

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

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

## Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

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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



March 31, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Easter! May the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts and minds.

During Spring Break, a group of missionaries and students spend a whole week experiencing Christ in the City in Denver.

Anais Gallegos, one of the students participating in the experience, has written a testimony we publish in this bulletin. Please take a moment to read it. May it inspire you as it inspired me.

The FOCUS missionaries said this experience helped them better understand our friends in the streets and will greatly enhance their ministry at St. E's Sandwich Line.

This week, it was a joy to welcome back our students from their restful break.

On Holy Thursday, it was such a blessing to receive the Holy Oils from three of our students: Hannah, Sandra, and Maddie. At the beginning of Mass, they processed with the oils Archbishop Aquila blessed at the Cathedral last Tuesday during the Chrism Mass.

After Mass on Thursday, we had a potluck-style dinner. We had a large amount of students attending. Afterward, we spent time accompanying Jesus in the reserve of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Anthony's altar in our Church.

On Friday, about 40 people participated in the Stations of the Cross outside by the columns. Immediately after that, we celebrated the Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord.

Later, we shared some soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, and watched the Passion of the Christ movie.

May our Lady of Guadalupe put us close to her Risen Son.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Richard, MC

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# Gospel Reflection Corner

By Fr. Richard Castro Huergo, MC

**T**oday the Church once again joyfully recalls the glorious event of Easter. God who, since Christmas, has wanted to accompany mankind in the ups and downs of human life, and even more, to accompany us in the saddest, most painful and most fearful aspects of human life - all of which he threw himself upon Calvary - today shows us the goal of all this painful journey.

To so many human beings who are lost, anguished by the lack of meaning in their lives; or to those who are running after goals which, even when they are achieved, rush to the ineluctable limit of death, today Christ shows them that all this can and must be, in faith, the path to fulfillment and triumph.

Even more, he shows them that in this world there is only a way, a passage, never a goal, a final destination. Because the only goal is beyond time, and every end that we propose for this short history of our earthly existence - like the road signs that seemed so far away and that, suddenly, as in a flap of the wings, are quickly left behind - is a vain and passing end which, once we have arrived, we must soon leave behind.

But Christ today tells us that life - even the most painful and apparently vain - is not a road that leads nowhere, pure time that slips away like sand through our fingers, but, in Jesus, a path that leads to eternity.

The tomb is empty. John and Peter arrive there, running. And, says the gospel, when the second disciple entered, 'he saw and believed.'

They have lived three years together; they have shared hours and hours at the master's side. They have drunk his teachings; they have been amazed at the power of his miracles; they have been conquered by his goodness and courage and yet, only now, even that disciple whom Je-

sus loved most, the one who had leaned on his heart at the last supper, only now, he says, 'saw and believed.' At last he 'believed.'

And yes, we are Christians only if we accept the truth of this event that gives a new explanation to the whole history of the universe and of man: the Resurrection.

We are not Christians if we only accept or admire the moral teachings of Jesus; if we comply with his ethics; if we are philanthropists and help our neighbor; if we are defenders of justice; if we fulfill our duties; if we even try to imitate Jesus. All that is fine, of course, but it is not enough. The important thing is to believe in the Resurrection: that is what we hear Peter preach in the first reading (Acts 10:34-43).

That is the Christian: the one who, through the faith received in baptism and lived in hope and charity, is connected with the Life that Christ radiates to the universe from his transformed and glorified humanity.

No. It is not only a new way of proceeding that Christ teaches us, a way of behaving, an ethical improvement of individuals and societies, but a transfusion of the new Life that He has conquered in the Resurrection.

If we truly believe in the risen Christ and, through the Church and her sacraments, where His power is made present, we connect with Him, even in the midst of our mediocrity and weaknesses, His divine Life is already beating in us, which no sickness, failure or death can take away -only sin-. And already, too, in us, the germ is at work that will victoriously pass through the Passover or death of our human life with all its great and small struggles and that will bloom one day forever in our own happy Resurrection.

# Christ in the City Mission Trip

## by Anais Gallegos

Hey guys, my name is Anais and this lenten season I did not expect to go on a mission trip at all, let alone something I had not done my research on. However, trust me when I say that God really pushed me in the right direction, and not too far from St. Elizabeth's either as it took place in Denver! Impulsively I signed up last minute, but looking back at it, I wouldn't change this experience with Christ in the City for the world.

In all honesty, I felt uneasy going on this trip, not because I was scared of what I would encounter but because I'm so used to being comfortable. The first day seemed overwhelming since I was blind to what God was trying to show me because I was only thinking with my mind. Through the help of morning and evening prayers, I talked to the Lord, asking him to let me open my heart and ears to receive the fruits for the week to allow me to show others his love that he so graciously gives to us and to see the light in others.

There was one talk about mercy throughout the week that really touched my heart because it perfectly captured what kind of torment I was feeling at the beginning and it was called suffering. One special encounter I had with a friend named Michael was on Tuesday right in front of the Cathedral when my street leader and I asked him how his day was going and he started crying. He mentioned he was having a really rough

day and that he was hungry. In desperation, I turned to my bag and took out all the snacks I had, but before I could do that, another friend came by, hugged him, told him it was just a bad day, and proceeded to give him a paper lunch bag and was off. And at that moment, I had never felt so helplessly useless and broken that I couldn't give this man any more than my mere presence, which didn't seem like much at the time, but throughout the week I learned meant a lot. This is because we are all deserving of being loved, seen, and heard regardless of who you

are. As Mother Teresa put it simply, we are living in poverty, all of us, spiritually, and when we see that loneliness is a cry for love can we share our brothers and sisters sufferings together in community and see it as a gift. And as I was able to see Michael on my last street ministry, he brought me peace and hope, once again in front of the Cathedral as we both turned towards the sky to hear the church bells

strike as God was calling on us before mass.

All in all, I am so grateful for this trip and for the missionaries from CIC and Auraria. It was great "wasting time" with people, growing in sisterhood with my girls, and encountering so many loving friends. I now know who my patron saint for confirmation will be, any guesses? Well, if you didn't already know, it will be St. Teresa of Calcutta, and I hope this inspires you to find your own Calcutta.



## 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

## 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*

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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.



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

## Upcoming CORDA Events

### Swingin' Sundays Returns

When: Sunday April 7th at 8 pm

Where: Knight's Hall

Who: For young adults ages 18-30's

We look forward to joyfully celebrating  
the Resurrection of Our Lord together!



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