

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Second Sunday of Lent

Staff

Very Reverend Samuel Morehead, Pastor

Reverend Richard Castro Huergo, MC
frichard@stelizabethdenver.org

Reverend Martin Latiff, MC
frmartin@stelizabethdenver.org

Lisa McMahon-Griffen, Business Manager
lisa@stelizabethdenver.org

Trey Turner, Maintenance

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



February 25, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday, we started our Lenten bible study on the Eucharist, called “Presence.” It is a short series of five sessions, which you can find on the FORMED platform (www.formed.org) of the Augustin Institute. All parishioners at St. E’s have free access to this platform through the Cathedral Basilica. You just need to log in with an email of your own and say that you belong to the Cathedral.

The first session was quite fruitful. Something that caught my attention is that God reveals himself to Moses in the Old Testament, saying, “I AM who I am (Ex 3:14).” But he also says, “I AM with you (Ex 3:12).” God is not just “being,” but “being present to you.” In other words, the Lord delights in being with us. He delights so much in it that he wants to stay with us in the Eucharist until the end of time. Please join us this Sunday for the second session!

We are making some upgrades on the first floor of the friary. A few weeks ago we replaced the fridge, which showed signs of rust. We are also replacing thermostats throughout the building. This will enable us to save quite a bit on our energy bill.

We have also started to pray the Stations of the Cross after Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will continue this practice throughout Lent.

Finally, last Thursday, we had another Women’s Night for college students. About 20 female students attended the event. The topic for the night was “Relationships.” Dany Aguirre talked about relationships with God and friends. Afterward, they watched a talk by Emily Wilson on “Dating and Waiting.”

May our Lady of Guadalupe show us in prayer the comforting transfigured face of her Son.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Richard, MC

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

Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

The Church fought courageously against the iconoclasts in the 9th century. They were against any veneration of images and icons. It was not only a matter of preserving venerable customs, works of art, or forms of devotion; the very truth of the incarnation was at stake: Jesus, true God, and true man. As perfect man, full image of God, icon of God, as St. Paul says. We can read everything we know about the invisible God in the visible face of Jesus. To condemn images was like denying the incarnation.

In the Transfiguration, many theologians discovered the mystery of the incarnation. For a moment the nature of God, metamorphosing Jesus Christ and enveloping Him in symbolic whiteness, became transparent in Him. The cloud, as in the Old Testament, symbolized the Father's presence, and the heaven's voice authenticated his divine sonship. At the same time, Moses and Elijah signified his continuity with the great human family of God's people.

It was as if, for a moment, the glory of the Risen One, which by birth belonged to Jesus Christ and which was as if veiled during his life on earth in order to carry out his redemptive work, was, for those brief moments on Tabor unveiled, so that the disciples could have a glimpse of the profound reality of Christ and could set out with greater strength on the way to the cross.

The luminous and iconic mystery of the incarnation will be fully revealed in the final Resurrection, fleetingly glimpsed in the Transfiguration. In this life, we usually walk by faith, in the way the disciples lived in the very human company of Jesus coming down from the mountain and before the Passover.

With all the obscurities regarding the divine that this entails and even in that incomprehension that, according to the evangelists, Peter himself

experiences, who understands little and who will even come to deny him.

We find moments of Transfiguration, also in our personal lives, prodigious moments that burn the soul and that, in the intimacy of the chosen disciples of the Lord. Have we ever felt this closeness in a retreat, in a moment of prayer, in a jubilant experience of God?

But, after a brief but glorious moment of Tabor, we are usually brought back down to earth, to the asphalt of Denver, the urgency of the exam, the tiredness or anguish of work, the distraction of my many worldly successes or entertainment, the apparent fullness of a successful and satisfied life when, on the contrary, the failures, the nostalgia of unfulfilled illusions, the monotony of life, or simply to insomnia, a headache, little desire to pray, prayer without consolation, without devotion.

It is challenging to remember on that plain, on the way to our own empty tomb, the flashes of the Transfiguration, much less to aspire eagerly to the glory of the Resurrection. "What will it mean to rise from the dead?" we say with Peter, James, and John.

With its call to prayer, Lent invites us to make a special effort to climb with Jesus to the lofty mountain of prayer and look up, in meditation, to the luminous icon of Christ. From this contemplation, we can recognize our faults and what goes wrong in ourselves and our families and draw experience from the past's lights and shadows to amend our mistakes. Being in Mount Tabor enables us to soak ourselves in the light and splendors of the white robe of Jesus, to transfigure ourselves, to become his icons for others, imbued with the sacred image of his life, grateful and faithful sons and daughters.

SEEK24 Testimony

Matt Kopala

During my second time at a seek conference, I didn't come in seeking anything in particular or searching for more than a chance to build my relationship with our Heavenly Father, God.

On the second night, in the Keynote address given by Msgr. Shea, we hear these words, "Comfort and Joy," but we also hear these other kinda darker words too, "feeling, sad, anxious, nervous, or whatever, knowing that there is "something/ someone looking to hunt me or you because of our free will and a yes to God." Hearing those words from Msgr. Shea who referenced himself as the Good Friday priest, didn't just bring a shock thinking about this difficult situation but thinking about our own reality. As a young adult who has been raised Catholic my whole life, during this year's Seek conference, this question is presented in my heart, "Is Christ the center of my life and my comfort and joy? Or is this culture presented in my eyes that center of my life?"

Going on from Msgr. Shea's talk throughout the men's individual sessions, I was able to hear the importance of being a Catholic Man in today's culture and having a brotherhood or community behind me on this faith journey. Dr. Jonathan Reyes talked on the difference from what makes a Man, "A Man," from "A Boy." A Man is interested in Respect, but a boy wants friends. A Man

will finish or do hard tasks; boys, on the other hand, give up when life gets hard.

The question I asked myself is presented in Jn 15:13; "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Do I take on Manhood as a Catholic Man in my life willing to take those words that our Lord gives us, or am I a Man who wants to stay as a Boy and give up when life gets too hard?



Later on, during Seek, I was able to hear talks on finding my vocation and building in fellowship with our faith community here at St. Elizabeth's, but ultimately, I left Seek with a question in my heart, "Am I going to embrace the Lord with Trust and not have fear of the enemy who has my number, knows my name, and wants the worst for me, or am I going to stay a boy and give up when life gets hard from fear or from rejection?"

I left Seek with a greater relationship with the Lord because of sitting in on great talks from Catholics, living their Identity to

the fullest, embracing the cross, and with my community at St. Elizabeth's but also students, priests, brothers, and religious sisters from all around the globe. Spending the start of the new year with 25,000 Catholics going to confession, able to experience the sacraments, but also good truth gave me a chance to say more fully, "Yes, Lord, you are my Comfort and Joy."

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

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays and Fridays
after 12:15 PM Mass
during Lent

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.



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

Silent Retreat for Men



Weekend Silent Retreat

Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

College Students

from all campuses in Colorado

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

April 19-21, 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 | MilesChristi.org/spiritual-exercises

Eucharistic Bible Study

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

www.formed.org

Bible Study
Sundays After Mass
February 18 and 25
March 3, 17, and 24



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