

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21, 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 21, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Christ the King: This Sunday is the feast of the majestic King, Christ our Lord. It's the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It's our belief that at the end of the world, Christ the King will tie up all the loose ends and bring the whole creation to an end and present it to his heavenly Father. Meanwhile, he is King of our lives today. He rules over us not with power and glamor, but through love and humility, through selflessness and self-effacement. He is the King who washes our feet and dies for us so that we can have life and have it abundantly. His Kingdom fills the whole world. His Kingdom values are often contrary to what the world cherishes. But the deepest longings and desires of our hearts can be found in the values of this universal King, Christ our Lord. Our dreams for love and intimacy, peace and justice, health and happiness—all these are the values of Christ the King as well. We can open our hearts and minds more fully to this King who dwells in our lives and makes us shine with truth and justice. Long live Christ the King!

Advent Coming up next Sunday: With the feast of Christ the King, we turn our attention next Sunday to the beginning of the season of Advent. What a beautiful season of longing and waiting for the Lord to be born all over again in our lives! Let's get ready psychologically and spiritually for this wonderful season of Advent which will lead us to the new-born King at Christmas.

Musings on Thanksgiving: The fabulous, heartwarming, all-American festival of Thanksgiving is round the corner. With the pandemic still holding some sway, our celebrations may be somewhat lowkey, but there is still the uplifting feeling of family, faith, and the need to give thanks. People all over the nation are getting ready to travel back home to be with family. Love is in the air everywhere. We have much to be thankful for. Gratitude makes us better human beings and Christians. Gratitude makes explicit our human condition and our dependence on God and one another. It helps us appreciate the fact that we are not self-sufficient and that we are interdependent. It energizes us to go out of ourselves to others and think about others' needs. With our love and service, we can create better families and communities and transform the human family.

Exhibition of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel at St. Mary's Cathedral: The Exhibition showcases the awe and wonder of arguably one of humankind's greatest artistic achievements while allowing its visitors to experience the art from an up-close, life-sized, and never-before-seen perspective. ♦ Where: Saint Mary's Cathedral ♦ When: Through January 1, 2022, Thursdays - Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (time slots available every half hour) ♦ Duration: The visit takes about 60-90 minutes ♦ Ticket Prices: Starting at \$20.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child ♦ For information and to purchase tickets: visit <https://chapelsistine.com/exhibits/sf/>

Prayers for the Dear Departed Souls: Eternal Rest Grant Unto them, O Lord: As you know well, the month of November for Catholics is a time to think about life and death and to hold sacred the memory of those who have died from our families and communities. The envelopes with the names of the dear departed from your families are on the altar this whole month. As we mourn the departed and renew our faith in their new life because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we hope to acquire perspective on our present life. How we live, how we love, what we do with our time, how we pay attention to those things that really matter in the long haul, how we pass on authentic Christian virtues and human values to others, especially our children and grandchildren --- these are things to ponder as we think of death and everlasting life. Knowing that we are all made for the grandeur of eternity and immortality is what will give us purpose and perspective on what we have to do today and all the various choices we have to make on a daily basis.

Thanksgiving Humor: 1. Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy." 2. Hatched?: This guy goes to his doctor. "Doctor, help me! I can't stop acting like a turkey!" "I see," said the doctor. "How long have you had this problem?" "Let me think a second. Mom laid the egg in 1954..... 3. Knock, knock! Who is there? Arthur. Arthur who? Arthur any Thanksgiving leftovers?

Happy Thanksgiving! "The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving." -H.U. Westermayer. Let our sense of gratitude overflow to our families, friends, and to all those struggling in life.

Happy Thanksgiving! God bless America! From sea to shining sea!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21, 2021

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.
— Revelation 1:5



CHRIST, THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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Sunday Collection November 14, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,878.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,122.00

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal	\$ 564.00
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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	November 22 † Tony Falzon † Marites Cerezo
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 23 † Joseph, † Frank and † John DeLuca Eden Pinlac (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 24 † Joe Sapiano † Carlina Asuncion
Thursday 9:00 am	November 25 Thanksgiving Day
Friday 8:30 am	November 26 † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri † Jack Choy Louisa Occiano (L)
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	November 27 † Tessie Spiteri † Pepito O. Camba † Theresa Spiteri
Sunday 9:30 am	November 28 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri 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.

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.



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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It is with joy that we welcome you and your family into our church and community. Arya received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on November 13th, 2021. Arya is pictured above with her parents Anthony and Nicole Bautista.

**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.



Office Telephone Calls

When calling the parish office please listen carefully to the selections and follow the prompts.

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

The emergency line is designated for the Anointing of the Sick.

**Please note that the office has limited hours:
Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm**