

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

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Monday through Thursday

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Closed Friday

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Pandemic Liturgy Schedule

Sunday **9:30 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 9:30 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.

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 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at the Rectory.

From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from Father Charles Puthota
May 23, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Parish Celebration of 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines: Our happy celebration of this event went well last Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass presided over by the Archbishop. I would like to thank the steering committee for making meticulous plans for the liturgy and lunch. The Mass was attended by over 215 people. Many have expressed their appreciation for the "Praise and Glorify" choir which sang the hymns in Tagalog. Hermie de los Reys and I spoke words of gratitude at the end of the Mass, expressing sentiments about our faith and service in the life of the parish. I heard comments that the food served in lunch boxes was delicious. Many generous donors gave financial support to make this celebration possible. Our sacristans and those who worked on church environment and cleanliness did an excellent job. Thank you to all those who worked, volunteered, organized, and participated in this event.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: Our goal was to reach \$39,425. We have reached the goal. Congratulations and thanks to all those who donated! We reached this goal in 11 weeks. I'm amazed and edified by your participation and generosity. This is a clear sign that our parish can achieve the goals we set for ourselves and that we can work together to make a success of the projects we undertake. Whatever excess money we raise will be returned to us from the Archdiocese. In reaching this goal, we are actually declaring our support for the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese so that God's work may continue.

Pentecost: As you know, Pentecost is the Birthday of the Church. The disciples of Jesus were hiding, afraid that they might also be killed by the authorities. But Jesus had assured them that the Advocate, the Comforter, will come and remind them of everything Jesus had said. In other words, the Holy Spirit would come to give life, energy, and dynamism to the words and memory of Jesus. Everything changed for those disciples that day. The Holy Spirit came down in a dramatic way. The wind and the fire swept the fears away and burned away their powerlessness. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke and bore witness to the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection. Everyone heard everyone else in their own language and understood them. The good news became not only accessible but alive and aflame. The disciples of Jesus became fearless preachers and witnesses. A community was born with the memory of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. For over two thousand years this community has been called the Church. We are all members of this body. Jesus is the

head. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling grace and power within us calling God

Abba Father. If we allow the Holy Spirit to move and guide us, that's when we make the right choices for God, love, family, faith, and the world. Let's just keep two images of the Holy Spirit in mind: Wind & Fire. What might this wind and fire do for us and in the present world?

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quotes on the Holy Spirit: "It's not the Holy Spirit and power; it's the Holy Spirit as power." "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." --- Saint Augustine. "I myself do nothing. The Holy Spirit accomplishes all through me." --- William Blake. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." --- Galatians 5:22. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. "Let us be guided by the Holy Spirit. Allow him to speak in our hearts. He will tell us this: God is love." --- Pope Francis. "I believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit." --- Cardinal L. J. Suenens. "The Holy Spirit is your spiritual GPS. He will tell you where you are and where you are going."

Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land: The latest flareup of violence is one of those going on for centuries in this part of the world where the three Abrahamic religions are practiced. Let's pray that the Prince of Peace born in this region may restore peace, harmony, and reconciliation.

May, Month of Mary: Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Joke: War & Peace: The social studies teacher had just finished a unit on war and peace. "How many of you," he asked, "would say you're opposed to war?" Not surprisingly, all hands went up. The teacher asked, "Who'll give us the reason for being opposed to war?" A large, bored-looking boy in the back of the room raised his hand. "Johnny?" The teacher said. "I hate war," Johnny said, "because wars make history, and then some poor, innocent kid has to memorize all about it."

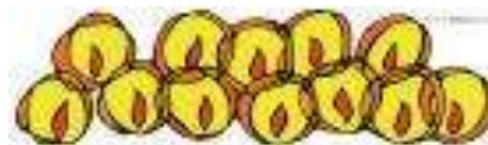
Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

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There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 12:4



LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called cowering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel — As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

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Please note: All Mass times including Mass intentions were scheduled pre-Covid 19. Currently the only Mass will be Sunday at 9:30 am in Church. Weekday Masses are celebrated in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	May 24 † Manolito Amorado
Tuesday 8:00 am	May 25 † Maria Kielian † Fe Peregrino
Wednesday 8:00 am	May 26 Marie Garibaldi (L)
Thursday 8:00 am	May 27 † Mike and † Assunta Perata
Friday 8:00 am	May 28 † John M. Sant
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	May 29 † David D. Mendoza † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	May 30 People of the Parish † Vener Maog † Carmen Spiteri † Fran Maccarone

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection May 16, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,853.06
Over/Under	\$ 1,146.94
Catholic Communications	\$ 600.00

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