

From the Pastor's Desktop:

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Mass Every Sunday: I invite you wholeheartedly to an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday for the first 50 people, on a first come, first served basis. The Mass will be held in the School parking lot. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing. As we worship together, let's be acutely attentive to protecting one another from the virus.

The Purpose of Our Gathering Together: It would be a joy and a blessing, a grace and a privilege, for us to gather together for Mass to pray for our needs, give thanks to God for all the blessings, seek forgiveness from God and one another---and keep the memory of Jesus. May we be united with Jesus and one another in the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus says: "Remain in me as I remain in you." Let's dwell in each other's hearts and respond to the invitations we receive in the Word of God.

Prayers are Urgent for These Needs: Let's keep these needs specially in our minds and hearts: 1. All those affected by Covid-19. 2. All those who are on the frontlines of caring for those affected by Covid. 3. All those affected by the wildfires. 4. All those who are affected by racial disharmony. 5. For healing, common sense, and discernment in choosing the leaders God wants us to have as we face the elections in the next few weeks.

Thank You: Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth Parish through your financial donations, even though we have been caught up in the Covid for months now. Your generous good will toward our parish is much appreciated.

Also, I'd like to thank all those who have been volunteering in setting up the Sunday Masses and those who have been helping clean up and upgrade the facilities. I'm both impressed and inspired by the generosity of your time and talents.

A Request to Avoid Harm to Parish: I am going to be honest here: I have received complaints from some of you that someone from our parish has been dropping in your mailboxes misinformation about the parish and our ministries. Such things do damage to the unity and harmony of a faith community. Whoever is doing it: please refrain from such things. They are harmful to the life of a parish. If you have anything you'd like to talk to me about, you are always welcome to come see me and share your concerns. But hiding behind anonymous, negative, harmful letters is childish and immature. You do not have the parishioners' permission to drop such misinformation in their mailboxes!

First Communion and Confirmation: October 11 onwards, I'll be doing an extra Mass on Sundays to celebrate the parish First Communions and Confirmations. More information later. If you have any questions, please call the parish office (Patti Spiteri) or Lily Codd.

God's blessings: Wising you all God's abundant blessings of peace and joy, faith and love, hope and health! Let's keep praying for each other.

Your Friend & Pastor,

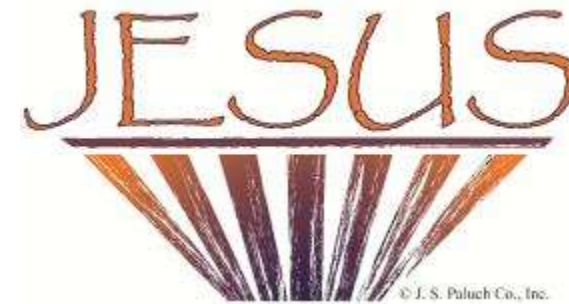
Fr. Charles Puthota

09/27/2020

September 27, 2020

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

— *Philippians 2:5*



FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:00 am

Tuesday

8:00 am

Wednesday

8:00 am

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am

Friday

8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

September 28

† John Sant

September 29

Garibaldi Family

September 30

Communion Service

† Marc Valledor

October 1

† Giovanni Rossi

October 2

† Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri,

† Tessy Spiteri Lencioni

October 3

† Jewell Coccellato

† Sam Fernandez

October 4

People of the Parish

† Froreino and † Delia Gemignani

† Jovito I. Cruz

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection September 20, 2020

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00

Sunday Collection \$ 2,395.00

Over / Under \$ 2,605.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system.

We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)

Faith Formation

(Faith Formation formerly known as Religious Education/CCD)

Registrations are now open for grades Pre k through 8th grade. Forms are available online at www.stelizabethsf.org or at the parish office. For more information, call Lily Codd Director of Religious Education at 650-771-3176.

