

# ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 31, 2021**



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

## Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Church

“The joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ as well. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community of people united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit in their pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of their Father, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity. That is why they cherish a conviction of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.”

(From the Preface of *The Church in the Modern World*---Gaudium Et Spes---of Vatican II)

### Parish Staff

**Sandra Mehrwein** Secretary  
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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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### 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.

**Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco:**

**Congregants are to wear masks during Mass indoors. Social distancing reduced to 3 ft between households.**

## From the Pastor's Desktop

A Message from  
Father Charles Puthota  
October 31, 2021



In other words, all these traditional theological terms express a simple truth: that life continues after death, love is everlasting because God is love. Our human love is purified and perfected by God's love because all our love has God's love as its origin and destination. This month of November, as we specially remember the dear departed, as we place the banner in our church with the names of those who died from our parish community in the last year, as we pray for them in a very special, even emotional way, as we visit their graves and place flowers over them, let our hearts keep chanting this simple prayer: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Thank-You Luncheon on Nov. 07:** I have sent letters out. Please do RSVP! This is a way to thank you for your participation and generosity in supporting the Archdiocesan ministries through AAA.

**Quotes on Death and Life:** "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." --- Mark Twain. "If there is a meaning in life at all, then there must be a meaning in suffering. Suffering is an ineradicable part of life, even as fate and death. Without suffering and death, human life cannot be complete." --- Viktor E. Frankl. "Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion a hint of the resurrection." --- Arthur Schopenhauer. "Death is a challenge. It tells us not to waste time ... It tells us to tell each other right now that we love each other." --- Leo Buscaglia. "Because I could not stop for death, He kindly stopped for me; The carriage held but just ourselves and immortality." --- Emily Dickinson. "For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one." --- Khalil Gibran.

**Quotes for All Saints Day:** "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you!" - St. Augustine. "Leave sadness to those in the world. We who work for God should be light-hearted." - Saint Leonard of Port Maurice. "You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all." - St. Therese of Lisieux. "Love God, serve God; everything is in that." - St. Clare of Assisi. "Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you." - Isaac of Nineveh. "God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners." - Soren Kierkegaard

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**All Saints on Monday November 01: ---NOT a Holy Day of Obligation: Mass at 8:30 a.m. as usual:** November dawns with this feast of all saints. We have the celebration of saints throughout the liturgical calendar. These are canonized saints of the Church. They lived lives of heroic virtue and holiness. After a process of analysis and careful study, the Church determined, in many cases centuries after the death of these men and women, that they were worthy to join the long list of saints. However, there are millions and millions more who have reached the beatific vision: "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14). These people have joined the ranks of saints in heaven, even though we don't recognize them formally and individually on the liturgical calendar. Today is the day to celebrate them all. In our own lifetime, we have seen people who stood out for their selflessness and saintliness. These may include our own parents, other family members, and friends. We celebrate them all today with joy and gratitude. What can we take away from this feast? That we are all called to be holy; that each one of us is called to be a saint. Most saints looked at the saints before them and said, if they could do it, why not I? That is the same question we need to ask. If all those saints could give of themselves to God and others, why can't I? If those saints, men and women, married and single, could respond to the call of Christ in their times and circumstances, why not we in our times and situations?

**All Souls on Tuesday November 02: Mass as usual at 8:30 a.m.:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: When November comes, we turn our attention in a special way to those who have gone before us. We loved them in life, we love them in death, and we'll love them into eternal life. As you know, life is not ended in death but only changed. Even as the seed has to die in order to bring forth new life, all our lives when they end in death come back into life because we are destined for eternity. We are mortal in the sense of our life on earth, but we are immortal in the sense of our life with God. It is our belief that we the "Church Militant" can really help the "Church Suffering" through our love and prayers. When they become the "Church Triumphant," they who will be close to God can intercede for us who are in this "vale of tears."

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

You shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.  
— Deuteronomy 6:5



### LOVE GOD

As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus' ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today's selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, "I love you, O LORD, my strength" (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.  
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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).  
**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).  
**Second Reading** — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).  
**Gospel** — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).  
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### Sunday Collection October 24, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 1,800.00
Over/Under	\$ 4,200.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 751.00

*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

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 1</b> All Saints
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 2</b> All Souls
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 3</b> † Fred Cairns † Margaret Agius
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 4</b> † Maria Keilian † Carlina Asuncion
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 5</b> Tony Ramos (L) Lily Codd (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>November 6</b> † Marge Obre and Family Vittorio Rossi
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	<b>November 7</b> † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Giuseppe Mazzaferro † Jesus "Jesse" Quinonez 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.*



### Month of All Souls November

Traditionally, November is the month when we especially remember the souls who have entered eternal life. As we prepare for these remembrances there is a specific way of preparation besides our own prayers and remembrances. You may write their names on one of the All-Souls envelopes. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for remembrances during all the Masses in November.

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

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

-- Fr. Charles

**ICF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. No Host cocktails 12:00 Noon, Lunch 12:30. Menu will consist of Chicken Gordon Bleu or Salmon with champagne sauce. Dessert/Coffee/Wine. Price \$35.00. Please call Mary Perata for reservations at 415-239-5936  
Reservation deadline is November 11<sup>th</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.

Please return registrations ASAP so that books can be ordered.

**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.*

**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.**

**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