

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Staff

Very Reverend Samuel Morehead, Pastor

Reverend Richard Castro Huergo, MC  
[frichard@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:frichard@stelizabethdenver.org)

Reverend Martin Latiff, MC  
[frmartin@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:frmartin@stelizabethdenver.org)

Lisa McMahon-Griffen, Business Manager  
[lisa@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:lisa@stelizabethdenver.org)

Trey Turner, Maintenance

January 21, 2024

### 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



Dear brothers and sisters,

As we prepare for our first Silent Retreat for College Students in Colorado, Bro. Francis (“Bro. Fro,” as baptized by the students) gave a great talk on Thursday about the interior dispositions for making a retreat. These virtues are essential before starting a retreat, but they really apply to our whole spiritual lives.

Bro. Fro talked about humility, magnanimity, and trust. Before starting a retreat, we need humility to see the truth: who we are and who the Lord is. Humility to acknowledge that we need help and the mercy of the Lord; we still have lots of work to do in our journey. Humility to be open to the work of the Lord during the retreat.

Magnanimity, comes from the latin “magna anima,” big soul. It is a disposition of generosity to do great things for the Lord. The Holy Spirit will probably challenge us during the retreat to make some changes for good. The virtue of magnanimity enables us to be open to whatever the Lord is going to ask.

Finally, Bro. Francis talked about trust. While with humility, we see our nothingness, our weakness, with the virtue of trust, we look at God, who is almighty and loves us. He is able and willing to help us in our spiritual life. With him, we can do all things.

In this bulletin edition, Maddie Lawrence has written a moving account of her first experience at the SEEK conference. Her account has many thought-inspiring insights. I hope you find them helpful, too.

May our Lady of Guadalupe keep you in the crossing of her arms.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

1060 St Francis Way, Denver, CO 80204 – Located in the Auraria Campus  
[info@stelizabethdenver.org](mailto:info@stelizabethdenver.org) – (303) 534-4014 – [www.stelizabethdenver.org](http://www.stelizabethdenver.org)

# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Indeed, the historical Nineveh, the capital of the bloodthirsty Assyrian empire, starting with the Sennacherib kingdom at the end of the 8th century, was a vast city: its walls had a perimeter of seven and a half miles. Even so, it seems exaggerated that it took three days to explore it.

The fact is that the book of Jonah, a fragment we heard in the first reading - Jonah is the well-known character swallowed by the whale - is a fictional story, a didactic fable, composed many years after the supposed events. It was recounted in the second or third century BC when Nineveh was already a memory, a pile of rubble almost covered by sand. In fact, in the year 612 BC, Nineveh, with its regime of terror, had fallen to the assault of the Medes and Babylonians who plundered and devastated it.

However, for the Hebrew people, Nineveh, almost like Babylon, was synonymous with the impious city, enemy of God, and oppressor of the people of Israel. It was a symbol of the perversity of men.

And from there comes the strength of the teaching of the story of Jonah: even those men, unimaginably evil, in the face of Jonah's preaching, in the face of the word of God, are capable of conversion. And, in the story, it is tacit that, on the contrary, the people of Israel, familiar with that word and perhaps precisely for this reason, too accustomed to it, become deaf to God's message.

When we hear the word conversion, the stories of the great converts of history immediately come to mind: Saint Paul and Saint Augustine. However, if we listen carefully to the gospel, the call to conversion - in which Mark summarizes the core of Christ's preaching today - does not have to do only with great sinners but with all his

listeners.

Therefore, speaking of 'conversion to the gospel' must mean something more than simply going from a disorganized and immoral life to a measured and honest one.

In fact, the original Greek word behind our term 'conversion' is the verb 'metanoeo,' which literally means 'to change one's mind,' or, in other words, 'to change one's point of view,' 'to replace goals and purposes.' It has more to do with the interior, the way of looking, judging, and seeing, than with the exterior and even with acting.

We must believe in the gospel, look at things through the eyes of Jesus, adopt God's scale of values in our judgments and reasoning, become familiar with the life of the saints, and bathe our brains in the fresh, clean water of Jesus. While we continue doing the same things as always, living the same legitimate joys or facing the same problems. Still, our lives will change if we do it from Jesus and for Jesus.

We may be good people, but we might be missing the genuine desire to become a saint, to live life only for Jesus. Let us continue doing everything we do and avoiding what we should avoid, but all done for the love of Jesus. Doesn't it change things to do them for the love of our families or children? Won't doing everything we do for the love of Jesus transform our lives? Wouldn't it be different, not simply to be good, but to clearly set our goal on holiness, on the urgency of the kingdom that is coming, on the desire to give ourselves totally to God, to follow him, to be his disciple, to go deeper and deeper into his friendship?

# SEEK24 Testimony

## Madison Lawrence

**H**i everyone, I'm Maddie! I was blessed with the opportunity to attend SEEK24 this year in St. Louis with St. Elizabeth's and the Auraria Catholic group. This was my second time going to SEEK. Last year I met some of my now best friends at SEEK, so getting to go with them this year was amazing.

I went into the week hoping to learn and grow in my faith and that was exactly what happened.

Many of the talks I went to felt like they were made specifically for me. The Lord opened my heart and mind to receive His word and to see what parts of my life need changing.

The first women's talk resonated with me the most. Carrie Wagner talked about what it means to be a woman. She said, "Sometimes the things we think are our identity are not." It made me realize that I often attach my identity to things of this world when I should first identify myself as a daughter of God. This was the first time I had heard this sentiment.

This was an eye-opening concept for me. Just as my dad on Earth delights in me, my Heavenly Father delights in me and wants to know me. This means coming to Him as I am, imperfect and in need of His love. As with any relationship, vulnerability is key in letting God get to know you. This SEEK I began to be vulnerable and honest with God in my prayer life. I began to seek out His love and be more open to

His will in my life.

In receiving His love, I was also able to give love to the men and women from our campus who came to SEEK. From concerts in the car to late nights talking about our faith and prayer life, getting to know them more and growing in friendship was my favorite part of SEEK. The opportunity to take the love I have received and share it with them was beautiful. I enjoyed that

people felt comfortable being vulnerable and sharing their hearts with me. It was a unique experience to be able to grow in such deep friendship in only a week. I also enjoyed opening up to others and receiving their feedback and advice. It brought me a great sense of belonging to know that others have had similar experiences in their faith journey. I know the friendships I both made and strengthened at SEEK will be some of the best in my life.

I look forward to continuing to grow in my prayer life and in my identity as a daughter of God. The array of knowledge I gained at

SEEK will help me continue to grow, but the friends I made at SEEK will push me to grow. It was a blessing to go to SEEK and if I had to describe the whole week in one word, it would be swoodal.

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



## Campus Outreach

Coffee and Hot Chocolate

Tuesdays: 9:00 AM

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

## Upcoming Events

**Feb 2-4**  
**Silent Retreat**  
**for College Students**

**Feb 11, 4:00 pm**  
**Superbowl Party**

**Feb 14, Ash Wednesday**  
**Masses**  
**12:15 pm and 5:00 pm**



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stelizabethdenver/>



## 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



Retreat Fee: \$50 | Sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Catholic Student Center

For more information & to register: 303-800-8337  
[colorado@spiritualexercises.net](mailto:colorado@spiritualexercises.net) | [MilesChristi.org/spiritual-exercises](https://MilesChristi.org/spiritual-exercises)

## 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.



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stelizabethdenver/>