

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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

***Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 22, 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 22, 2021

### Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Seeking Contact Information about Parish Organizations:** In order to serve you better and be able to contact you when necessary, I have tasked the parish office to gather the names of members of various organizations and groups of our parish with their cell phone numbers (preferably cell phones) or landline numbers if you don't have cell phones—along with home addresses. Also, in these Covid days, the parish office is really in need of contact information of all organizations that meet in the parish facilities and are in any way affiliated with our parish. I can assure you that this is strictly for the parish use only. Don't worry, I'm not going to sell this info to any retailers!!! Please would the leaders of these groups gather all this information as early as possible and leave it in the parish office by August 31? Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Year of St. Joseph—December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021:** Are you aware that we are in the Year of St. Joseph? With an apostolic letter titled "Patris Corde," which means "With a Father's Heart," Holy Father Pope Francis declared the Year of St. Joseph, on Dec. 8, 2020, on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as patron of the universal church. In that letter, Pope Francis speaks of St. Joseph under 7 subtitles: 1. A beloved father, 2. A tender and loving father, 3. An obedient father, 4. An accepting father, 5. A creatively courageous father, 6. A working father, 7. A father in the shadows. We still have a few more months to focus on the spirituality of St. Joseph. What kind of a father was St. Joseph to Jesus? How did he relate to God and the situations he was placed in? How did he relate to Mary the mother of Jesus and our mother? There is so much to reflect on and pray over—and keep St. Joseph close to our hearts.

### Liturgical Minister's Training and Certification Workshop at St. Elizabeth Church: Dates: Saturdays: September 11 and September 18, 2021. Every three years, new certification is needed.

For St. Elizabeth Parishioners registering for this training, our parish will pay the fee of \$20 for each participant if you undertake to attend both days' sessions and receive a certificate. Please pick up the registration form from our parish office or from a sacristan in the church.

Contact: Office of Worship Laura Bertone | 415-614-5586  
| [bertonel@sfarch.org](mailto:bertonel@sfarch.org) or Sandra Kearney | 415-614-5505  
| [kearneys@sfarch.org](mailto:kearneys@sfarch.org)

The Office of Worship will be offering training for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as for Readers over two consecutive Saturdays during the months of September, October & November.

- During the first Saturday, ministers are introduced to sacramental theology, particularly that of the Eucharist.
- The following Saturday presenters who are trained offer technical and spiritual direction for the minister's specific liturgical role.
- Finally, Extraordinary Ministers prepare for bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, while Readers conclude with coaching in proclamation and oral interpretation.

This training fulfills the requirement of the Archdiocese to be certified every three years for these ministries. Fee: \$20.00 pre-registered; \$25.00 for same-day registrants.

**Word of God:** In Joshua, a choice between serving the Lord and serving the false gods is offered. As for Joshua, he will only serve the Lord. Do we have our own little gods that we worship? Which are our idols that take us away from the true God, away from love, family, faith, and happiness? In the second reading, Paul speaks about the love between Jesus and the Church which is the sort of love a husband and wife have for each other. Love means always dying to self and living for the other. In the gospel, some people cannot accept the teaching of Jesus giving his own body and blood for our eternal life. Jesus wonders if his apostles are going to leave too. However, Peter declares: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Again, there is the declaration of serving the one true God. We have to get away from all sorts of idols—our comfort zones, pastimes, escapist mechanisms, possessions—to serve God and live in his love. Everything needs perspective in order for us to consider the life with Christ the most essential and central in our lives. Are we ready to keep God at the center and move the other things to their rightful, peripheral positions?

**Brief Uplifting Quotes:** "If you're going through hell, keep going." – Winston Churchill. "The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot." – Michael Altshuler. "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." – Oscar Wilde. "Open your mind. Get up off the couch. Move." – Anthony Bourdain. "If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one." – Dolly Parton.

**Jokes:** 1. **Read the Label:** A three-year-old boy went with his father to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother that there were 2 boy kitties and 2 girl kitties. "How do you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied, "I think it's printed on the bottom."

2. **In Charge:** One evening a little girl and her parents were sitting around the table eating supper. The little girl said, "Daddy, you're the boss, aren't you?" Her Daddy smiled, pleased, and said yes. The little girl continued "That's because Mummy put you in charge, right?"

Wishing you all the blessing of God,

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*



There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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### Sunday Collection August 15, 2021

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,128.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 662.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 3,210.00</b>

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.)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 23</b> Good Shepherd Guild
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 24</b> † Ivka Skropanich † Edida Cortez
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 25</b> † Margaret Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 26</b> † Marcelo Ramos
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 27</b> † Victor Da Silva
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>August 28</b> Velasco Family Intentions † Giuseppina Rinaldi † Maria Mazzaferro
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>August 29</b> † Marcos Vallador † Giovanni Rebagliati People of the Parish

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Masses were scheduled pre-Covid. All Sunday intentions will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass.



*Congratulations to Bill and Claire O'Sullivan on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Church.*

*We offer Bill and Claire our sincere congratulations, prayers, and best wishes for many more years of happiness together.*

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PILGRIMAGE TO  
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Rinda: 1-800-206 TOUR (8687)**



**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*

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](http://GSG2021.givesmart.com) which you will be able to access, beginning **September 8th**

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

*See you there!*

**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.**



**It is with great joy that we welcome Maria Reyes Reyes into our church and community. Aitana received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**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>.**

**Pray for our Dear Departed**



**Victoria Vassallo  
Victor Da Silva**

*“Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . .”*