

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-first 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

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



August 27, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last September, we received a letter from Fr. Joel Barstad, which we produced on page three of this publication, where he requests the donation of the icon screen and any other available furnishing from when St. Elizabeth's was bi-ritual. At the time, the Sts. Cyril and Methodius community was not in a rush to get these items since they had not already secured a place to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, I was waiting to get some other donated furnishing to give the icon screen and other items to Fr. Joel. We were supposed to get those pieces of furniture donated last April, but that was delayed.

However, Fr. Joel told me last Monday that Sts. Cyril and Methodius is ready to use the icon screen immediately. After praying on it and consulting with our Pastor, Fr. Sam Morehead, we are going to give the icon screen to Fr. Joel soon.

While the icon screen is beautiful, it is proper to the Byzantine liturgy and we don't have a use for it in the Roman liturgy. This will give us an opportunity to reconfigure our sanctuary, bringing back the ambo and the presider's chairs to their proper places. The additional space will give us an opportunity to bring the pews closer to the altar.

Please, take your time to read Fr. Joel's beautiful letter. It underlines the gratitude of the Byzantine community for our generosity. They will treasure these sacred items as much as we have. I'm glad we are in a position of supporting and loving our Byzantine brothers and sisters as they reestablish their community in a physical building.

I thank every one of you for your understanding in this matter. I realize that change is not easy, but I trust that our discernment will lead us to what the Lord desires for St. Elizabeth's community.

May our Lady of Guadalupe continue to intercede powerfully for us before her Son!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

As you all know, I was born in Argentina, the land of Maradona and Messi. Soccer is the national sport, and everyone knows and talks about it.

The streets are deserted when the national team plays any match of the World Cup. Schools take a break; people attend large venues to watch it in big groups and cheer loudly. They sing, laugh, shout, and cry, all at the same time.

Last December, Messi, one of the best soccer players the world has ever seen, took Argentina to win the final match in Qatar. People in Argentina were so happy about the win that in Messi's hometown, they proposed giving him the city keys.

There is something exceptional about having the keys to a place. Today's first reading from Isaiah already prefigures the honor and power that comes with the keys: "I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open."

It is incredible the parallel between the words of Isaiah and the ones of Matthew: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The keys, in this text, are a symbol papal of authority. Thus St. Gregory in his letter to the Emperor Maurice, after quoting Christ's words in Matthew 16:18-19, writes: "Behold he [Peter] received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, the power of binding and loosing is committed to him, the care of the whole Church and its gov-

ernment is given to him."

St. Peter, Bishop of Rome, and his successors, the popes, have not only a primacy of honor but a primacy of jurisdiction. Thus, the First Vatican Council teaches: "1823 [Canon]. If anyone then says that the blessed Apostle Peter was not established by the Lord Christ as the chief of all the apostles, and the visible head of the whole militant Church, or, that the same received great honor but did not receive from the same our Lord Jesus Christ directly and immediately the primacy in true and proper jurisdiction: let him be anathema."

The Papacy is a gift of Christ to his bride, the Church. Not being enough to be present in our hearts through grace and in the Sacraments, Christ wanted to be with us visibly and tangibly in the person of his Vicar on earth, the Pope.

The Pope is, first and foremost, a visible father who guides, teaches, unifies, and protects his children. Through his guidance he lovingly and mercifully lead us to heaven. His teaching is a light that confirms us in the faith by showing us the truth.

Today, we are grateful to Jesus Christ for the gift of the Papacy. This gift is one more sign of God's love for us. It is another assurance that Jesus is with us until the end of the world.

Let us study the documents of the Magisterium of the Popes, deepening in their teaching and opening our minds to the truth.

Finally, let us pray and offer sacrifices for our Pope Francis, that the Lord will protect and guide him always.

Letter from Fr. Joel Barstad

September 22, 2022

Very Reverend Samuel Morehead, Pastor Reverend Richard Castro Huergo, MC
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church 1060 St Francis Way
Denver, CO 80204 Glory to Jesus Christ! Dear

Reverend Fathers,

I am the administrator not only for Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church here in Denver, but also, as of July 1, 2022, for Sts Cyril and Methodius Russian Byzantine Catholic Community, which was born at St Elizabeth of Hungary.

I was part of that community for ten years from its founding in 2003 and was deeply involved in the design and implementation of the sanctuary with its unique icon screen and ambo that allowed both Roman-rite and the Byzantine-rite liturgies to be celebrated with a common altar.

Now that Sts Cyril and Methodius no longer meets at St Elizabeth, I am writing to ask whether you would consider donating the icon screen, and any other furnishings that were part of the bi-ritual use and which may not have an ongoing usefulness to your church, to the Sts Cyril and Methodius community.

Sts Cyril and Methodius currently meets in the John Francis Regis Chapel at Regis University, but that arrangement will end next summer. We are working to find a new home for the community that will allow us to configure a space more perfectly conformed to the tradition and dynamics of the Byzantine liturgy. It would be a great personal joy, but also a fitting communal continuity, if we could incorporate into the new space the original icon screen, and any other furnishings available from the days when the community was part of St Elizabeth.

Thank you for considering this request. Please call me if it is one that you and the St Elizabeth community might be willing to consider further.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Reverend Joel I. Barstad, PhD, Administrator
Sts Cyril and Methodius Russian Byzantine Catholic Community

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 - We need volunteers every day of the week, 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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