

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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

***Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***September 12, 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.

**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  
September 12, 2021



**9/11 Remembrance:** This year, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let's keep in our hearts and prayers all those who died in the most tragic attacks on that fateful day. Let the sad remembrance of that day lead our nation and the world to work for peace, harmony, and justice everywhere.

**Baptisms, Confessions, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick or Dying, Blessing of Homes & Vehicles: Please call the office. Or contact me at weekend or weekday Masses.** I promise you that I'll make the process and arrangements as easy and pleasant as possible. I'm here to serve.

**Word of God:** The gospel we read this Sunday is central literally to Mark's gospel. From this point on, Jesus moves inexorably toward the cross. Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" People give all sorts of answers about Jesus as perceived by others. But Jesus is keen on our personal answer to this question. Our faith has been nourished by our parents, teachers, priests, nuns, friends, teachers, and others. But we cannot live on borrowed faith. We are to come personal contact with Jesus and come to faith. It is like our tasting food for ourselves. We cannot taste food from others' descriptions, but we have to taste and see for ourselves. Jesus is to be tasted and experienced and encountered for ourselves personally. Who do YOU say that Jesus is? What does he mean to you in your present circumstances? How would you describe him given your experiences? What names would you give him based on your personal life-journey? Does he make a difference in your life? These are vital questions for Christian life.

**Sr. Olga Cristobal's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Life:** In gratitude to God for all the blessings bestowed on Sr. Olga Cristobal, RGS, for her 50 years of Religious Life as a member of the Good Shepherd Sisters, there will be a thanksgiving Mass on Saturday on October 09 and followed by luncheon-reception. If you'd like to collaborate in the preparations for this celebration, please would you let me know. I'd like to thank those who are already helping in the preparations for this event.

**Humor:** Billy Graham tells the story of a coach who arranged a meeting between a ball player and the dean of a college to which the ball player was seeking admission. "If you are able to answer one simple question, you can enter college," said the dean. Then he said, "How much is six and six?" The athlete thought for a minute and answered: "Thirteen." There was silence. Then the coach broke in, "Ah, dean, let him in. He only missed it by two."

**Food for Thought:** "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny." – Lao-Tze

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Divine Office--Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.:** Every day at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday we have the Morning Prayer, which is the Prayer of the Universal Church. It's also called Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours. In July, I invited our parishioners to participate in this prayer and between 15 to 20 people responded generously. I moved the Mass from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in order to make the 8:00 a.m. prayer possible. We had the training from Donna Durkee for how to do this prayer because of its unique structure. I'm delighted that the Good Shepherd Sisters Olga and Jean Marie are active participants in this prayer group. I am edified by the earnestness and dedication of the group. I'd like to thank all those who participate in this prayer on a regular basis. As you know, this beautiful and uplifting form of prayer is purely scripture-based. If anyone else is interested in joining this prayer, please do let me know. You'd love it, and we'd love to have you. If you are retired, it might be convenient to join this prayer and the Mass daily. I think our parish is a perfect place to introduce this prayer and the response from the dedicated participants inspires and amazes me. I'm so grateful!

**In-Person Faith Formation Classes Starting on September 25:** After a break of over a year, we are starting again in-person classes. Please do register your children or grandchildren, if you haven't so far. For centuries, faith was passed on from generation to generation, and now we have the responsibility to do the same.

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Thank-You Luncheon for 1% Circle:** As a way of thanking you for your generosity in donating 1% or more (\$400 or more), I'm inviting you to a luncheon at Basque Cultural Center on Sunday November 07 at Noon. Please put it on your calendar. I shall soon be writing to you personally to invite and ask for your choice of *entrée* at that luncheon.

**Gracenter Fundraising Dinner at St. Elizabeth Rectory:** You may be aware of the Gracenter, a recovery residence for women run by the Good Shepherd Sisters. To fundraise for their commendable ministry, I'm throwing a dinner in the Rectory for 12 people. The donation requested is \$150.00 per head. If you are happy to be part of this fundraising dinner-event, please would you contact the parish office? Gracenter, as you may know, is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It was built through the generosity of 11 local labor unions and 52 businesses. The Sisters are also doing an online fundraising. Please visit [GSG2021.givesmart.com](http://GSG2021.givesmart.com) to donate.

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore, I am not disgraced.  
— Isaiah 50:7



### IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalms** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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## Sunday Collection August 29, 2021

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,159.00</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$ 493.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,348.00</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>September 13</b> † Krista Budesa
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 14</b> † Maria M. Enriquez
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 15</b> † Maria Gutierrez † Domingo Ramos Linda Martinez (L)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 16</b> Victoria Calderon (L)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 17</b> † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri † Tessa Spiteri Lencioni
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 18</b> † Pablo Gomez and Family
4:30 pm	† Josephine Zaragoza
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	<b>September 19</b> † Jose Padilla Nicole and John Soares(L) Maltese Society
†Denotes deceased – (L) Living	

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

### 2022 Mass Intentions Now Available! Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your Mass requests.

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charles Puthota, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to

**10 Masses per year. Only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.**

**All Masses including the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass will be accepting two intentions per Mass.**

**We do not accept individual Mass Intentions for the following days :  
Ash Wednesday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.**

Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing or by email:

[stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com)

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.

**Once you receive your confirmation letter with your schedule of Masses, please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church. Please do not send payment with your request. Please allow time for processing. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per mass.**

**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  
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 For more information, please contact Jon or  
 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.

Please return registrations ASAP so that books can be ordered.

**Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> is the first day of class, 9 to 11 am.**

*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!*

**May All of us Remember  
 September 11, 2001- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May all of us remember with love and compassion  
 this day.  
 May we grieve with those who still mourn,  
 And share memories with those who cannot forget.  
 May we draw strength from those who bravely  
 responded,  
 And gave their lives to save others.  
 May we stand with strangers who became neighbors  
 that day,  
 And remember their generosity and hospitality.  
 Above all God may we remember your faithfulness  
 And learn to trust in your unfailing love. Amen

**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**



**Jane Falzon**

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