

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

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

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm (unless otherwise posted)

Closed Friday

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Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Congregants are to wear masks during Mass indoors.

Social distancing reduced to 3 ft between households.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday **4:30 pm**

Sunday **9:30 am**

Monday through Saturday

Divine office: 8:00 am

Mass: 8:30 am

Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confession Schedule

After the 8:30 am Daily Mass

4:15 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass

9:15 am 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 8:30 am Mass, Monday through Friday in the Church Chapel.

Benediction and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 Mass.

Legion of Mary Meeting 5:00 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 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm: A Day of **Prayer**, (1000 Hail Mary's) Adoration and Benediction.

Light of God Prayer meeting 7 pm every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from Father Charles Puthota
July 11, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Divine Office at 8:00 a.m. Every day, Monday through Saturday, we have introduced the Divine Office. It's also called the Liturgy of the Hours. We pray this morning prayer. It's the prayer of the Church, prayed all over the world. There are 12 to 15 committed people who attend this prayer every day. If you are interested and would like to commit yourself to praying this prayer, you are most welcome to join. The prayer book (*Christian Prayer*) will be provided for your use, if you are able to make a commitment to this prayer on a daily basis, as far as possible.

Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m.: Because of the morning prayer at 8:00 a.m., our daily Mass is now scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Please do come join the daily Mass. As I have said before, attending daily Mass has many advantages spiritually, physically, psychologically, and socially. To top it all, research shows that those who attend religious services regularly live longer. So, come join! We'd love to have you!

Baptisms and Weddings: Those who are in need of these sacraments, please do let the parish office know. I'll try to make the process as easy as possible, while fulfilling all the requirements the Church expects of us.

Anointing of the Sick: When you come to attend the weekend Masses, Saturday at 4:30 a.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m., if anyone is in frail health or getting ready for a medical procedure, and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please do let me know. I'd be happy to do the Anointing either before or after the weekend Masses. Also, I'm available at weekday Masses for the Anointing.

Confessions: I'm always available before the weekend Masses or even on weekdays after Masses to hear confessions.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Over a couple of months ago, we successfully completed the AAA. I'm truly proud of this accomplishment for our parish. You have been so kind and generous in donating to AAA in support of the ministries of the Archdiocese. God bless you all!

Old Reconciliation Room and Cantwell Hall for Meetings: As you know, the Old Reconciliation Room has been spruced up to host meetings for smaller number of people. I'm glad people are enjoying this new facility. For meetings with larger groups, Cantwell Hall is available. The Over 50 Group has been meeting in Cantwell Hall regularly. I'm glad with the leadership of Emma Magarrell, Elsa Reginato and others, the Over 50 Group has been enjoying getting together and

celebrating friendships. After long months of Covid, it's a joy for groups to gather together again.

Fred Spence, Our Maintenance Person: Weeks ago, I hired Fred Spence as our part-time maintenance person for our parish buildings and facilities. He is a fine person and a talented man. Many of you have come to know him already and have expressed your appreciation about him. I welcome him warmly, though belatedly, to our parish community.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2022: Come, join me! I'll be spiritual director! We'll visit the places connected with Jesus' birth, teachings, death, and resurrection. Please see the last page of the bulletin for details.

A Story to Ponder: The Sky and the Crow: A tale from the Bhagawat Purana: A crow once flew into the sky with a piece of meat in its beak. Twenty other crows set out in hot pursuit and began to attack it viciously. When the crow finally dropped the meat, its pursuers left it alone and flew off shrieking after the morsel. Said the crow: "I've lost the meat and gained this peaceful sky." Said a Zen monk, "When my house burnt down I got an unobstructed view of the moon at night!" (*The Song of the Bird*)

Quotable Quotes to Meditate On: 1. "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." — Mahatma Gandhi

2. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars: you have a right to be here. — Max Ehrmann, American writer and poet

3. Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.-- Maya Angelou, African-American poet and writer.

4. Zen people often talk about "accepting the moment as it is." That's okay, but what we like even better is "caring for the moment" with the same lavish tenderness you'd bestow on a newborn. — Perle Besserman and Manfred Steger in *Grassroots Zen*

5. Q: Is there anything I can do to make myself enlightened?
A: As little as you can do to make the sun rise in the morning.
Q: Then of what use are the spiritual exercises you prescribe?
A: To make sure you are not asleep when the sun begins to rise.
— Anthony de Mello in *One Minute Wisdom*

Jokes: 1. From a 3-year-old: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."
2. Father: Don't you think our son gets his brains from me?
Mother: Probably, dear. I still have all of mine.
3. The relatives of the family's rich dowager gathered for the reading of her will after her long awaited death. "Being of sound mind," read the lawyer, "I spent every last cent before I died."
4. "Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

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Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— *Psalm 85:12*



GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

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Sunday Collection July 4, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,630.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,370.00
Faith Formation	\$ 637.00

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.)**

Masses were scheduled Pre Covid-All Sunday Intentions will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	July 12 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Tuesday 8:30 am	July 13 † Paul, † Theresa and † Joseph Vella † Domingo C. Ramos
Wednesday 8:30 am	July 14 Maria Tashie (L) Marie Garibaldi (L) Sandra and Victor DaSilva (L) † Guillermo Layog † Winnie Dunbar † Illuminada Regner
Thursday 8:30 am	July 15 Tessie Vinluan (L)
Friday 8:30 am	July 16 † Ghoan Alison † Marie Alison
Saturday 8:30 am	July 17 Pascoe Family Living and Deceased † Prusso Family
4:30 pm Sunday 7:30 am	July 18 People of the Parish † Regino Hernandez † Arthur Ghiglieri † George Aquilina The Maltese Society
9:30 am	
11:30 am	

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living



Faith Formation (Formerly known as Religious Education)

New and continuing registration forms for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation program are available in the parish office and shortly will be available online.

A reminder that preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are each a two-year program.

We would love to work with your child on his or her faith journey!

JOIN Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D. ON A PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND



OCTOBER 5 – 17, 2022

\$4,639.00 from San Francisco, CA

(PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

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\$790.00 (PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

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For more information, please contact Jon or Rinda: 1-800-206 TOUR (8687)

2021 MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Please submit your 2021 Mass Intentions .Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person**. Requests must be submitted in writing and mailed to 449 Holyoke Street or by email: stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

You will receive a confirmation letter once your Masses are scheduled. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per Mass

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH PARISH COMMUNITY **Please Print Clearly**

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time or newly arrived in our parish. If you are not registered or need to update your registration, please fill in the form and submit it to the office at the above address.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

- New Parishioner
- Send Sunday Envelopes

- New Address/Phone
- Remove from Mailing List