

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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

## ***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

***August 15, 2021***

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

### **Parish Staff**

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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.

**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** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass.

## From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from Father Charles Puthota  
August 15, 2021

### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**August 15th --- Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM:** In the Catholic imagination, Mary our Blessed Mother occupies a vitally prominent role. She is the mother of Jesus. She brought the savior and redeemer into the world. Her role, therefore, is extremely significant. In the gospels we see that she was filled with grace, that she said yes to God, that she listened to God's word and observed it, and that she was at the foot of the cross. There was no one closer to the mystery of Jesus than our Blessed Mother. Because of her momentous role in the history of our salvation, because she is the mother of God's own son, she was protected from sin and decay from the moment of conception (when Mary's mother conceived her in her womb) until she breathed her last. The Catholic way of viewing her last moment in this world is that she did not die, but she slept into eternal life by being assumed into heaven. Her soul was never tainted by sin; her body was never stained by decay. She was gloriously assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven. She is our tender-hearted mother who always wants us to be happy and love Jesus her son. The same way she is mother to Jesus, she is our mother. What a privilege it is! Let's celebrate the feast of the Assumption of our BVM with great joy, faith, and gratitude. As William Wordsworth says, the BVM is "our tainted nature's solitary boast."

**The Angelus Prayer:** The Angelus, a prayer with roots back to the 13th century, is a Marian devotion that is traditionally recited three times a day, **usually at 9, noon, and 6.** Each recitation includes three Hail Marys with antiphons and responses in between each.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary . . .  
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done to me according to thy word.  
Hail Mary. . .  
V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary. . .  
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Top Ten Reasons to be Catholic:** 1. Eucharist. 2. Sacraments. 3. Community. 4. Apostolic Tradition. 5. Mary, our Blessed Mother. 6. Scripture & Tradition. 7. Catholic Social Teaching. 8. Prayer & Devotions. 9. The Saints. 10. Universal Church.

**My Ordination Anniversary – August 19:** Please see a couple of pictures on the other page from my priestly Ordination on August 19, 1989. I have now been a priest for 32 years, 13 of those as a Jesuit priest. I was not fortunate enough to have my mother alive at my Ordination. Please keep me in your prayers. Service to God and the people of God continues. I'm grateful for all your affection and inspiration, for your support and goodwill. The Opening Prayer in the Roman Missal for the Priestly Ordination Anniversary captures my sentiment accurately: "Holy Father, who, by no merit of my own, chose me for communion with the eternal priesthood of your Christ and for the ministry of your Church, grant that I may be an ardent yet gentle preacher of the Gospel and a faithful steward of your mysteries."

**Quotes on Blessed Virgin Mary:** May the mother of Jesus and our mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her most holy son, every heavenly blessing."  
- *Saint Padre Pio.* "In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear."  
- *Saint Therese of Lisieux.* "If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me." - *Blessed Mother Teresa*

**Priest Jokes:** 1. The church is struck by lightning. The insurance company refuses to pay out for damages incurred, as there is a specific disclaimer clause for "An act of God", which, amongst others, lightning is classified as. The priest goes to every household and asks for a donation to rebuild the church. One Christian farmer protested, "I'm sorry, Pastor, but I can't give money to Somebody who set His own house alight!"

2. Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made all the appetizers herself and we have a caterer coming in to provide plenty of sandwiches and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you properly prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

3. A priest asks Johnny if he's scared of Satan. Little Johnny says "I have nothing to be scared of. You are the one that must be scared; you talk crap about him every Sunday..."

Hope your summer is going well. Let's keep in our hearts all those affected by Covid and the fires raging in many states and countries,

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota



Top: On August 19, 1989, at 5:00 p.m. I am led by my family in procession toward the Mass of Ordination at Kilacheri, India. Immediately after my Ordination, at the same Mass, I performed the wedding of my younger brother and baptized a niece and a nephew. Lower: I'm giving Communion to my father Isaac (who passed away nearly four years ago). Seen in the picture is my priest-uncle Fr. Baliah Puthota.

Vocation: If there's anyone who might feel called in our parish to Priesthood or Religious life, please do contact me.

### Sunday Collection August 8, 2021

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Need:      | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Sunday Collection | \$ 3,060.00 |
| Over/Under        | \$ 1,940.00 |
| Annual Appeal     | \$ 269.00   |

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.)**

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
— Luke 1:42

### THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Monday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>August 16</b><br>† Paul, † Theresa and<br>† Joseph Vella                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:30 am   | <b>August 17</b><br>† Franklin R. Hapin<br>† Earl McCarthy                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:30 am | <b>August 18</b><br>† Victor DaSilva<br>† George Topasma<br>Bill and Claire O'Sullivan (L) |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>August 19</b><br>† Anna Skropanich  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>August 20</b><br>† Lindo Paul DeMartini   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>August 21</b><br>Intentions of the Velasco<br>Family                                    |
| 4:30 pm                     | † Vincent Gagliardo Sr.<br>† Giuseppe Mazzaferro   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>7:30 am    | <b>August 22</b><br>Olivia Abranches (L)   |
| 9:30 am                     | Italian Catholic Federation  |
| 11:30 am                    | People of the Parish   |

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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PILGRIMAGE TO  
JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND**



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

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



**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!



It is with great joy we welcome Elliana and Amina Edais into our church and community. Elliana and Amina received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on August 7, 2021.

**ICF ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Anniversary Luncheon on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to:**  
 Mary Perata 415-239-5936 with your entrée.

*Save The Date*

Good Shepherd Gracenter invites you to

**Our online Gala for 2021**

will mark the 60th anniversary of the construction of the Gracenter facility—built entirely through the generosity of 11 local labor unions and 52 businesses donating their time, talent and materials!



**We want to honor those incredible partnerships and build new ones for the future!**

**Come, partner with us during September, National Recovery Month!**

**Stay tuned!!** An invitation will follow in mid-August with more details and will direct you to our on-line Gala platform: **GSG2021.givesmart.com** which you will be able to access, beginning **September 8th**

For more info: [sr.marguerite@gsgcenter.org](mailto:sr.marguerite@gsgcenter.org) | [www.gsgcenter.org](http://www.gsgcenter.org)

*See you there!*