

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 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)

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Parish Office Hours

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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 2nd and 4th 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
November 7, 2021



The COP26 summit will bring nations together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Climate change is the greatest risk facing the human race. Around the world, storms, floods and wildfires are intensifying. Air pollution affects vast numbers of people. Environmental degradation and global warming are happening at alarming speeds. Unpredictable weather causes untold damage to properties and livelihoods. The goal of this Glasgow conference is to secure global net zero plan by countries adopting practical measures such as phasing out coal, curtailing deforestation, switching to electric vehicles and investing in renewables. It will involve protecting and restoring ecosystems and building defenses against loss of homes, livelihoods, and even lives. The Holy Father is urging the nations to take "radical" action to address climate change.

Highly Recommending a Book: The title of this book is "*Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church*." Published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cost is: \$16.95. This book is an excellent synthesis of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in concise, question-and-answer form. As you may know, the Catechism consists of four parts. 1. Profession of faith (interpretation of the Creed). 2. Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Sacraments). 3. Life in Christ (Christian morality). 4. Christian prayer. This book is a great way of being in touch with the basic elements and features of Catholic faith. To order, visit www.store.usccb.org

Poetic Inspiration: Fire and Ice: "Some say the world will end in fire, / Some say in ice. / From what I've tasted of desire, / I hold with those who favor fire. / But if it had to perish twice / I think I know enough of hate / To say that for destruction ice / Is also great / and would suffice." — Robert Frost

A Story to Ponder: When Handel's MESSIAH was first performed in London, the King who was present, was so carried away by religious sentiment during the Alleluia chorus that, against all convention, he stood up in silent respect for the masterpiece he was hearing. When they saw this, all the nobles present followed the example of the King and stood up too. That was the signal, of course, for everyone in the audience to stand up! Since then it is considered *de rigueur* to stand up each time the Alleluia is sung regardless of one's inner disposition or the quality of the performance.

Humor: 1. A priest's sermon concerned the relationship between the fact and faith. "That you are sitting before me in this church," he said, "is fact." That I am standing, speaking from this pulpit, is fact. But it is, only faith that makes me believe anyone is listening." 2. A rich old aunt who was paying her nephew's college expenses was once asked by her pastor how expensive was education. "Well," said the aunt, "some of the languages run pretty high. My check this month covered \$200 for English, \$300 for Latin, and \$500 for *Scotch*."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Month of November to Honor the Faithful Departed: In the midst of our hectic activities, let's keep those who have died from our families and circles of friends in our hearts and minds and prayers. Our love for them continues and survives death. Our faith informs us of the new life they are given, thanks to the resurrection of our Lord who vanquished sin and death. Our hope impels us to long for union with our dear departed when the time comes, in the Kingdom of God. If our dear ones are buried in a cemetery close by, it would be wonderful to visit their graves and pray. It's been a Catholic way of doing things for a couple of thousand years. As we pray for the dear departed, let's learn to look at death in a realistic, faith-filled, liberating way, so that the inevitability of death can deepen our desire for life and love. Death can enhance our love for life. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

Pope Francis's Efforts on Climate Change: On October 04, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis called for a meeting of dozens of religious leaders with a plea to protect the environment, warning that "future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home." On October 09, Pope Francis called on governments to work together to tackle climate change as he hosted lawmakers from around the world who were in Rome for a two-day preparatory meeting for the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference. Pope Francis addressed the lawmakers in the Paul VI Hall, days after signing a joint appeal with religious leaders and scientists that called on governments to come together on goals at the upcoming conference. Challenging the lawmakers to overcome "the narrow confines" of partisan politics to quickly reach consensus on fighting climate change, Pope Francis called on lawmakers to "transition towards clean energy; to adopt sustainable land use practices, preventing deforestation and restoring forests, conserving biodiversity, favoring food systems that are environmentally friendly and respectful of local cultures, and to promote sustainable lifestyles and patterns of consumption and production."

COP26 Climate Change Summit in Glasgow: As followers of Christ, we are actively engaged in protecting and preserving the planet earth, our common home, as Pope Francis calls it. The earth has been given to us by the Creator and we are to practice wise stewardship of this precious gift. The Holy Father's vision about our caring for the earth was spelled out in 2015 in his second encyclical "Laudato Si." As you may be aware, the UN Climate Change Conference is meeting now in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 through November 12.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2021

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7



THE POOR

As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today's Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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Sunday Collection October 31, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,621.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 268.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,111.00

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	November 8 Father Keith Abranches (L) Jesusa Arambulo (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 9 Bella Cook (L) † Tessie Spiteri
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 10 Good Shepherd Guild † Teodoro and † Antonia Vinluan
Thursday 8:30 am	November 11 † Paul, † Theresa and † Joseph Vella
Friday 8:30 am	November 12 † Victor Da Silva En Maog (L) Thanksgiving
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	November 13 † Vittorio Rossi † Abraham Paulose
Sunday 9:30 am	November 14 † Maria Mazzaferro † Giuseppina Rinaldi † Aurora Sumera † Mike and † Ramona Vesperas 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.



November Month of All Souls

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.



The Parish office will be closed on Thursday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

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

-- Fr. Charles

ST. ELIZABETH MALTESE SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO...
Cache Creek
 (5 Hours of Casino Fun)

DATE: Saturday, November 13, 2021
BOARDING TIME: 8:00 am (Return 5:30 pm)
PICK UP: 450 Somerset Street/Front of Church
PRICE: \$35.00
 (Non-refundable if cancelled in lesst han 5 days)
REFUND: \$20.00 play

Light breakfast and snacks will be served.
 Bingo and raffle will be available on the bus.
 Please bring photo ID for casino card. Masks must be worn.
 Proof of vaccination required.

GOOD LUCK!!!

St. Elizabeth Maltese Society disclaims any liability for loss of property or personal injury that might occur during trip.

For Reservations please call:
Jeanette Santos 415- 225-5315
Mary Sammut 415-467-1686

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

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.

Remember



**Clocks
go
back
1 Hour
this**

Sunday