

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

A Mission Church of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Dear brothers and sisters,

I'm writing these lines on my flight to Costa Rica for the mission trip.

Please find the full schedule for Holy Week on the back of this bulletin. Keep in mind that we have added some times for confessions on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We have also included some new activities for this year.

I pray that our students will enjoy a well-deserved rest this Spring Break. Our FOCUS missionaries and three of our students are going on a mission trip with Christ in the City to the streets of Denver. They will serve our friends on the streets for the whole week. We look forward to hearing about their experience upon their return to St. E's. In the meantime, we keep them in our prayers.

Our boiler decided to act up on Wednesday and Thursday during a challenging, cold, and snowy couple of days. It started to shut down randomly. Apparently, a safety mechanism would fail, and the boiler would shut down.

I want to thank Trey and Frank, from "100% service," for their dedication, and generosity. Without them, St. E's would have turned into a freezer, and the missionaries, students, and priests, into ice cubes :(.

As we reflect this Sunday on how the splendor of God is manifested in Christ's life, especially in his Passion, and Resurrection, I want to compliment St. Elizabeth's community for the work at the Sandwich Line. This work of love makes me see Jesus in those who serve and those who are served. May we never tire of loving Christ in those in need!

I implore the intercession of Maria de Guadalupe over each one of you, your families, jobs, and friends.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Richard, MC



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Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

Sacred Scripture uses the term ‘holy,’ ‘kadosh’ in Hebrew, to manifest God’s transcendence from the world and natural forces. Our Christian liturgy, takes up the words written by the prophet Isaiah: “Holy, Holy, Holy!”, “Other, Other, Other!” God is not any natural phenomenon, he is not the whole of the universe that we see, he is not any idol made by the hands of man, he is neither wealth, nor power, nor sex that pagans worship, but he is something that is ‘beyond’ everything earthly.

That holiness, that separation, that abyss of being that exists between the world and God is only a ‘starting point.’ God wants to bridge that distance. God does not create the world and man to leave them enclosed in their limits, in finite space and time, but to, from there, make man reach the ‘Holiness’ of God.

And how does the ‘totally other and separate’ approach the human being? How does the hidden reveal itself, the unfathomable begin to be comprehensible, the infinite manifest itself in the limited? The Hebrews, in Scripture, answer: by a kind of irradiation, of iridescence, of magnetism, of radioactivity, of ‘radiance’ that this Other brings to the human being and gradually reveals his ‘kadosh,’ his ‘holiness,’ his ‘otherness’.

The Hebrews called this manifesting radiance ‘kabod,’ which is the Hebrew word that we translate imprecisely as “glory”.

When we say then: ‘the world has been made for the glory of God’, what we mean is not ‘for the applause of God,’ but ‘so that through the world, man may recognize and enjoy as it were the splendor of God’.

God who, little by little, wants to make himself known to man, so that man, one day, may come to enjoy his own holiness. That is to say, the ‘Glory of God’ is what makes the totally Other, the Holy, manifest, reveal itself, open itself to the human being.

Hence, for the Hebrews, not only ‘creation’ is for the glory of God, but, above all, ‘God’s saving interventions’ in favor of his people.

Isaiah and Ezekiel were already expecting a definitive manifestation of the kabod, of the glory, which will allow Israel to finally take refuge in divine holiness.

And that is the context in which we must understand our Gospel today, when the verb ‘to glorify’ is used. For Jesus Christ is precisely ‘the supreme manifestation of God to man,’ he is the final message, he is the plenary revelation, as we can now understand it. ‘The hour is coming’ when the power and holiness of God, which have been manifested in Jesus Christ, will be fully revealed in the Cross and Resurrection, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again”. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified,” “Father glorify your name...”

It is not at all, then, that the Father or Jesus are going to be praised or applauded, but the time is coming when, finally, God is going to open Himself totally to man. God is going to offer his being, his ‘holiness’, beyond the limits of the universe and the human, to man.

The supreme hour of Easter opens our gaze to the unfathomable, hidden divine being, and shows us that his very essence is surrender, love, self-giving. That is why his holiness is glory for man.

To learn to discover his glory precisely when in death and suffering the idols of this world fall and the universe of mankind shows its precariousness and its destiny of nothingness, is to open oneself to the sanctifying action of God, is to learn to discover the meaning of Easter, is to be ready to surrender the life of this world in the service of Christ, to keep it in eternity, when we will be in the fullness of glory.

Thursdays at St. E's



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.



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Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26

No Mass at St. Elizabeth's
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (11:00 AM)

Holy Thursday, March 28

6:45 - 7:15 PM Confessions
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:45 PM Potluck Dinner Celebrating the Priesthood
Eucharistic Vigil until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29

10:00 AM - 11:45 AM Confessions
11:15 AM Stations of the Cross
12:00 PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
1:15 PM Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
2:00 PM The Passion of the Christ Movie

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass
Toast and Cake to Celebrate Easter and the Newly Baptized

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 AM Easter Day Mass
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass

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



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