

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 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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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 14, 2021

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...: November is a tender and emotional month when we think of our dear ones gone to the Lord and pray for them. They loved us; we loved them. What prevents us from continuing to love them? Nothing! Love lives on beyond death. Nothing can separate us from them, not even death. It's a month of sadness and memories, but it's also a time of awareness about life beyond our earthly existence when God in Jesus will fulfill our deepest longings for immortality and everlasting life. We are made for eternity and God himself has placed that desire in us. We realize the brevity of our life on earth and rearrange our preoccupations to gain a perspective on things. In view of the end of our journey in this world, we develop a sense of what matters and what does not. We pray for all those going through a purification process, like gold in the fire, that they may attain their final destiny of being with God forever. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen. 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.

Looking forward to these Liturgical Events: November 28 is the first Sunday of Advent. The Sunday before that, Nov. 21, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Mass on Thursday Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00 a.m. as per the tradition of our parish.

Simbang Gabi Masses at 8:30 a.m. from Dec. 16 through Dec. 24: I called for a meeting to consult about how we are going to do the Simbang Gabi Masses this year, with Covid still in the background. It was felt by the group that we should, like last year, combine the spirit of Simbang Gabi with the daily Masses at 8:30 a.m. during the nine days before Christmas. Accordingly, we will have the Simbang Gabi related ceremonies and prayers at the daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. On Sunday December 19, it will be at the regular 9:30 a.m. Mass. I would like to encourage everyone, especially the Filipino community, to come together for this beautiful devotional preparation for nine days before Christmas. The contact person for Simbang Gabi this year is Gloria Trinidad. Please also would you let the parish office know how you can sponsor and support Simbang Gabi.

AAA Thank-You Luncheon: Last Sunday Nov. 07, we had 44 people attending the thank-you luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. There was a great spirit of friendship and gratitude. It was an occasion to celebrate our successful completion of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, thanks to everyone's participation and especially those who donated 1% or more. Thank you and God bless your generosity. Next year, when it is time to do our AAA, let's like this year complete it as quickly as possible.

Safety during the times of Covid: With recent reports of some increases in Covid cases in the Bay Area due to Delta variant, let's continue to be alert and do everything to keep others and ourselves safe. Our Covid protocols at St. Elizabeth continue to be followed.

A Story to Ponder: True philosopher that he was, Socrates believed that the wise person would instinctively lead a frugal life. He himself would not even wear shoes; yet he constantly fell under the spell of the marketplace and would go there often to look at all the wares on display. When one of his friends asked why, Socrates said, "I love to go there and discover how many things I am perfectly happy without." Spirituality is not knowing what you want but understanding what you do not need

COP26--U.N. Climate Change Conference: The followers of Christ are called to do everything to protect and preserve the planet earth and be wise and prudent stewards of the planet earth. On Nov. 12, the Conference came to a close in Glasgow, without the attendance of Russia and China. This is the crisis: the world is getting warmer because of emissions of fossil fuels used by us, like gas, oil, and coal. Consequently, extreme weather events are happening, including heatwaves, floods, forest fires, water shortages, drought, crop failures, ecosystem collapse. The past decade has been the warmest on record and so the nations agree that urgent action is needed. In this Glasgow Conference, over 100 world leaders promised to tackle deforestation because trees absorb CO2. These 100 countries joined to reduce Methane by 30% by 2030. Big emitters China, Russia, and India have not joined. More than 40 countries agreed to move away from coal, the single biggest contributor to climate change. Some of the biggest coal-dependent countries, including Australia, India, China, and the U.S. haven't signed up. More than 450 organizations controlling 130 trillion dollars, about 40% of global private assets, agreed to back "clean" technology, like renewable energy. When you have the time, please do read up on technical terms like "Net Zero," "1.5 degrees Celsius target," and "Greenhouse gases." Knowledge is power! Pope Francis has been passionate about the stand the Catholic Church and the whole world have to take and the radical changes needed to avert the disaster and preserve our common home.

Pearly Gates Humor: 1. A guy ends up at the pearly gates and St Peter welcomes him by congratulating him for being the first man to live to 350 years of age. The guy is confused, I think you have got the wrong guy, I never lived that long. St Peter replies, Yeah it's you, we worked it out from your IT contracting time sheets. 2. What the lifelong atheist said when he reached the Pearly Gates. I'll be damned! 3. A man walks up to the pearly gates. Saint Peter asks, "How did you get here?" The man answers, Flu."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
— Mark 13:31



GOD'S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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Sunday Collection November 7, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,975.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,025.00
St. Patrick's Seminary	\$ 694.00

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 15 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella Editha Romias (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 16 † Belen Ramos † Tessie Spiteri
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 17 † Rinaldo Schenone † Ray DeVita
Thursday 8:30 am	November 18 † Efren J. Songco Gloria Trinidad (L)
Friday 8:30 am	November 19 † Jose and † Balbina Nebril En Maog (L) Thanksgiving
Saturday 8:30 am	November 20 † Salvina Hili Gino Gabriel Fabia (L) and Gideon Fabia Jr. (L)
4:30 pm	† Arthur Ghiglieri † Theresa Spiteri
Sunday 9:30 am	November 21 † John Benedetti 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.



On Thursday, November 25th our Parish will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am. Due to the continued Corona Virus restrictions, we will not be collecting food items this year. In lieu of food donations we will be accepting monetary donations to be given to Catholic Relief Services.

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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

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.

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.