

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

*A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*

## Pentecost Sunday

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May 28, 2023

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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,

Today, two of our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in a Mass presided by Archbishop Aquila. We pray especially for Maddie and Celia that they may always be docile to the Holy Spirit's motions in their hearts.

Lisa, our business manager, and I continued adjusting the budget for the new fiscal year last week. So far, this fiscal year, we have reduced the deficit through generous donations from \$60,000 to \$25,000. I am very grateful to all those who made that possible!

We are finishing the month of May, the month of Mary. Growing up, I often rode my bike to a nearby shrine of our Lady of Schoenstatt to pray the rosary. The chapel was beautiful, small, and cozy. The main feature of the chapel is a famous and stunning painting of Mary with the child Jesus. But what always caught my attention the most was the words written around the picture that said "Servus Mariae nunquam peribit," which means, the servant of Mary will never perish.

Let us run to the protection of our Lady. If we are under her powerful mantle, nothing can harm us. Temptations might come, big crosses might show up, and we might get attacked, but if we go to Mary, she will always be our refuge. As the Hail Holy Queen prays, she is always "our life, our sweetness, and our hope."

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep "mothering" us really well.  
Yours in Christ, Fr. Richard, MC

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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In today's gospel, we hear those beautiful words, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is a gift to us. We first "received" this gift in Baptism and its fullness in Confirmation.

The Holy Spirit is the gift of all gifts. He is a true gift, and therefore we can possess him.

But, is it possible to possess the Holy Spirit? In the gift of grace, the Third Person of the Trinity is given to us. A gift is something that is given to someone to possess. If someone gives me a gift for my birthday, it becomes mine, and it would not be polite for the giver to ask for it back.

Because the Holy Spirit is a gift, it belongs to us after being given. Therefore, we can enjoy him and use his effects. He is ours to do with him as we please.

Let us enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. Let us rejoice in him, and be grateful for him, the gift of all gifts.

Besides being a gift, the Holy Spirit is a guest. Today's sequence says, "sweet guest of the soul."

As a guest, the Holy Spirit does not force his way in our hearts. If that were his way, he would be an assailant, not a guest. There is a profound gentleness in the way that he resides in our souls.

He is gentle, but also brings deep delight with him. He is sweet and generous. He is like those guests that bring joy with them, that we look forward to receiving and spending quality time with. He is also like those guests that come filled with gifts for everyone.

As a priest I have been blessed to be received often in the homes of people. It is wonderful to be received with joy and expectation. The flip side of the Holy Spirit being a guest is that we are his hosts. Let us be the most welcoming hosts, enjoying his presence, asking him not to leave, and making him most comfortable. How sad would it be if our best guest was forced out of our hearts.

The Holy Spirit is also the sanctifier. We assign different external works to the Persons of the Trinity. We say that God the Father is the creator, and that God the Son is the redeemer. In the same way, we say that the Holy Spirit is the sanctifier.

Sanctity is the perfection of love, and the Holy Spirit is love himself that works in us. He transforms us into Christ through love. He is the divine Artisan that molds us into the image of Jesus.

But that molding, that sanctification, is not done against our will. The Holy Spirit wants our cooperation. Imagine Michelangelo carving the Pieta. What would have happened if the block of marble moved while he carved it, or if it resisted the strokes of the Artisan? We would not have this excellent work of art. What would happen if we resisted the Holy Spirit, if we didn't listen to his loving inspirations, if we didn't cooperate with his grace, if we were not docile to his motions? We will be a ruined work of art, our holiness will remain truncated.

The Holy Spirit is a gift to receive and possess, a sweet guest to welcome and rejoice in, and an Artisan to cooperate with. Let us love the Holy Spirit!

# Let Us Love the Holy Spirit

By St. Henry of Osso

Devotion to the Holy Spirit is one of the most necessary and most forgotten. Repeat it many times with great fervor, because it will be for you a fountain of infinite graces.

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, true God, equal to the Father and the Son. He is the substance of the love of the Father and the Son. By sending us the Holy Spirit, God has given us his own heart.

