St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Twenty-eighth 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,

Last October 6-7, some of the students and missionaries at St. Elizabeth's along with Fr. Martin Latiff went on a camping trip to the Lost Creek Wilderness on the Rockies.

Amid the aspen's changing colors, the towering pine trees, the creeks and the mountains, everyone enjoyed and benefited from wonderful times of fellowship, breathtaking hikes in nature, and the celebration of Mass surrounded by God's beautiful creation. It was a time of spiritual renewal, of growth in friendship, and of appreciation for Our Lord's presence in our midst. Everyone is looking forward to the next camping trip in the spring!

On Thursday, the young women at St. Elizabeth's put together a tea party. We had 20 students attending, besides the older people, namely Bro. Francis and I :)

Before the event started, we prayed a Rosary while walking around Campus. The FOCUS missionaries joined us for that.

The young ladies brought all kinds of goodies, and we had a great time of fellowship. There was even real china! People enjoyed crepes, cakes, doughnuts, fruit, cheese, crackers and much more. A special thank you to Sharai for organizing this!

Last Sunday, we prayed on thanksgiving for our Sandwich Line volunteers at Mass. At the end of Mass, there was a blessing for the volunteers who could attend, and each one got a blessed medal of our Lady of Guadalupe. I will visit the Sandwich Line this week and bring medals to those who could not attend the Mass.

Lastly, on Monday, October 1st, we found ourselves needing a Sandwich Line Crew. I want to recognize and thank Trey and the missionaries Alex, Alex, and Greg for filling in as volunteers on the Sandwich Line that day. Ines also deserves high praise since her experience and leadership facilitated the quick execution of bagged meals for our hungry guests. It is a rare occasion for a crew not to be scheduled, but thanks to these willing hands and spirits, we were able to serve. May you all be blessed for your effort!

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep us close to the fruit of her womb.

In Christ, Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

n June of 1997, I had the joy of receiving the habit of Miles Christi. I had joined the Order in 1994. Acquiring the habit was the culmination of many years of intense preparation.

I still remember taking off the civilian coat and putting on the cassock for the first time. What a joy! For several weeks afterward, I had a sense of great accomplishment. I was as proud wearing my habit as someone wearing a Superbowl ring!

For me, the habit is an expression of my identity as a soldier of Christ and a brother of the Miles Christi Community. It manifests my belonging to Christ, the Catholic Church, and the Order.

People's dress is loaded with a long symbolism in antiquity and the Old Testament. The dress was like a part of the person. In those times, few could afford a wardrobe like some people do today and wear a different suit or dress every day, even several, for different occasions.

Most people had one for every day and another, clean and more decorated, for holidays or great occasions. And they lasted, for the non-rich, through patching, their entire lives. They were already like part of the person.

So much so that when Elijah takes off his mantle before disappearing from this world and hands it over to Elisha, it is as if he handed over his powers and the continuation of his mission. In the wedding ceremony, the Jew covers his bride's shoulder with his tunic to signify that they become one person, one flesh.

In the Catholic liturgy of Baptism, the baptized person puts on white clothes. The priest cannot celebrate mass in civilian clothes; the nun leaves her old life in her everyday street clothes and puts on a habit.

"But, in addition to being a sign of the person,

clothing is a sign of protection and reserve. It is protection against the elements without a doubt, but also against the gaze of others. It is well known that law enforcement in some countries to humiliate prisoners and destroy their morale, interrogate them naked. Who hasn't ever had those nightmares where, suddenly, being among ordinary people or on the street, he suddenly realizes that he is naked?

Before God, as a result of sin, Adam and Eve felt naked for the first time and hid behind the trees. "I was afraid because I was naked," they tell him. They realize, now, that something is missing in the face of divine majesty. They have lost grace, that kind of dress that makes the familiar and confident approach to the transcendent God possible.

But God does not dismiss man and woman from paradisiacal innocence without first clothing them with skin tunics, not yet strictly a dress. This covering does not eliminate helplessness, but it is a sign that man is called to a dignity he now lacks.

From then on, all Scripture points to grace, to what Christ obtains for us and gives us by infusing us with his Spirit, allowing us to find the true dignity of man before God, clothing him with the garment of baptismal grace.

"Put off the old man and put on Christ," says Saint Paul.

God invites us to his banquet. Be careful that pride, the worries of this perishable life, love of money, Netflix, Ticktock, or anything else makes us postpone or reject the invitation. Don't let it be too late and the doors close.

Let's always have our wedding garment on, the garment of God's grace, of his love.

This Week at St. E's













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: <u>https://www.stelizabethdenver.org/ministries</u>. 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 <u>lisa@stelizabethdenver.org</u> 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.

Sock and Sticker Fundraiser

Step into Our Faith-Inspired Fundraiser!

Attention, fellow parishioners! It's time to come together and join our Sock and Sticker Fundraiser!

Explore a fantastic selection of faith-inspired goodies, including Sock Religious socks and faith-filled stickers. Your purchase will have a meaningful impact, as 50% of profits will support Celia Moneboulu, a FOCUS Missionary at St. E's.

Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference! Visit <u>https://stores.inksoft.com/focus_store/</u> <u>shop/home</u> and contribute today!

Thank you for being amazing supporters!



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.

This Sunday after Mass

Starting at around 10:15 AM

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



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