

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

*A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*

## Twenty-sixth 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



October 1, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last year, I started a tradition I intend to continue every year for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On October 4, we say a Mass in thanksgiving for our Sandwich Line volunteers. After consulting with the volunteers, we are celebrating the Mass this year on Sunday, October 8, so more of them may attend the event.

I want this event to celebrate the Community of St. Elizabeth's commitment to caring for the less fortunate. This ministry has its roots in Fr. Leo's, Fr. Madden's, and St. Elizabeth's of Hungary herself dedicated care of the poor. I am very proud of this ministry and want it to continue for many years.

If you are reading this and are not already volunteering at the Sandwich Line, please prayerfully consider doing so. We need help every day of the week in the morning preparing the food for our guests. To volunteer, contact Lisa at [lisa@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:lisa@stelizabethdenver.org). Another way of helping out is to bring new or used men's shoes and boots.

Additionally, on October 8, we will have our customary flan, doughnuts, and coffee. Please stay after Mass to greet the Sandwich Line volunteers and spend some time in fellowship.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep you 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

**S**t. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, wrote a great little book called “Spiritual Exercises.” This writing of his is a handbook for retreats. Thousands of saints have come out of the Exercises over five hundred years. The impact of this little book on the life of the Church is remarkable.

In this great work, St. Ignatius rarely uses the word love; when he uses it, he pairs it with service. For St. Ignatius to serve is to love. And love is not authentic if it is not accompanied by service.

His hesitance probably comes from the protestant reformation that was expanding through Europe in his time. The rejection of objective truth and the emphasis on personal feelings detached the concept of love from service. St. Ignatius was worried that if he said the word love too often, some people would understand it simply as a warm feeling in the heart that might not translate into action.

Similarly, today’s parable of the two sons underlines the importance of actions over mere words. The parable is directed to the chief priests and the elders. They had a big problem with hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy can be defined as the act of pretending to possess qualities one lacks, or, more relevantly to today’s Gospel, presenting a deceptive facade of virtue or religious devotion.

There is a particular danger of hypocrisy in religion because of the rituals of worship, which often follow certain public forms. This is alright in itself. But our exterior should follow the intention of the heart. When only the actions of the body are worshipping, and the heart is not, then we have a problem.

But returning to our theme of the importance of service and not just words, let us look at some things this parable can teach us.

The first son initially refused his father’s request to work in the vineyard, but later he changed his mind and went. Despite his initial disobedience in words, his eventual obedience in action demonstrated his true commitment to his father’s will. This illustrates that genuine love is reflected in our actions, even if our initial response may be negative or hesitant.

The second son, on the other hand, verbally agreed to work in the vineyard but did not follow through with action. His words did not align with his behavior, indicating that mere verbal commitments, without corresponding deeds, lack authenticity.

The lesson for us is clear – it’s not enough to make grand promises or verbal commitments of service to God or others. True love and obedience require us to follow through with concrete actions that align with our words. Our faith should be evident in how we live our lives, treat others, and contribute to the well-being of those around us.

Prioritizing service over words calls for integrity and consistency in our actions. When we say we will do something, we should follow through. This not only builds trust with others but also reflects our commitment to living out our values.

Genuine service becomes a powerful form of witness to our faith. When we serve others selflessly and with love, our actions can inspire and draw others closer to God. It’s a tangible way of sharing the message of Christ.

In this sense, I am edified daily by the service to our Sandwich Line guests at St. Elizabeth’s. Seeing how our community shows its love not in empty words, but in strong action is such a joy for me.

May the Lord grant that we don’t only love him with our words but that we always love him in our neighbor with our selfless service.

# Sisters' of Life Visit



## 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)

SCAN to Sign-up for  
Eucharistic Adoration

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 after Mass

Starting at around 10:15 AM

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



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