

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Thirty-first 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



November 5, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

On October 30th, we celebrated Fr. Martin's birthday. The day before, Sunday, there were games and hot chocolate after Mass. We had planned to make a visit to Colorado Springs with the students, but we had to settle for staying indoors because of the snow and the poor weather conditions.

On Monday, Fr. Martin celebrated the noon Mass. Afterward, we went with a group of students, missionaries, and parishioners to have lunch downtown. When we got back to St. Elizabeth's, there was an ice cream cake waiting for us. We sang Happy Birthday in English and Spanish. It was a joy to celebrate as a community. Again, Happy Birthday, Fr. Martin!

Since it has been cold lately, we have decided to start having our Thursday lunches for students indoors until the Spring. This Thursday, the missionaries cooked burgers and hotdogs in the back garden of the friary. We had a great turnout. On top of tasting incredible food, we also played many indoor games and had time for fellowship.

Additionally, since we are now having lunch indoors, we have restarted our Thursday talk series at 1:10 pm. This semester, we will be exploring the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Last year, we were able to study all of the Gifts. A PDF version of all the classes is available on our website.

On Tuesday mornings, the missionaries are offering coffee and hot chocolate to students in the corner of Curtis Street and St. Francis Way. Since the weather is not very conducive for sports right now, this is another way of reaching out to our Campus.

I pray our Lady of Guadalupe protects you always.

In Christ, Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

At his coronation as the King of France, Louis IX solemnly bound himself by oath to fulfill his role as God's anointed ruler, not only as the father of his people but also as a servant of the King of Peace. While other monarchs had made similar commitments, Louis stood apart by looking at his kingly responsibilities through the lens of faith. In the aftermath of two turbulent reigns, he ushered in an era of peace and justice.

Louis embarked on a Crusade at the age of 30, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his faith. His army successfully captured Damietta in Egypt, but soon thereafter, they were besieged and captured, weakened by dysentery and without reinforcements. Louis secured the release of his forces by surrendering the city of Damietta and paying a substantial ransom. He remained in Syria for four years.

Louis's contributions to civil administration included pioneering reforms in the realm of justice. His regulations for royal officials marked the inception of a series of transformative reform laws. He replaced trial by combat with a more impartial examination of witnesses and promoted the use of written records in court proceedings.

Dedicated to his subjects, Louis founded hospitals, personally visited the sick, and, following the example of his patron, Saint Francis, cared for individuals afflicted with leprosy. He remains one of the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order. Through his charisma and holiness, Louis unified France, bringing together nobles, townsfolk, peasants, priests, and knights, ushering in an extended period of national tranquility.

Louis's compassion for the less fortunate was evident in his daily practice of inviting 13 impoverished individuals to dine with him. Moreover, a substantial number of destitute individuals received meals near his palace. During Advent

and Lent, anyone in need was provided a meal, often served personally by Louis. He maintained records of needy individuals in every province under his rule, providing regular relief to them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus criticizes the Pharisees and the scribes, "for they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them." The scribes and Pharisees were awful leaders of the people.

They taught but did not practice it. They added the heaviest burdens to God's law. In this, they showed their presumption since they made up new observances that God had not commanded.

They were cruel since they imposed burdens. They were imprudent since they set unbearable duties on the weak. Their excessive severity is noted because they imposed burdens without any kind of leniency or mercy.

What makes the problem of the Pharisees and scribes worse is that "all their works [were] performed to be seen." Pride made them almost irreformable. They were practically incorrigible because they sought their own glory.

At the beginning of this writing, we talked about St. Louis, King of France. He was a leader according to the Heart of Christ.

Let's first notice St. Louis' utter concordance between teaching and doing. He always preached first with his example. Second, he loved and served the poor and the sick. Third, he loved humility and practiced it by personally doing many humble chores. Finally, he was committed to justice and peace in his Kingdom.

In whatever position the Lord has called us to live, let us imitate St. Louis, being faithful mirrors of Christ's love.

Fr. Martin's Birthday & Campus Outreach



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

Annual Seminaries' Appeal

This weekend, all Catholics are being asked to support the Annual Seminaries' Appeal.

During this year of the Eucharist, your gift is an important investment in the future of our Church while also encouraging our seminarians on their daily path towards the priesthood.

Please visit
archden.org/futurepriests
to donate today.

Thank you.

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.

Book of the Dead

**During November
we invite you to include
your deceased love ones
in our Book of the Dead**

We will pray for them
at the prayers of the faithful
every Sunday during November.



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