

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

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

## Second 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: 11:30 AM – 12:00 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



January 14, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

On Tuesday, January 16, classes resume at our Campus. This last week has been quiet between SEEK and the beginning of class. Taking advantage of that, we've decided to continue cleaning the Church's floor and installing "rubber feet" on the pews.

Bro. Francis, Trey, and the FOCUS missionaries worked tirelessly every afternoon to make it happen. While the work is not yet finished, they were able to make significant progress. I am very grateful to them!

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep you under her mantle filled with stars.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC



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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

One of the oldest qualifications by which Christians were called was – and we find it in the epistles of Saint Paul – that of “called,” “summoned.” “You who are called,” Paul writes to Timothy. And it is the denomination that has become classic to designate all Christians. “Ekklesiazo” means in Greek: “to summon,” “to call,” and “ekklēsia” – “church-” which, from that verb derives, means, precisely, “those summoned,” “the called.”

Being a Christian means, first of all, that, among the millions and millions of human beings that populate the times and spaces of history, God addresses some and, choosing them, calls them.

To be called, therefore, to have a “vocation” is what is typical of a Christian. And the first and last of the readings that we have heard today deal with that call, that vocation.

Ordinary men, immersed in their daily tasks, not particularly distinguished by any talent or particular virtue, are suddenly chosen by God, separated from the common masses, and called to share a life and a mission.

And that’s all Christians. Not only those who today are said to have a religious or priestly “vocation,” which are nothing but specific and particularized vocations within the great Church. Each and every one of the baptized has been “named” and “called.”

The primordial and great vocation is the one that, separating us from the purely human category, introduces us into the family of “the intimate ones” of God. It separates us from the rest and constitutes us as the privileged ones God adopts as his sons and knights, battle companions of Christ.

A vocation that is not a call through massive megaphone advertisements, posters posted on walls, or social media ads, but always constitutes a personal, intimate, exclusive call in which God addresses each one of us by name: “Samu-

el, Samuel.”

This calling, or “naming,” wants to remove us from the inconsistency and falsification of worldly life, but it also wants to change us inside: “Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham.”

This vocation transforms, changes, and sets in motion in our souls the dynamism of a conversion capable of reaching holiness. This personal calling addressed to the deepest conscience of the individual radically modifies his existence, not only in his external conditions and behavior, but even in his heart, making him – or at least enabling him to become – a new man: “man deified.”

The response to this calling is difficult because it cuts us off from the world. But it takes us from the impersonal, numerical, and nameless to the encounter with Someone, not with a doctrine, an ideology, or a theory, but with Someone. An encounter mediated and towards communion with others.

Let us have the courage to answer the calling of Christ to holiness, to friendship with him, to be children of God. This calling will imply separating us from pride, selfishness, and the world’s insatiable thirst for riches and pleasure. But it will enable us to fulfill our heart’s deepest desires for love, truth, peace, and joy.

“We have discovered the Messiah!” “Eurékeman (remember Archimedes’ “eureka”?) ton messiah!” says Andrew. And at the same time, he finds his brother Simon and takes him to meet Jesus. And he looks at him and calls him, names him – changes his name; “You will be called Cephas, Peter.”

Thus, God calls, not through hidden voices or anonymous inspirations, but through witnesses: John to his disciples, Andrew to Peter, Philip to Nathanael. Let us imitate Andrew and Philip by inviting many others to come and meet the Lord.

# SEEK24 Testimony

**H**i everyone! My name is Hannah, and I am so excited to be sharing my SEEK testimony with y'all again this year! I am blessed to have attended my second SEEK conference in St. Louis. I couldn't have imagined a more fun and faith filled week!

Unlike last SEEK, I didn't have a plan of what I wanted to learn or what I wanted to do each day. I let my heart just pull me to whatever I wanted to do at that moment in time and God used that freedom to work with my heart and fill it with

happiness. I loved singing and dancing with my friends, and praising the Lord for everything He has done. I loved the one-on-one moments with Jesus where we got to just talk about life. I loved the late nights of just sitting there as I was ready to sleep and saying "wow this is just

awesome". So much love for that entire week and I thank the Lord for all of that, and so grateful that He took my empty calendar and filled it with his events He had already planned for me.

There were so many memories and things I learned, but there are a few things that stuck out to me. I found that Jesus used this conference to teach me about myself. One of the speakers for the women's session said, "maybe all the things that you thought made you, isn't the real you".

This stuck with me a lot because I have been working hard to find myself as I go throughout college. God reminded me that at my core, I am a princess of the Lord who was crafted to have courage and strength and that no one and nothing can take that away from me.

Another thing I learned was how to live simply. To slow down and live in God's love language of silence. Though this amazing life is crazy sometimes, God speaks in clarity. When we take the time to live simply and enjoy everything that we

are given, we can live with greater love. It is hard sometimes to break the habit of wanting to always have something going on. Anyone that knows me knows that I am always busy, or I will find something to do so that I will become busy. Taking what I have learned, I would like to learn to

live simply so that I may be able to put more life and love into the things that God is calling me to.

Thank you for allowing me to share my SEEK experience with you, and I would like to thank everyone that I got to experience this conference with for helping me to grow and bringing me so much joy. It was the swoodaliest week ever!

Swoodal Adjective - something that is incredible, amazing, life changing, and good for the soul.



## Campus Outreach

### Sports

Mondays: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### Free Lunch & 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

## SEEK Reunion

**SEEK Reunion**  
**Saturday,**  
**January 20th, 5:00 PM**  
**Adoration**  
**Dinner**  
**Talk: *How to Further***  
***Your Spiritual Life***  
***After SEEK***



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## Weekend Silent Retreat

Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

**University Students**  
from all campuses in Colorado

*Preached by Fr. Martin Latiff, MC,  
and Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC.*

**February 2-4, 2024**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**



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## 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.



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