

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

Unexpectedly, in late June, the Archdiocese of Denver contacted me requesting that the priests move out of the friary's second floor to make room for the FOCUS missionaries. The missionaries have a big challenge finding housing since a big part of their formation is living in community, and the city of Denver forbids more than five unrelated adults to live in the same home. However, rectories are exempt from this rule.

That is why the Archdiocese has given the Priests and Brothers of Miles Christi a cottage with three bedrooms to live in. This house is located in the grounds of the Mullen Home for the Aged and served in the past as a home for the sisters' chaplain.

Thankfully, the first floor of the friary will continue being, as this whole past year, a place for St. Elizabeth's offices, and shared ministry space for parishioners, students, and the FOCUS missionaries.

A few days ago, I welcomed to Denver Fr. Martin Latiff, MC, who has come from San Diego to be the local Superior of the Miles Christi house in this Archdiocese. He will be a Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral and St. Elizabeth's and will be helping us with the ministry to parishioners and college students. The addition of a religious brother has also blessed us. Bro. Francis Conte-Grand, MC, will also be working along with the priests at St. Elizabeth's.

Finally, at this Sunday's Mass, together with Fr. Martin and Bro. Francis, we welcome six new FOCUS missionaries serving at the Auraria Campus. We pray the Lord will bless their ministry abundantly.

May our Lady of Guadalupe bless each of us as we start this new school year.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Last July, I visited my family in Argentina. I had a great time visiting with family, friends, and the Miles Christi Priests and Brothers. I also ate lots of “asado,” “mollejas,” and “provoleta” (look them up!).

One of the things I enjoyed the most was spending quality time with my seven nieces and nephews. Their age varies from a 12-year-old to a one-year-old. Sophie is the second youngest, and she is a three-year-old girl.

When playing with Sophie, I first needed to test her mood. So, I asked if she wanted to play. Her answer was always no, but with a caveat. A few times, she said no, and her face meant no. But most of the time, she said no with a twinkle in her eye and a slight smile. That meant I could chase her around or start a tickle war!

Something similar happens in prayer. Sometimes we ask for something, and the answer is no, because it is something dangerous that could harm us. We might ask to win a two-billion-dollar Powerball. But the Lord might know already that we would go astray if we did win it. Or, we could ask for the power to do miracles, secretly wanting to become rich and famous because of it.

Other times, we ask for something reasonable and appropriate, but the Lord “upgrades” our prayer to a better thing. We can find a clear example of this in the life of St. Augustine. When Augustin was ready to sail for Rome, St. Monica prayed that he would not go since she thought this would be bad for his faith journey. However, the Lord allowed St. Augustine to snick out that night without St. Monica noticing. In his memoirs, St. Augustine explains that the “Lord ignored her petition so that He might grant her

what she ever asked (his conversion).” Because St. Augustine went to Rome, he later went to Milan, where he converted after meeting St. Ambrose.

A third case is what we find in today’s Gospel of the Canaanite woman. She asked for something good and something the Lord wanted to grant her. Just as in the case of Sophie, a playful refusal with a twinkle in her eye is an invitation to play, Jesus’ refusal in this passage is an invitation to perseverance and trust. Jesus refuses, but probably his body language invited the Canaanite woman to be bolder and insist on her request.

Let’s take away some lessons from today’s Gospel:

Firstly, no matter what we ask of Jesus, he always wants our good. He cares with a love of friendship, constant and effective. If he refuses something in prayer, it might be because it is not suitable for us, or he wants to give us something better, or he wants us to grow in persistence and trust. But the reason is never disinterest or lack of caring. Let’s always be attentive to his Heart.

Secondly, the Canaanite woman teaches us to persevere in prayers. The Lord always listens to our prayers and has a very good reason not to answer right away. But that doesn’t mean we should stop asking. Even if what we are asking is not for our good, the Lord will listen to our prayers and redirect them for our good.

Let’s always remember that Jesus’ refusal is often an invitation to perseverance and trust.

Miles Christi in Denver



*Welcome Fr. Martin
and Bro. Francis!!*

Campus Outreach

Sports

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Free Cookout & 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)

Fall 2023 Concert Series

The Cathedral Basilica Kicks off the Fall 2023 concerts on Sunday, September 17th at 3 PM with a concert on its magnificent Pipe Organ.

Concert Organist Isaac Johnson will present masterworks for the organ in the season starter for the upcoming year.

It has been a few years since the pipe organ took center stage in a concert. All concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering is shared with the performer.

For more information contact Phil Bordeleau, Music Director at PBordeleau@denvercathedral.org

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.

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.

New Bible Study!

“A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” by Ascension Press

This Bible study will explore and explain how everything in the Mass is based on the Bible.

It is our hope that understanding some of this will enhance our experience at Mass. This study will last for a total of five sessions.

Starting on Sunday, Sep 17

10:30 AM (after Mass)

Dates: Sep 17, 24; Oct 1, 15, 22



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