

You have a rich
and interesting history. Our beautiful
chapel does, too.



Christ the King Chapel

The Gardens at St. Elizabeth's historic chapel is the centerpiece of this community. Offering daily Mass and Rosary, the chapel is also open to residents who want to spend time in its peaceful solitude. When visiting our community, please stop by the chapel. Then you'll understand why we say, "Our chapel is filled with 100 years of prayers."

- 1894:** What is now The Gardens at St. Elizabeth was originally constructed as the Oakes Home, a tuberculosis sanatorium. It was built by the Reverend Frederick Oakes, an Episcopalian Minister.
- 1897:** Christ the King Chapel (originally named Chapel of Our Merciful Savior) was built in the Colonial Revival style.
- 1934:** The TB sanatorium was closed. Attempts were made to treat those suffering from other illnesses. The project failed, and the building was again closed in 1941.
- 1943:** The Sisters of St. Francis purchased the Oakes Home property from the Episcopalian Diocese of Colorado. It was used as the Motherhouse for the Sisters and was named St. Joseph Convent.
- 1954:** The Sisters moved their Motherhouse to the site of the Modern Woodmen of America Sanatorium in Colorado Springs. The Sisters then moved the residents from Mount Elizabeth Retreat in Morrison, Colorado — a home for the aged, which the Sisters operated — to the vacated Motherhouse and named it St. Elizabeth Retreat.



- 1974:** Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a new three-story building to be erected on the site east of the Chapel.
- 1975:** Residents were moved from St. Elizabeth Retreat (the old Oakes Home) to the new structure, consisting of 198 units, which was named St. Elizabeth Center. The Oakes Home was then demolished, but the Chapel was preserved.
- 1975:** The Chapel, called Christ the King Chapel, was named a historic landmark of the City of Denver by Historic Denver, Inc.
- 1987:** On March 26, groundbreaking ceremonies took place for the erection of a 14-story building with 144 apartments west of the Chapel.
- 1988:** In August, the new structure was opened for occupancy and dedicated on September 11. The name was changed to The Gardens at St. Elizabeth.
- 1997:** Christ the King Chapel Centennial.

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