

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-fourth 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 17, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

The pews are in the process of being squared off and carried forward closer to the altar and sanctuary. We were able to make good use of the original furnishings that were scattered throughout the property.

At a future time, when St. Elizabeth of Hungary has the ability to replace them, the matching Byzantine altar and presider chairs will also be donated to the Sts Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Community.

We are still in the middle of the pew reconfiguration. The terrazzo floor must be well-cleaned before we can re-secure the pews. Trey and the missionaries are working diligently on that laborious project. Since the pews are not currently bolted to the floor, please be careful when choosing a seat on Sunday. The pews can move as you get up and sit down.

Please welcome Luis Corral, our seminarian assigned to the Cathedral Basilica and St. Elizabeth's. Luis will serve Mass some Sundays with us and collaborate with the Campus Outreach at St. E's during the week. We have included a letter from him in this bulletin.

Lastly, as a way of intensifying our Eucharistic Devotion during the Eucharistic Revival, we will extend the Adoration time from two days to five days a week. Adoration will take place Monday through Friday, 11 AM to 12 PM. We have prepared a signup website with 30-minute adoration turns. Please follow the QR code below to get in the schedule. Adoration turns will start on Monday, September 25th.

May our Lady of Guadalupe give us the grace of loving Jesus in the Eucharist every day more and more.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC



Eucharistic Adoration Signup

1060 St Francis Way, Denver, CO 80204 – Located in the Auraria Campus
info@stelizabethdenver.org – (303) 534-4014 – www.stelizabethdenver.org

Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huelgo, MC

In the opening scene of “Les Misérables,” Jean Valjean is introduced as a former convict who has just been released from prison. He’s struggling to find food and shelter when he comes across the home of a kind-hearted bishop. Valjean is initially welcomed, but he repays the bishop’s hospitality by stealing some valuable silverware and fleeing in the middle of the night.

However, when Valjean is captured and brought back to the bishop by the authorities, expecting punishment for his theft, something remarkable happens. The bishop, instead of accusing Valjean, tells the police that he gave the silverware to Valjean as a gift and even gives him two additional silver candlesticks. The bishop’s act of forgiveness and generosity is a turning point in Valjean’s life. Valjean is deeply moved by the bishop’s kindness and begins his journey toward redemption.

In today’s parable, we find the opposite of the story in “Les Misérables.” Instead of being grateful for the mercy received and changing his life, the unforgiving servant continues to be as hard-hearted as before.

This parable presents a great disproportion—ten thousand talents versus one hundred pence. A pence, or denarius, in the time of Jesus, was worth a full day of work. So, a hundred pence was a hundred days of work. However, one talent was equivalent to six thousand pence. Therefore, ten thousand talents were around sixty million days of work. For a rough idea, a hundred days of work at the federal minimum wage today is about \$5,800, while sixty million days would be about \$3.48 billion. The relation is six hundred thousand to one.

In other words, whatever the Lord has forgiven us is six hundred thousand greater than whatever we need to forgive our brothers. In other

words, the mercy we have received from God is vast and immeasurable, while the mercy we are asked to impart to others is comparatively tiny to what God has forgiven us. This emphasizes the need to be compassionate, forgiving, and merciful to those who wrong us or are indebted to us in some way.

In essence, the message is that our forgiveness of others should reflect the boundless forgiveness and mercy we have received from God. We should not hold onto grudges or seek revenge but should be quick to forgive and show compassion, recognizing that our own forgiveness and salvation are contingent on our willingness to extend such grace to others.

Forgiving from the heart, genuinely forgiving, as Jesus challenges us to do, is not easy. But the parable gives us some clues on how we can accomplish it.

Firstly, we need to be aware and reflect often on how much mercy we have received from the Lord. And this not in such a way as fostering despair and lack of trust, but precisely the opposite. We need to rejoice in being a vessel of God’s boundless mercy.

Secondly, we want to foster a sense of gratitude. We need to know we have been blessed beyond measure and feel the desire to love the Lord back. It is absolutely necessary to be grateful.

Thirdly, out of gratitude, we want to forgive our brothers and sisters from our hearts.

May the mercy of the Lord touch our hearts as Jean Valjean was touched by the bishop in “Les Misérables.” That experience of compassion and love will change our hearts to love as Jesus loves and to be a mirror of his mercy to our brothers and sisters.

Welcoming Luis Corral to St. E's

Hello, parishioners of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish! My name is Luis Corral. I am a fifth-year seminarian serving for the Archdiocese of Denver. A fun fact about me is that not only am I a Denver native, but I'm also a first-generation American. Although my parents were raised in Mexico for most of their lives, they came to the United States in their later years and have lived here in Colorado since. I am also the second of four boys, one of whom is my twin brother, so I'll let you all do the math on who's the oldest.

Growing up, I found my call to the priesthood during my junior year of high school, and once I graduated from Jefferson Jr./Sr. High, I applied and was accepted as a seminarian.

From there, I was sent to the Diocese of Lincoln to study at St. Gregory the Great Seminary and was in the land of the corn for two years. While there, I received many blessings from God, such as a background in teaching, a deeper understanding of the faith, and the most significant gift of growing in a more extraordinary relationship with Christ.

Although I received great formation, I was excited to return to Denver at the end of 2021. Once I arrived, I continued my studies at St.

John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver. For the past couple of years, I have had the great privilege of learning and experiencing the beauty of philosophy and adopting the different spiritualities of the Church into my own life.

As for this year, I have decided to take a break from intellectual formation being my primary concern, and have a more intentional focus on pastoral work.



That said, I have been assigned to the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. As an extension, I have been asked to minister to the Auraria campus and work with the Order of Miles Christi and, through them, FOCUS.

I cannot express in this letter the excitement I have for the blessings and graces that the Lord will bring from this next school year for this

assignment and from meeting all of you! I ask that you keep me in your prayers so that I may do everything within this next year with faith, reverence, and love. Know of my continued prayer for you, and I look forward to meeting you all personally very soon. :)

Luis Corral

Seminarian of the Archdiocese of Denver

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)

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.

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

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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