

From the Pastor's Desktop

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Latest Information on Sunday Masses: Coming Sunday October 04, as we had the last two Sundays, there will be a Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the school yard. **Up to 200 people are allowed.** Please do let your families and friends know. Let's observe all the safety protocols. If you have a need for the hand sanitizer, please do bring your own. Obviously, masks and social distancing are mandatory. The weather forecast is: 68 degrees F. Please dress appropriately.

Weekday Masses Starting: Monday October 5th onwards, I'll be celebrating a Mass at 8:00 a.m. every day in the Church. Only 25% capacity, which will be 100 people for our church, will be allowed for our indoor Masses. Please do come join, if you are able to.

Mass Saturday Oct. 3rd with the Archbishop: To observe the originally planned Rosary Rally and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Archbishop will be celebrating a vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. coming Saturday October 3rd in the Cathedral grounds. Before the Mass, there will be a candle-light procession from St. Anthony of Padua Church to the Cathedral. After the Mass, the rosary will be recited. Everyone is welcome to join!

Please Continue Supporting St. Elizabeth Parish: As I have said, I'm edified and inspired by your weekly donations to our parish. Despite the Covid reality all around us, you are amazing in your love for the parish and the continued support you give. Thank you!

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: October 4th is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of our own city of San Francisco. If there could only be a few people who practice Christianity as Francis did, the world would be completely transformed. Francis' simplicity, poverty, humility, love of other religions, love of all creation, love of Christ---all these inspire us to become more authentic human beings and Christians. Our Pope who has taken on the name of St. Francis is making the spirituality of the saint concrete for us by the values and vision he is sharing with the Church and the world. May our beloved saint inspire and lead us to love God, people, and the whole of creation!

First Communion and Confirmation: Sunday October 11 onwards, there will be a second Mass at 11:30 a.m. **ONLY** for the families of First Communion and Confirmation children. I'm so looking forward to giving the children First Communion and the boys and girls the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let's keep them all in our prayers.

The Word of God: In the second reading today (Philippians, chapter 4) Paul gives this powerfully eloquent suggestion, which is one of my favorite passages in the Bible: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Let's meditate on these words and see how we could respond.

Let's Keep Praying For: All those affected by Covid, the wildfires, and the racial conflicts. Let's pray also for the looming elections and for discernment to choose the leaders according to the mind and heart of Christ.

Thank you, Volunteers!: I commend the many volunteers who have been helping recently in various ways in our parish. Thank you! Your generosity with time and talents is much admired and appreciated.

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.
10/04/2020

Mass Intentions

Monday 8:00 am	October 5 †Annie Cruz
Tuesday 8:00 am	October 6 † Joseph I. and † Michelina Bosso
Wednesday 8:00 am	October 7 † Marc Valledor
Thursday 8:00 am	October 8 † Ray Garibaldi
Friday 8:00 am	October 9 † Carmela Sapiano
Saturday 8:00 am	October 10 † John Sant
4:30 pm	† Ray Garibaldi
Sunday 7:30 am	October 11 †Manuel Icban
9:30 am	† Remo Pierinelli
11:30 am	People of the Parish

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

After much consideration and consulting with parishioners, it has been decided that the Wednesday 7:00 pm Mass will be moved to 8 am. Any intentions scheduled for 7:00 pm Wednesday will be moved to 8:00 am Wednesday.

Sunday Collection September 27, 2020

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,126.00
Over / Under	\$ 1,874.00

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.)**

The Parish office will be closed on Monday October 12th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2020

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
— *Philippians 4:6*



THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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