

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 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
October 10, 2021



welcome the music ministry back to our liturgical celebrations. I'll have to make plans for another group playing music at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass. If you know of anyone experienced at playing the piano for Masses and if any cantors available, please do get in touch with me.

Word of God: The gospel portrays a haunting story of a man who wants to follow Jesus more closely but is unable to because of his possessions. Then Jesus goes on to give his reflections on how our wealth can prevent us from being the persons God calls us to be. "It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle rather than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God." When we come to rely on our possessions, we might come to have a false sense of security about life; that we can somehow be happy because of things we accumulate; that we do not have to bother with putting our trust in and dependence on God. Jesus gives many teachings about how to approach wealth. Wealth is a servant, a slave, not our master. We need to use everything, as St. Ignatius of Loyola would say, in so far as they help us to fulfill the purpose God has for each one of us. If things prevent us from being truly happy and internally free, then they are hindrances. Life is full of choices; the ones that may be helpful for someone may not be meant for us. We have to honestly before God choose those that will bring peace and happiness to our minds and hearts.

Multi-Faith Climate Meeting Called by the Holy Father: Pope Francis and other religious leaders made a joint appeal at the Vatican on Monday October 04, on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, for next month's U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP26) to be held at Glasgow, Scotland, to offer concrete solutions to save the planet from "an unprecedented ecological crisis". The "Faith and Science: Towards COP26" meeting brought together Christian leaders including Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, as well as representatives of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism and Jainism. "COP26 in Glasgow represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations," the pope said. "Every year, the United Nations holds a global climate change conference known as a COP which stands for "Conference of the Parties." This year marks the 26th anniversary, giving it the name COP26 with the UK as its president, to be held in Glasgow between Oct. 31 and Nov. 12.

Catholic Joke: The pastor confronted his tipsy church member: "Joe, whiskey is your worst enemy." "But didn't you tell us last Sunday to love our enemies?" Joe replied. "Sure," the pastor answered, "but I didn't say anything about swallowing them."

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Sr. Olga Cristobal's Golden Jubilee: Saturday October 09 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Thanksgiving Mass to mark the 50th Anniversary of Sr. Olga's Religious Profession. She has been a Religious Sister of the Good Shepherd Sisters for 50 years. She has been a friend to many in our parish and active in the ministries of the Archdiocese, including at the Laguna Honda Hospital where she currently serves as Pastoral Minister. Her service for God's glory and the service of people, especially those who are in need, in different countries, is highly commendable. Please join me in congratulating her and wishing her many more years of service to those in need. Also, warm welcome and wishes to her family, friends, and coworkers, who will be joining this celebration. The Foundress of Sr. Olga's Order, St. Mary Euphrasia, says: "Feel a lovely compassion for persons. Treat all in a large-hearted way...Be humble and gentle, but dignified with prudence and wisdom...Love people, love them very much. Console and strengthen them. By God's grace, make them happy, very happy." Sr. Olga practices these qualities in her service and in the various collaborative relationships with people. Sr. Olga, wishing you many more years of happiness, ministry, good health, joy, and all the blessings of God!

Blessing of Animals Last Sunday: After the 9:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, to mark the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, I blessed the animals. There were, I think, 14 dogs and 1 cat. One person brought two dogs all the way from Oakland. We'll have this blessing as our annual tradition in the future, around the Feast of St. Francis, which falls on October 04.

Faith Formation Parents Meeting: Tuesday Oct. 05 in Cantwell Hall: I spoke to the parents of our Faith Formation children last Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. It was the second time for me to welcome them and thank them for enrolling their children. I also used the occasion to invite them to join our Masses with their children and be part of our faith family of St. Elizabeth Church. I wish our catechists all the blessings as we have begun a whole new year of sharing faith and helping our children grow in the values of Jesus Christ. You are still welcome to enroll your children or grandchildren in our classes meeting each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Gracenter Fundraising Dinner in Rectory: To help fundraise for the good work of the Good Shepherd Sisters who run Gracenter, a place for women in recovery, I'm hosting a dinner at St. Elizabeth Rectory. Date of the dinner is not determined yet. Suggested donation is \$150.00 per person. Check payable to St. Elizabeth Church with "Gracenter" on the memo line.

Music at our Weekend Masses: In the near future, we'll be having organ music played by Cyril Deaconoff and the choir at the 9:30 a.m. Mass every other Sunday. We warmly

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The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.

— Hebrews 4:12a



In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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Sunday Collection October 4, 2021

Weekly Need: \$ 6,000.00

First Collection \$ 4,639.00

Faith Formation \$ 414.00

\$ 5,053.00

Over/Under \$ 947.00

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.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:30 am

October 11

Residents, Staff, Board and Guild Members, Sisters, Volunteers and Donors
Good Shepherd Gracenter

Tuesday

8:30 am

October 12

† Manolito Amorado
† Federico B. Santiago

Wednesday

8:30 am

October 13

† Manuel Scerri
† Joseph Vella
† Florencia de Luna

Thursday

8:30 am

October 14

John Swaries (L)
Souls in Purgatory

Friday

8:30 am

October 15

† Julia Pecchia

Saturday

8:30 am

October 16

† Victor De Silva

4:30 pm

† Carlos Ramirez Sr.

Sunday

9:30 am

October 17

† Carmen Padilla
† John M. and † Jenny Sant
Maltese Society
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.

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: 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

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.

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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.

**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. You may make it payable to St. Elizabeth Church and write in the memo line "Gracenter Fundraising Dinner".

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 60th anniversary this year. It was built through the generosity of 11 local labor unions and 52 businesses.

-- Fr. Charles

LITURGY AND ILLNESS

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 am on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday October 11th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day /Columbus Day.

Office Telephone Calls

*When calling the parish office please listen carefully to the selections and follow the prompts.
For office related matter please do not leave messages on the emergency selection unless it is an emergency.*