

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-seventh 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



Dear brothers and sisters,

Since September 25th, our FOCUS missionaries have started with student bible studies. We currently have three studies for boys and three for girls.

Fortunately, we are having an excellent attendance. It is a joy to have the corridors of the Friary filled with laughter and activity.

The first floor of the Friary is currently functioning as a Catholic Student Center for the people of the Auraria Campus. Besides coming for bible study, the students come to do homework, find new friends, do other activities, have lunch, pray at the Church, and hang out with other faith-filled people in a healthy environment.

About ten days ago, we had the visit of the Sisters of Life. They came to accompany our students, particularly the young women, in their faith journey. We started the day with a talk and adoration. The sisters joined us for the barbecue and the sports.

They prayed Vespers with the students in the evening and had dinner with us. They were also available to meet with the girls at different points of the day for a one-on-one chat.

A highlight for the students was playing music and singing with the sisters after dinner. One of the sisters and one of our missionaries skillfully played the guitar, and we had a great time in the back garden of the Friary.

I'm very grateful to the Sisters of Life for their visit, and we look forward to having them back soon!

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep us always close to her Son.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

St. Rabanus, a Father of the Church from the 8th century, has an interesting take on today's parable, "a vineyard has been let out to each of us to dress, when the mystery of baptism was given us, to be cultivated by action. Servants one, two, and three are sent us when Law, Psalm, and Prophecy are read, after whose instructions we are to work well. He that is sent is beaten and cast out when the word is despised or, which is worse, is blasphemed. He kills (as far as in him lies) the heir, who tramples underfoot the Son and despises the Spirit of grace. The wicked husbandman is destroyed, and the vineyard is given to another when the gift of grace which the proud has despised is given to the lowly."

The precious vineyard we are entrusted with is our soul, divine filiation. Being children of God is a great gift we have. We have been called to eternal life, to a relationship with God.

The servants that are sent to us are all of the help we have from God to aid our spiritual life in flourishing. These aids are innumerable. We have the Word of God in Scripture, the Angels to protect us, prayer to comfort us, sacramentals like holy water, blessed medals, and scapulars; good friends, priests, and so on.

The Son is Christ with his Redemption and the Holy Spirit that came upon us. Here, we can think of the seven Sacraments, especially the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is also the presence of grace in the soul: Faith, Hope, Charity, and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The thread that runs through the tenants' response to the servants and the Son is one of ingratitude. Today's message warns us not to reject God's love and mercy.

If the thread on the part of the tenants is ingrati-

itude, it is patience and mercy on the part of God. The landowner keeps sending servants and finally sends his Son. One of the Fathers points out that "at each step of their wickedness the mercy of God was increased, and at each step of the Divine mercy the wickedness of the Jews increased; thus there was a strife between human wickedness and Divine goodness."

In other words, God redoubles his mercy as our wickedness increases. But, of course, God does not oblige us to answer to his love. We still have freedom. The last part of the parable illustrates the consequences of abusing that freedom.

Let's, therefore, apply this message to our lives.

First, let's be grateful to the Lord for his love and mercy. Just as the landowner kept sending his servants and, lastly, his Son, the Lord is always reaching out to us. He is constantly working in our lives. He calls us to his friendship, to be his sons and daughters.

Second, we are called to give fruit, to develop the life of grace in the soul. We do so through prayer, the frequent reception of the Sacraments, and service to our brothers and sisters.

Third, we must be faithful to God's Revelation in Scripture and Tradition. We should read and reflect frequently on the Bible, study the Catechism, and even join a bible study or a book club to help us deepen our faith.

Fourth, let us be obedient to the Commandments and strive to practice the evangelical perfection of the Beatitudes.

If we do these things, we will be good tenants, rewarded with the friendship of God here below and in eternity.

