

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022



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
January 16, 2022**



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year --- Focus on Jesus:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated on January 09th brings the Christmas season to a close. The liturgical "ordinary time" begins from January 10th through February 28th. Then the season of Lent begins March 02nd with Ash Wednesday. The Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar is a kind of technical term to say that this time is outside the special season of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Though called ordinary, it is still a time when we walk with Jesus and meditate on his teachings and healings as he is engaged in his public ministry. We journey with Jesus from his birth to death, the mysteries of Incarnation and Resurrection. In between these seasons, we open our lives more and more to the mystery of Jesus walking and talking with us. Our Catholic-Christian faith is Christo-centric. Let's keep asking the basic questions: who is Jesus to me in my present stage of life? What does he say to me? What do I speak to him about? How does he enter my thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds? How does he relate to my joys and sorrows, my hopes and disappointments? To the extent we can search for answers to these most fundamental questions, to that degree we'll find ourselves more securely anchored to meaning of life now and into eternity.

A Survey on the life in the church: This weekend and in the next few weekends we will be administering the survey entitled "Disciple Maker Index Survey" as part of the synodal conversation that Pope Francis has initiated. All parishes in the Archdiocese are expected to fill out this survey. I'd earnestly request you to take a copy home and diligently return it after filling it out. Your feedback is much appreciated, and the results will be codified by the Archdiocese and eventually these results will help the Holy Father in assessing the mood and the feeling of the Church all over the world in regard to the mission of the Church in the 21st century. For more information on the synod, please visit our parish website where I have placed some important resources. I'd like to thank Antonia Velasco, Carol Anne Velasco, and Richard John for being the contact persons from our parish in making sure this process is successfully completed from our parish.

Word of God: Wedding at Cana is the charming gospel story this Sunday. There are some insights we could keep in our hearts and ponder over them. One, that Jesus is present in our social events, not just spiritual events. In the church and in our homes and out there on Main Street and Market Street, Jesus is present everywhere. The mystery of the Incarnation is that he inserts himself into

the thick of our lives and that has become one with us. He is "on the way" with us. Everything is steeped in sacredness because of his constant and continuous gracious presence. Two, when the party runs out of wine, he is ready to intervene and do something about it. Wine could represent the gift of joy, the sense of well-being, a sense of security. When we run out of joy and energy for life, Jesus is there to replenish our supplies, so that we may experience "joie de vivre." Three, this event foreshadows the Last Supper and the Eucharist, when Jesus will turn wine into his blood and feed us. Four, