

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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 26, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

I pray you had a beautiful Thanksgiving celebration with your family and friends.

When writing this note, I'm preparing to fly to San Diego to celebrate Thanksgiving with the Miles Christi community there. I'm looking forward to spending quality time with the priests of that beloved community. I want to thank Fr. Mike, who generously has agreed to celebrate several Masses with all of you. I know you deeply value his priesthood as I do so myself.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the feast of St. Elizabeth. Presiding the liturgy on such a glorious day was a great joy for me. After Mass, we had a bake sale, in which the highlights were Dee's famous guacamole and my humble flan. Thank you to everyone who participated in it and donated to the Sandwich Line!

I have a wonderful announcement to make. On December 8, at the 12:15 PM Mass, two of our students, Israel and Danny Aguirre, will be received in the Church, Confirmed, and make their first Holy Communion. Israel and Danny are siblings. They have been baptized in an evangelical church in the name of the Trinity. Since the Catholic Church recognizes that particular Baptism as valid, we will not repeat it. Instead, Israel and Danny will make a statement of their belief in the teachings of the Catholic Church, and I will complete their Christian initiation with Confirmation and Holy Communion.

It is beautiful that we can do this on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please keep these students in your prayers and come participate in the ceremony if you can.

May our Lady of Guadalupe grant you the grace of a grateful heart.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

In his famous meditation on Christ the King, St. Ignatius of Loyola suggests that we ask for the grace of not being deaf to his calling. The dictionary gives us two meanings to the word deaf. The first one is a person that is unable to hear. The second meaning is someone unwilling to hear.

St. Ignatius tells us that Christ the King invites us to follow him; he calls us to holiness and to spread the truth of the Gospel. But sometimes, we are unwilling to hear his calling.

Let us illustrate this concept. As you know, I grew up in Argentina. Right after high school, I joined Miles Christi and became a seminarian. The seminary for our order is in a town called Lujan, about an hour from the big city of Buenos Aires.

In the 90s, we did not have a wired phone line in our seminary, but only had a cell phone. That was the decade when cell phones became available, and the connection was sometimes sketchy. They were giant bricks you could barely carry around. Yes, I'm that old; I remember when there were no cell phones :).

One of the priests at the seminary, Fr. Sebastian, was in charge of fundraising. A certain businessman had made a very generous donation the previous year. Fr. Sebastian, using the brick cell phone, called him to see if he could donate again that year. Father called this person about five times. Each time, the person picked up and said, "Hello, who is it?" As soon as he heard that it was Fr. Sebastian, he said, "You are breaking up," and hung up on him. At first, Fr. Sebastian thought it was a bad connection, but he later realized that this person, for whatever reason, could not help that year and was avoiding him, so he stopped calling.

Sometimes, we receive Jesus' call. But as soon as he says holiness, sacrifice, cross, effort, we

say, "Jesus, you are breaking up," and hang up on him. We are unwilling to hear his calling.

Today's Gospel shows us Christ as King and Judge of the universe. The message is unmistakable: we are called to love in concrete ways by practicing the works of mercy. Holiness is not just a feeling or spending much time in the Church. We need to love effectively in our daily lives. Holiness is the perfection of love, which reaches out to our neighbor.

We already know the corporal works of mercy: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

But there are also spiritual works of mercy: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead.

Evangelization is a practical way of instructing, counseling and admonishing. Some people unfamiliar with the Catholic concept of evangelization might confuse it with "evangelism." For Catholics, evangelization does not have anything to do with forcing religion on people. Evangelization is not proselitism. Evangelization is sharing the good news, sharing the Gospel, and letting people know about our God's infinite love and mercy and the salvation that Jesus Christ has won us.

Because we love our friends, family, coworkers, roommates, and classmates, we want to share the best we have: our faith. It is natural, to tell the truth to those we love.

Jesus is calling us. He is inviting us to love by practicing the bodily and spiritual works of mercy and evangelizing to spread the good news of his love and mercy throughout the world. Let's not hang up on him!

Gratitude

By Servant of God John A. Hardon, S.J.

