

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

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Monday through Thursday
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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 17, 2021



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Sr. Olga Cristobal's Golden Jubilee: This event of Sr. Olga's went well last Saturday. Congratulations to her and prayerful wishes. Sr. Olga has told me to thank all those who helped and volunteered in making this event beautiful and memorable. I would like to extend my deep sense of gratitude as well. I feel more confident now to come to you for any help and service to make the events and celebrations in our parish filled with a sense of community and joy.

Word of God: In the Gospel this Sunday, James and John are jockeying for power and position, but Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." This is the paradox of Christian life. We are to be the servants if we have to be the first. Jesus himself became one among us, serving us and washing our feet. The followers of Jesus are called to be like him, humble and self-effacing, ready to give and share, to be the last and the servant of all, willing to sacrifice everything. Let's always keep in mind that the one whom we follow gave his life away so that we could have life and abundant life.

Mass Intentions — last minute requests: Please do go through the parish office for all Mass intentions. Sometimes, I get requests at the last minute for intentions just before Masses. As an exception, I'd accept, on emergency basis, those intentions for someone who may have just passed away from your family. However, please keep in mind that in fairness and justice to people who have already requested Mass intentions, we have to be careful and respectful, and avoid, as far as possible, adding more intentions to Masses. I hope you'd understand this simple principle followed in all parishes. Generally, parishes are very particular about not accepting last minute requests for Mass intentions, only out of respect for those who have requested intentions already and are placed on the weekly Mass calendar. However, in case of emergency, please do approach me. Let's see how we can help. I'd like to be flexible while being at the same time respectful of requests made through the office.

AAA 1% and More Circle Thank-You Luncheon: November 7 Sunday at Noon at the Basque Cultural Center. I have sent you letters. Please do RSVP as early as possible, with your choice of food. This luncheon is to thank you for your kind generosity in supporting the Archdiocesan ministries through the AAA.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: A year from now, October 5 through 17, 2022, I'll be leading a group of pilgrims to Jordan and the Holy Land. If you are interested, please see the information on the back page of the bulletin.

October, month of the Rosary: Let's seek our Blessed Mother's intercession and love and affection as we pray the Rosary, especially this month of October.

Pope Opens Two-Year Consultation on Catholic Church: Pope Francis last Sunday on October 10 launched a two-year worldwide consultative process that could change the way the Roman Catholic Church makes decisions and leave its mark long after his pontificate is over. The initiative is called "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Some people see this as an opportunity to change the Church's power dynamics and give a greater voice to lay Catholics, including women, and people on the margins of society. At a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Francis said Catholics should have an open mind about the process. "Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: 'It's useless' or 'We've always done it this way'?" Francis said in his homily.

In the first stage, Catholics in parishes and dioceses around the world will discuss issues such as whether the Church listens enough to young people, women, minorities, and those on the margins of society. They also will discuss how to identify stereotypes and prejudices in their local communities and what type of Church they think God wants in today's world. Following discussions at national and continental levels, bishops will meet at the Vatican for a month in 2023. They will prepare a document and then the pope will write an Apostolic Exhortation giving his views, suggestions and perhaps instructions on various issues. "Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. Let us listen to one another," the pope said at the Mass attended by about 3,000 people.

Pope Francis has said that while there should be more consultation and mutual listening among the various parts of the Church, only popes can take the ultimate decisions on doctrinal matters. In his homily on Sunday, he said synodality, which comes from the Greek and means roughly walking together on a common path, could not become "a Church convention, a study group, a political congress or a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit." (Source: Reuters)

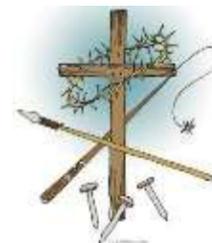
Epitaph Humor: 1. In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: "Here lies an Atheist / All dressed up and no place to go." 2. In a cemetery in England: "Remember man, as you walk by, / As you are now, so once was I. / As I am now, you soon will be. / Prepare yourself and follow me." To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: "To follow you I'll not consent / Until I know which way you went."

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021

Through his suffering,
my servant shall justify many.
— *Isaiah 53:11b*



THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

All three readings today support—each in its own way, of course—a reflection on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that humanity played a key role in the drama of our salvation. Although not chosen specifically to coordinate with the other two readings, today's second reading does in fact carry forward the theme of Christ's humanity in a remarkable way. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews highlights the solidarity that exists between Jesus and us, precisely because in his human nature Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that are our own experience. Because he can "sympathize with our weaknesses," we can "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy." For the author of Hebrews, the humanity of Jesus was an essential requirement for his redemptive death, as well as an invitation to us to find in Jesus someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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Sunday Collection October 10, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,359.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,641.00

Archdiocesan Appeal	\$ 634.00
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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 18 † Carmela Sapiano † Jane Falzon
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 19 † Helen Habib Good Shepherd Guild
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 20 † Paul, † Theresa and † Joseph Vella † Sam Walden † Castula Padilla
Thursday 8:30 am	October 21 † Danilo Manalang † Sol Meneses
Friday 8:30 am	October 22 † Tomas Sifuentes † Guadalupe Gomez
Saturday 8:30 am	October 23 † Delfin S. Mendoza Souls in Purgatory † Tony Falzon
4:30 pm Sunday 9:30 am	October 24 † Joseph F. Sant Italian Catholic Federation 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.

A Note of Gratitude from Sr. Olga

"Gratitude is the Memory of the Heart!"
~ St. Mary Euphrasia

The celebration of my Golden Jubilee to the Religious Profession on October 9, 2021 was a life time gift. It was an inspiring community effort. It involved hours of hard work and planning, loving prayers and best wishes.

Thank you to Fr. Charles Puthota, my spiritual mentor; the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; the Priests Concelebrants; the Holy Spirit Choir; the Parishioners of St. Elizabeth and other Parishes; my family, friends, donors and volunteers.

Your gifts of love are beyond compare. God bless you!

Please pray for me as I pray for you, I love you.

Sister Olga Cristobal, RGS

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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

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For office related matter please do not leave messages on the emergency selection unless it is an emergency.*

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour**

for Vocations to Holy Orders
and Religious Life

Vocation Awareness Sunday, November 7, 2021
3:00 – 4:00 pm

St. Matthew, 1 Notre Dame Ave, San Mateo
Star of the Sea, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco
St. Patrick, 114 King St, Larkspur