Counsels of Mercy (Part I)

From the Writings of Venerable Bruno Lanteri

“I urge you to begin each day, leaving the past to the mercy of the Lord, and the future to his Divine Providence. Do not let yourself be troubled by anything, not even by your own failings, taking care to overcome them immediately by an act of love of God.”

“If I should fall a thousand times a day, a thousand times a day I will begin again, with new awareness of my weakness, promising God, with a peaceful heart, to amend my life. I will never think of God as if he were of our condition and grows weary of our wavering, weakness, and negligence. Rather, I will think of what is truly characteristic of him and what he prizes most highly, that is, his goodness and mercy, knowing that he is a loving Father who understands our weakness, is patient with us, and forgives us.”

“Above all, I recommend with all my heart that you guard against discouragement, disturbance, and sadness. Seek always to keep your poor heart in peace, and encourage it, and always to serve God with holy joy.”

“Be of good heart, because the Lord is with you, and he loves you.”

“Therefore, be of good courage. Let your heart be joyful, give yourself as completely as you can to God, banish any doubts, and tell God that you never wish consciously to do anything that would displease him. For the rest, do not be troubled. God is with you and will help you, and will not let you fall.”

“Keep constantly before you these two proposals that I urge you to renew often and with a holy persistence: first, never to offend God knowingly, and, second, if you should fall, never to persevere in this with your will, but, with humility and courage, to rise immediately and begin again, firmly convinced that God forgives you in the instant itself that with humility and trust you ask his forgiveness.”

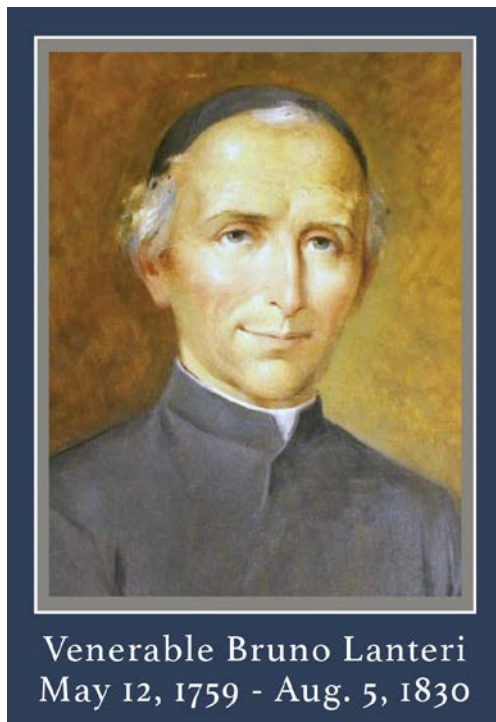
“We can never hope too much. The one who hopes for everything, obtains everything.”

“It is very important that we understand deeply how good God is, and not measure him by our own limitations or think that he tires of our wavering, weakness, and negligence. Our God is not such. Let us think of him as he truly is, filled with goodness, mercy, and compassion, and let us know him as the loving Father he is, who raises us when we have fallen, who never tires of

forgiving us, and to whom we give great joy and honor when we seek forgiveness.”

“Remember to lift up your heart often to God, but gently and with peace.”

“Fidelity to my spiritual resolutions, peace of heart, joy, love of my neighbor, compassion for the weakness of others, goodness, patience, forbearance, warmth, openness to others in all that is not offensive to God, this is the character I seek and that I will continually ask of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of Mary.”



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

Grow in Your Faith With Credo

Looking for a communal activity of faith at the
Cathedral?

Looking to grow deeper with God?

Looking into becoming Catholic?

Our gatherings for all adults interested in growing
in the Catholic Faith and for adults interested in
becoming Catholic meet weekly in the Cathedral
basement hall from 6:30pm-8pm and you are still
welcome to come and invite others.

Presentations will be led by our priests as well as
guest speakers and are free and open to all.

Please email father.arcidiacono@archden.org with
any questions.

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.



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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.

Next Sunday after Mass

Starting at around 10:15 AM

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



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