Gratitude is at once the foundation and the model of our love of God. This bears some emphasis, the relationship of gratitude in love is much closer than most people realize. This is surely deeper than modern psychology tells us. That we benefit from giving and this is where St. Ignatius tells us, it is God whom we are to love and we shall grow in our love for God, hear it, and there's no single sentence that I can share with you that is more necessary in the spiritual life. Our love for God will grow in the measure of our gratitude to God. Our love for God will grow in the measure of our gratitude to God. What are we saying? We are saying and all the great minds of Christian history have attested to this principle, the foundation of love is gratitude, the food of love is gratitude, the nourishment of love is gratitude, the condition for love is gratitude, the measure of love is gratitude and so the proportion goes on. And that is why if we are to grow in our love for God and be inspired to love Him and love Him more we must grow in our awareness of His goodness and not just His bounty or His goodness in the abstract, no. We are to become daily, every hour, dare I say, every minute more and more aware of God's goodness to us, better, of God's goodness to me. And the measure of my constant awareness of God's goodness to me, day after day, hour after hour, minute after minute, moment after moment, in that measure will I grow in my love for God.

Where you might ask, shall we begin? Where to start to estimate the gifts that we received from the divine bounty. Except for God who freely chose to create the human race, there wouldn't be a human race and except for this same divine freedom choosing to create me, I would not exist. I cannot tell you in the years of teaching the divine attributes, how I stressed the importance of recognizing the freedom of God. God is a free agent. God is free, free to create or not

create. God was free to create either this world or another world. God was free to create me or create someone else instead of me. I must make this realization of God's goodness personal and I cannot emphasize the prepositional phrase, personal to me. Says Ignatius, 'how I ponder with great affection how much God our Lord has done for me and how much He has given me what He possesses' and I repeat with absolute, utter, total, consummate, freedom.

Nor is that all, God has not only been giving me creatures He created the one creature, for which needless to say, I'm especially grateful to God, O Lord, thanks for all the creatures You've given me, but thanks, ah thanks, for me. How blind, how poor blind we can be in not seeing the utter, absolute, total, freedom of God in creating each one of us. But we add, it is not only that God has given me, me, His intention is to give me Himself. And God became man and wants us to receive Him as man in Holy Communion as a prelude to possessing Him in a way we cannot comprehend in seeing Him, hear it, as He sees Himself, enjoying Him, dare we say it, as He enjoys Himself, becoming literally, mysteriously, but literally, part of the family of the Holy Trinity. In other words, God has in store Himself as the supreme and eternal gift of His love to me.

Ah but then remember, St. Ignatius was nothing if not a realist, even as we reflect on God's past goodness to me, on His constant present generosity towards me and the ocean of blessings, the beatitude, the eternity of possessing Him, my God, He embracing me and I embracing Him. Since and here's the painful conclusion, why? Why? Why has God been so generous to me? Why is He, why is He still to be more generous than ever? So that I by my realization of His goodness to me might out of my gratitude give myself entirely, utterly, totally to Him.

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 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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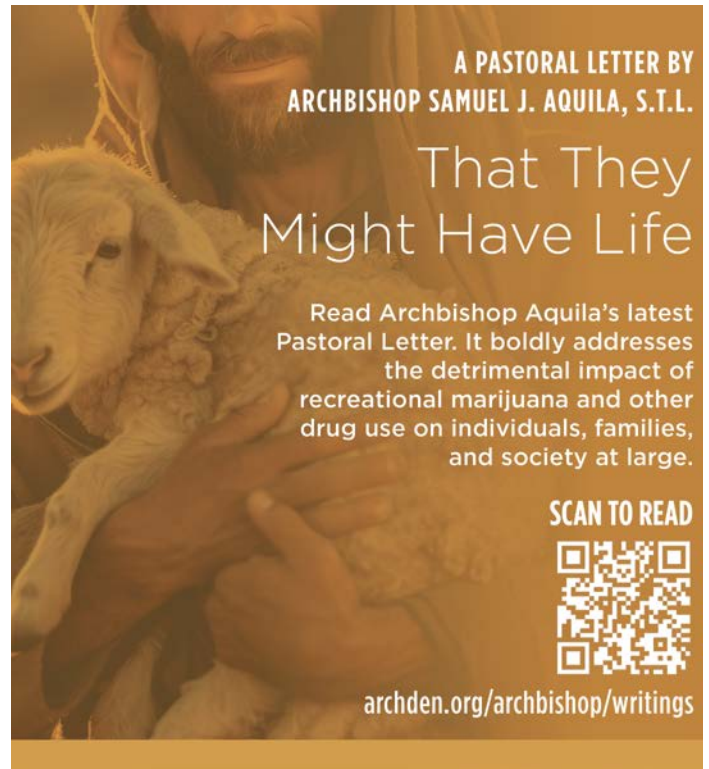
Book of the Dead

**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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A PASTORAL LETTER BY
ARCHBISHOP SAMUEL J. AQUILA, S.T.L.

That They Might Have Life

Read Archbishop Aquila's latest Pastoral Letter. It boldly addresses the detrimental impact of recreational marijuana and other drug use on individuals, families, and society at large.

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