

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-second 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



September 3, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

This week, we welcomed Fr. Joel Barstad at St. Elizabeth's. He came to assess the transport of the icon screen we announced last week. Again, I am grateful for your understanding and generosity towards the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Community. The icons will be removed in the next few weeks.

We have also restarted the Campus Outreach activities. Our FOCUS missionaries have been walking the Campus and meeting new students. This week, we also had our second cookout of the semester. More than 40 students participated in it!

Bible Studies will restart the last week of September. I am also looking forward to the start of discipleship for the students.

On Sunday, September 17th, we will start a new Bible Study open to people of all ages. It is entitled "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. Understanding some of the Biblical roots of the Mass will enhance our experience. Please join us on Sundays after Mass for a short video and open discussion. There is no cost to attend. The workbook is optional and for a fee.

Fr. Martin and I have also started our ministry of Spiritual Direction for college students. Spiritual direction is a personal encounter to accompany you in your spiritual journey. For example, we can chat about the spiritual life, prayer, overcoming defects or sins, relationships with friends or family, and any other area of your life where you think the perspective of a priest would be valuable. Please scan the spiritual direction QR code from this page to sign up.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep us always in the crossing of her arms.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Today, we hear in the Gospel, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” We find a big contrast with last week’s Gospel when Jesus named Peter the “rock” of the Church and gave him the power of the keys. Our blessed Lord told Peter that the heavenly Father had granted his Faith in Christ’s divinity.

While the term “Satan” sounds very harsh, some of the Fathers of the Church think that Jesus is just calling him an “adversary” and that this term does not necessarily mean that this thought was suggested directly by the devil. In other words, by pointing out that Christ should not undergo his Passion, Peter was unknowingly opposing the Father’s will for Jesus.

While the heavenly Father revealed the mystery of Christ’s divinity to Peter, he had yet to reveal the mysteries of the Passion and the Cross to him. Only after Pentecost was Peter able to completely understand these mysteries through the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. John Chrysostom comments, “Estimating the things of Christ by human and earthly principles, he judged it mean and unworthy of Him that He should suffer. Therefore the Lord added, ‘For thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.’” St. Paul says something similar to the Corinthians, “The natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually” (1 Cor 2:14).

In other words, St. Peter was judging with the light of natural reason without the aid of the virtue of Faith or the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul calls it, the “foolishness of the Cross” is impossible to understand without the light of Faith or the Gifts of Counsel, Knowledge, Under-

standing, and Wisdom.

Unless we have arrived at a high level of holiness where the Gifts of the Holy Spirit govern us, we often find ourselves in a similar situation to St. Peter’s. We have a lot of difficulty understanding suffering and the cross.

Let’s also mention that there is a difference between feeling and understanding. Our Lord felt the pain of the Passion intensely but perfectly understood that suffering was the path to redeeming the whole human race. So, even great saints feel the pain of the cross but suffer with love, peace, and joy because they receive the cross as a gift from the heavenly Father. They understand that the cross is for their good, even though they might not see the complete plan.

So, what are some things we can do when facing pain and suffering?

First, ask the Lord for an increase in Faith and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. By this virtue and the Gifts, we can see things as God sees them, not as human beings see them.

Second, try to see the suffering as something coming from God’s hand. If God has wanted or permitted it, it is for our good. He is a good Father who gives only good things to his children. And yes, we call God Abba, Father.

Third, remember that Jesus is suffering right next to us. He suffered first, so we never carry our crosses alone; he is always with us. Whatever kind of suffering we are going through, Jesus went through it first and worst.

Fourth, it is only through struggle that we grow in virtue and holiness.

Lastly, if you can, even if you can only do this sometimes, thank to the Lord for the gift of the cross.

August in Pictures



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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