

## From the Pastor's Desktop

### A Message from Father Charles Puthota 03-21-2021



#### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021:** As I write this blog on March 17, we have so far collected \$19,234. That is almost 50% of our goal of 40K. We have now completed four weeks of campaign. Please give early and generously so that we can complete our goal and don't have to worry or talk about it for the rest of the year. Thank you to all who have given this year to AAA. Those who gave \$25 and above have their names in the bulletin. Some of you have given 1% and more, that is, \$400 and more. Thank you. Last Sunday, Antonia Velasco spoke about her connection with our parish and the Archdiocese and the need to give to AAA. Thank you. The vision of AAA is the mission. The mission of Jesus Christ in our Archdiocese, to proclaim him and further God's Kingdom here in our own Archdiocese.

**Lent Continues:** We are in the fifth week of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the Sunday after that is Easter. This sacred season of spirituality and simplicity, of compassion and caring, of penance and perseverance, continues. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday ushering in the Holy Week. I invite everyone to participate in the paschal mysteries celebrated at our parish. When Easter comes, we will have journeyed with Christ through his trials and tribulations.

**A Lenten Longing:** "Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you! Lo, you were within, but I outside, seeking there for you, and upon the shapely things you have made I rushed headlong - I, misshapen. You were with me, but I was not with you. They held me back far from you, those things which would have no being, were they not in you."  
— St. Augustine

**New Sound System:** When you are in the church next time, check out the new sound system that's just been installed. If you have any feedback on it, please pass it on to me.

**My Easter Letter:** I'm putting in the mail to all parishioners of St. Elizabeth the Easter letter with the Holy Week schedule. Stay tuned!

**I'm vaccinated!:** Last Tuesday March 16, I got my first dose of Moderna vaccine at Kaiser in South San Francisco. The second dose is going to be on April 13. I hope many of you are getting vaccinated as and when your turn comes up. Please do sign up to check your eligibility. It's Christian virtue to do everything within our power to protect each other and to promote the common good and public health.

#### Some Irish Proverbs and Blessings for St. Patrick's Day,

**March 17:** Wishes to all the Irish and to all who love the Irish! Here are some sayings to celebrate the spirit of the day. 1. It is better to be a coward for a minute than dead for the rest of your life. 2. Do not resent growing old. Many are denied the privilege. 3. Don't fear an ill wind if your haystacks are tied down. 4. A friend's eye is a good mirror. 5. The cat is always dignified until the dog comes by. 6. The man who has luck in the morning has luck in the afternoon. 7. The only sure thing about luck is that it will change. 8. Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art. 9. May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all year long. 10. If it's drowning you're after, don't torment yourself with shallow water. 11. If you buy what you don't need you might have to sell what you do. 12. May misfortune follow you the rest of your life, and never catch up. 13. All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed. 14. It's easy to halve the potato where there's love. 15. Here's to me, and here's to you. And here's to love and laughter. I'll be true as long as you. And not one moment after. 16. Life is like a cup of tea, it's all in how you make it! 17. May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside! 18. Lie down with dogs and you'll rise with fleas. 19. Always remember that hindsight is the best insight to foresight. 20. The older the fiddle the sweeter the tune.

**Jokes:** 1. A pastor was delivering a children's sermon on the proper management of time. He asked the little ones seated on the floor around him, "Can you think of ways in which you waste time? One three-year-old girl replied, "How about taking a bath?" 2. A little boy offered up this simple prayer: "God bless mommy and daddy, my brother and sister; and God, do take care of yourself because if anything happens to you, we're all sunk." 3. A small boy in Faith Formation class described how powerful God is: "God is more powerful than Batman, Superman, and the Lone Ranger put together."

**Wishing you health and happiness, peace and patience, grace and gratitude, love and laughter—today and every day of your life,**

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



### THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.  
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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.  
**Psalms** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalms 130*.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11*.  
**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997

### Sunday Collection March 14, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,833.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,167.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 478.00

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.)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday

8:00 am

### Tuesday

8:00 am

### Wednesday

8:00 am

### 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

### March 22

† Gio Batta Garibaldi

† Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi

### March 23

† Alex Hili

### March 24

† Maria Dolores Oropeza

Carmelita Woo (L)

### March 25

No Intention

### March 26

† Giovanni Rebagliati

### March 27

† Daisy Ramos Daulat

† Manuel Scerri

† Joseph Vella

### March 28

Palm Sunday

People of the Parish

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Please note: All Mass times including Mass intentions were scheduled pre-Covid 19. Currently the only Mass will be Sunday at 10:00 am in the schoolyard parking lot. Weekday Masses are privately celebrated for Mass intentions.**



### Lenten Stations of the Cross

During Lent, every Friday the 8:00 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.



Easter lilies will decorate the church during the Easter season. If you would like to donate, please drop off your Easter lilies to Church after the 8:00 am Mass or to the rectory office during office hours.