

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-fifth 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

Monday to Friday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 10 AM – 3:00 PM

Spiritual Direction for College Students



September 24, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

This week, Trey and the missionaries have been working diligently on cleaning the floor of the Church so that we can anchor the pews to the floor. I appreciate everyone's patience as we accomplish this task.

As we announced last week, 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 on this page to get in the schedule. Adoration turns will start on Monday, September 25th.

Also, this upcoming Thursday, the Sisters of Life will visit us at St. Elizabeth's. During their visit, they will be available to meet with the students. They will also give a talk, play sports, walk around campus, and spend quality time with our young people. I am very excited about this opportunity for our campus outreach. The students will benefit tremendously from their interaction with these wonderful Sisters.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep guiding us daily to Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC



Eucharistic Adoration Signup

1060 St Francis Way, Denver, CO 80204 – Located in the Auraria Campus
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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

We all know the story of the Good Thief very well. This man was crucified alongside Jesus and asked Jesus to remember him when he came into his kingdom, unlike his companion. In the Catholic Church, we call him St. Dismas. He made the heist of the century. He was able to steal heaven!

The story of the Good Thief illustrates today's parable. As St. John Chrysostom tells us, the landowner did not call all the laborers simultaneously but chose to call some in the morning, some at the third hour, and so on, based on their individual readiness to respond. He called them when they were willing to obey, just as He called the thief when he was willing to obey. When they say, "Because no one has hired us," it is important to note that it is the laborers speaking here, not the Lord. In reality, the Lord calls all people from their early years, as indicated by the fact that "He went out early in the morning to hire laborers."

This parable, rich in meaning, reveals to us some characteristics of God's love. Firstly, it shows us the persistence of the Lord in pursuing us, offering his forgiveness, and calling us to holiness. Without violating our freedom, he calls again and again, knocking at the door of our hearts. As Pope Francis puts it, "God never tires of forgiving us, but we sometimes tire of asking Him to forgive us. Let us never tire of asking God's forgiveness. He is the loving Father who always forgives, who has that heart of mercy for all of us."

Secondly, one of the Church's Fathers says, "God shows His inestimable mercy, by first rewarding the last and more unworthy, and

afterwards the first; for of His great mercy He regarded not order of merit." Mercy goes beyond justice, and God shows his infinite power in being merciful. While justice requires that individuals receive what they deserve, mercy involves compassion, and forgiveness. Justice is about giving each person what they deserve, while mercy does not regard merit. The mercy of God only looks at a contrite heart.

Thirdly, St. Gregory the Great tells us that "none should despair of his neighbor, even though he sees him lying in vices; because he knows not the riches of the Divine mercy." If the Lord does not give up on anyone, we should not give up either.

The workers who were hired later in the day represent people who may have lived in sin or turned away from God for most of their lives. The parable underscores the idea that it's never too late to turn to God and receive His forgiveness and grace.

In the story of the Good Thief, or St. Dismas, we witness a remarkable example of divine mercy and redemption. This thief crucified alongside Jesus, seized the opportunity for salvation at the eleventh hour, echoing the message of today's parable. Just as the landowner called laborers throughout the day based on their readiness to respond, so did Jesus call the repentant thief when he was willing to obey. The thief's heist of heaven serves as a vivid reminder that God's mercy knows no boundaries.

Let us learn from this parable to be open to the Lord pursuing us, receive God's mercy with a joyful and contrite heart, and never despair of anyone's salvation.

September 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

Monday to Friday: 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.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethdenver/>

Fall 2023 Concert Series

On October 1st at 3pm the Cathedral Basilica will present The Regis Jesuit High School Combined Choirs and String Orchestra in concert.

This is the very first time that the High School's Combined choirs will perform with the String orchestra in a concert program. Composers include: Franz Schubert, Sarah Hart, John Williams, Peter Warlock, Soon Hee Newbold, Ola Gjeilo, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Concerts are free, last one hour and a free-will offering is collected.

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.

Sunday, Sep 24

10:15 AM (after Mass)

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



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