

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*

## ***The Sixth Sunday of Easter***

***May 9, 2021***

**Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., Pastor**

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### **Parish Office Hours (New)**

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### **Pandemic Liturgy Schedule**

Sunday **10:00 am (in Church)**  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:00 am  
Holy Day 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

### **Pandemic Confession Schedule**

After the 8:00 am Daily Mass  
Before the 10:00 am Sunday Mass

**Baptism Preparation Classes** Call the Parish Office for more information.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Call the Parish Office at least six months before the desired date.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:15 pm  
or by appointment.

### **Faith Formation -Cantwell Hall**

Saturday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

**Rosary** after the 8:00 am Mass, Monday through Friday in the Church Chapel.

**Benediction and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** Wednesdays after the 8:00 Mass.

***The following are temporarily suspended due to Covid 19:***

**Legion of Mary Meeting** 5:30 pm Monday in the Rectory.

**Second Saturday** after the 4:30 pm Mass: Sto Nino Prayer and Benediction in Mary's Chapel.

**Third Saturday** after the 8 am Mass until 3:30 pm: A day of **Prayer**, (1000 Hail Mary's) **Adoration and Benediction** in the Rectory.

**Light of God Prayer** meeting 7pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at the Rectory.

## From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from Father Charles Puthota  
May 09, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Easter Season:** Hope you are enjoying the mystery of Jesus the Risen Christ walking with us and revealing himself to us this season. His presence will be quiet and subtle, calm and peaceful. We need to be alert and alive not to miss him. He says: "Don't be afraid... Peace be with you." Here are a few sayings about the meaning of Easter: "The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise." --- Carl Knudsen. "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time." --- Martin Luther. "Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals." --- Charles M. Crowe. "Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." --- Floyd W. Tomkins. "He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity." --- Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing." --- Albert Laighton. "Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless." --- Charles M. Crowe

### 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, A Parish

**Celebration:** It is next Sunday May 16 at 11:30 a.m. Mass presided over by Archbishop Cordileone. Let's prayerfully be united in faith and solidarity to celebrate this event. I thank the steering committee for all the arrangements they are making. Congratulations to the Filipino community for their five F's: faith, family, food, friendship, and fun.

**IMPORTANT: Change of Sunday Mass Schedule: Please Note: Next Sunday May 16 onwards Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.**

**Mother's Day:** On the occasion of Mother's Day, may I have the honor of wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers in our parish a Happy and Beautiful Mother's Day? Thank you for being mothers. Thanks to you, we understand what it is to love, nurture, share, and be selfless. Here's something to enjoy and laugh out loud about!

**Lessons from My Mother:** My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning." My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why." My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me." My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident." My

mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about." My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!" My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone." My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it." My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!" My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out." My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!" My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do." My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home." My mother taught me about RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!" My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way." My mother taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?" My mother taught me HUMOUR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me." My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up." My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father." My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?" My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand." And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA):** Our goal is \$40K. To be exact, it is: \$39,425. You have so far donated \$36,734. We are getting close to the threshold of reaching our goal. When the latest numbers are in, I shall let you know. Thank you for your generosity and collaboration. You are amazing. Those who haven't given, please do give as early as possible to make it a success. See your names on the back page of the parish bulletin.

**May, Month of Mary:** "Let us run to her, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." --- Saint Francis de Sales.

**A Story to Ponder:** Said a disappointed visitor, "Why has my stay here yielded no fruit?" "Could it be because you lacked the courage to shake the tree?" said the Master benignly.

**Joke:** A man in Las Vegas approached a wealthy-looking stranger and said, "Can you spare me twenty-five dollars, sir? I haven't eaten for two days and I have no place to sleep." "How do I know you won't take the money and gamble with it?" "No way," said the man. "Gambling money I already have with me."

**Happy Mother's Day! Happy Easter Season! God's abundant blessings to everyone at St. Elizabeth Parish!**

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.  
— John 15:16



### THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used— "the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.  
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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

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### Sunday Collection May 2, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,288.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,712.00
Faith Formation	\$ 404.00

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.)**

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 Church. Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Church.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 10</b> Dave & Sandy Mehrwein (L)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 11</b> † Nicholas Romano
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 12</b> † Julia Rojo Herminia de los Reyes (L)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 13</b> † Dr. John E. Dilag
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 14</b> † Ponchito Aguiluz
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am	<b>May 15</b> † Boniface Abranches Mangion Family
4:30 pm	
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am	<b>May 16</b> † Grace Fernandez People of the Parish
9:30 am	† George Tolentino 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines
11:30 am	

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

**St. Elizabeth Church**  
459 Somerset Street, San Francisco, CA 94134  
Mass: Sunday May 16, 2021 at 11:30 am  
President: Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone  
Rev. Charles Puthota, Pastor

Women's Attire: Filipiniana  
Men's Attire: Barong Tagalog