

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

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

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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.

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.

1000 Hail Mary's Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm: A Day of Prayer and Adoration.

Light of God Prayer 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass.

From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from Father Charles Puthota
August 08, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Projects in our Parish: I have been working with our staff and the Archdiocese on the following projects in the parish, which need to get done in the next few weeks.

1. **Church Roof:** Some years ago, the A-Frame roof (slanted parts of roof) of our church was done, but there were problems with leaking. When I first arrived at our parish last year, we were able to look at the leaking problems and called the roofing company back to repair the leaking areas under the warranty of their previous work. On inspection, the company also pointed out the problems with the flat surfaces of the roof that need to be replaced. Having received a couple of bids for this work, I have been in touch with the Archdiocese to get this job done. When the project is approved, I shall let you know of the exact nature of the work and how much it's going to cost us.

2. **Boiler in Alta Vista School:** The school recently brought to our notice that the boiler in the school had not been working well. After some research and consultation, it's been decided that a new boiler needs to be installed. As the landlord of the school, our parish has the responsibility of ensuring the replacement of the boiler. Another company will be taking care of the asbestos-related work when a new boiler is going to be installed. Again, when the project has been approved, I shall let you know the expense involved. As you can guess, these projects will cost a lot of money to complete.

3. **Cantwell Hall:** As many of you are aware, Cantwell Hall has been a neglected place and needs a lot of attention with the ceiling, floor, restrooms, etc. Some of these immediate needs are being addressed, but we do need to keep maintaining this facility now, because if we do not, we may end up having to spend so much more later.

Please do continue to support the parish in whatever way you can so that we have the resources to keep maintaining the buildings and facilities according to the code, which is all for continuing God's work in our parish. If there is anyone who would be willing to donate toward the whole or parts of these big projects, out of love for and loyalty to our parish, please would you let me know. It would be greatly appreciated.

9:30 a.m. Mass Choir: Some from this choir have talked to me about the desire for reviving the choir. I thank you for your interest and your feedback. As you know well, the pandemic has disrupted life in general and the parish life in particular. For months everything was shut down. Our liturgical celebrations have been on hold for months. We are slowly restoring the Masses and other sacraments. We

now have the daily Mass and two weekend Masses. There are only a maximum of 70 people attending the 4:30 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass and a maximum of 140 people attending the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. With fewer people attending the Masses, our weekly donations are not at the level as before. Due to Covid restrictions recommended by the city and our Archdiocese, only small choirs are allowed and that too, with 12 feet of distance maintained between the choir members. Also, in summer months, the choir has always taken a break from its regular performance. Additionally, in fairness, I need to think about how to provide music for the Saturday vigil Mass and what financial resources to allocate to that Mass as well. Considering all these factors, we do not have the choir right now, but when the time comes, in light of assessment of Covid and financial situations, it's my hope that we might be able to provide music at both the weekend Masses. Meanwhile, I'd like to encourage everyone to take a deep breath and be patient, and focus on other aspects of the liturgical celebrations, such as prayer, the Word of God, our coming together as a community, communion with Jesus and our union with one another, concern for the health and safety of everyone else in these Covid times, etc.

A Story to Ponder: A guy buys a newspaper every day from a newspaper vendor. The newspaper vendor is always rude to him. So a friend of his says, "Why do you buy your paper from this guy? He's always rude to you. Why don't you buy it from someone else just next door?" Says the guy, "Why should the vendor decide where I buy my newspaper? Why should he have the power to decide that?"

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Please see the last page of this bulletin for details.

Jokes: 1. "Did Moses ever get better in the end?" asked the little girl home from Faith Formation class. "Why," asked her mother, "whatever makes you think he was ill?" "Well, he must have been," was the reply. "Didn't God tell him to take the tablets?"

2. Cardinal Vaughan, before he died, sternly forbade the preaching of a panegyric at his funeral. "I don't like the idea of a priest lying in the coffin and another priest lying in the pulpit."

3. A newly ordained priest was conducting the funeral service. In concluding his homily, he mentioned that the soul had departed the body and he illustrated it with dramatic gestures by pointing to the corpse and declaring: "Dear friends, what you see here is just the shell. The nut has departed."

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

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I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.

— John 6:51



CIVIL DISCOURSE

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God." These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some "road rage" on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ's message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

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Sunday Collection August 1, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,317.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,683.00
Religious Ed	\$ 557.00

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	August 9 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Tuesday 8:30 am	August 10 † Joseph and †Carmen Spiteri † Tessa Spiteri Lencioni Friends of the Suffering Souls
Wednesday 8:30 am	August 11 † Aline F. Banks † Cipriano Perez Father Ed Phelan (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	August 12 † Simon Martinez
Friday 8:30 am	August 13 † Bruna DeRosa † Domingo Ramos
Saturday 8:30 am	August 14 † John DeLuca
4:30 pm	† Anna Skropanich
Sunday 7:30 am	August 15 People of the Parish † Asuncion Ramirez
9:30 am	† Assunta Sant
11:30 am	Maltese Society

†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!

SAVE THE DATE!

The AAA 1% Circle luncheon will be held on Sunday November 7th at 12:00 pm at the Basque Cultural Center. Invitations will be mailed soon. The deadline for completing the 1% goal is September 31st.

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)

PRE-TOUR JORDAN Oct 5 - 9, 2022

\$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

ICF ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Anniversary Luncheon on Friday September 10th at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. No host cocktails at 12:00 noon, Lunch 12:30. Menu will consist of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon with champagne sauce, Desert/Coffee/Wine. Price is \$35.00

**RSVP by September 2nd to:
Mary Perata 415-239-5936 with your entrée.**

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