearning, and love Mary prepared herself for the first Pentecost. May she give us a share in the desires of her Immaculate Heart.

Missionaries' Farewell



Campus Outreach

Campus outreach
activities
will resume
in August

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.

This Sundays after Mass
May 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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