He not only gave us his Son to redeem us, and all his gifts, but gave us besides the Giver of all those gifts, the Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and complete the work of salvation Jesus began in us. He gives us not only the fruits, but also the tree itself; not only the water, but also the font of all the waters of grace.

The Holy Spirit is pure, kind, modest, peaceful, charitable, a Spirit of life that strengthens us; a Spirit of grace that sanctifies us; a Spirit of wisdom that teaches us; a Spirit of love that consoles us and unites us to God.

From being mere creatures, the Holy Spirit makes us godly; in our sinfulness, justifies us; in our weakness, strengthens us; in our ignorance, gives us wisdom; in our despair, makes us joyful; in our tepidity, makes us fervent; in our pride, makes us humble; in our irritability, makes us gentle; in our fear, makes us courageous.

Have you received the Holy Spirit? See if the spirit that moves you is a spirit of truth, humility, peace, love

Fear, above all, the sins against the Holy Spirit because they are in a special way sins against truth, charity, and docility to his inspirations.

Do not resist the truth; do not tarnish it; do not

gamble with or despair of your salvation; do not covet your neighbor's goods or become hardened in sin because you will die unrepentant. Be truthful, charitable, pure, and this Spirit will always dwell in you.

The Holy Spirit does not dwell in false hearts, for He is truth; He does not repose in restless hearts, for He is peace; nor does He dwell in impure souls, for He is chaste; He does not dwell in frivolous, vain, and ambitious spirits, for He is holy; He wages war against the flesh, for He is a pure spirit and He does not condone disorderly affection for anything.

Above any other misfortune, fear resisting the inspirations of the Holy Spirit because you cannot have a good thought or desire, or say a good word unless it be with his help; if you resist Him what good can you achieve?

What you most need in this world is light, fortitude, and consolation, and you will find these only by invoking the Holy Spirit. Docility to the Holy Spirit is a sure sign of salvation, of

sound judgment in our undertakings, of peace, and of temporal and eternal happiness.

Invoke the Holy Spirit frequently, and tell Him from your heart: Come Holy Spirit, Father of the poor, Consoler of the afflicted, Giver of all good, Fountain of all graces, Light of all hearts. Fill me with your grace, fill me with your wisdom, sanctify me with your love, sustain me with your fortitude, penetrate me with your anointing; adopt me as your child; pacify me with your presence, inflame me with your love, save me by your infinite mercy and dwell with peace in my soul. Come, Holy Spirit, fill me with your gifts and enkindle me with your love.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.archden.org/givetoday)  
or call 303-867-0614 to give  
to the Archbishop's Appeal.

**A Wondrous Gift**

Christ Jesus has left us the living memorial of His paschal sacrifice and the gift of His abiding presence in the Holy Eucharist

*As the Archdiocese of Denver joins with all the Catholic dioceses of the United States in seeking a renewal of Eucharistic faith and devotion, the priests of the Cathedral Basilica invite you to join in the weeks leading up to Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, for a series of preached reflections and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, so to deepen and renew your love for Our Eucharistic Lord.*

**May 14 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*Rising All for Love in the Eucharistic Encounter*  
VERY REVEREND SAMUEL MOREHEAD, VE


**May 21 - Ascension of the Lord**  
*The Foundations of the Church's Eucharistic Faith*  
REVEREND MICHAEL RAPP, SSI

**May 28 - Pentecost Sunday**  
*Praying the Mass and Praying in Eucharistic Adoration*  
VERY REVEREND SAMUEL MOREHEAD, VE

**June 4 - Most Holy Trinity**  
*Eucharistic Devotion, Piety, and Miracles*  
REVEREND JOHN JAMES ARCIDIACONO, CSJ

**June 11 - Corpus Christi**  
*Beyond the Church Doors: Living a Eucharistic Faith*  
REVEREND MICHAEL RAPP, SSI

Each reflection begins at 4:30 pm in the Cathedral church and will be followed by a Eucharistic Holy Hour from 5 - 6 pm, during which time confessions will be heard. Solemn Vespers for Sunday will be chanted at 6 pm, with Benediction offered before the 6:30 pm Mass.

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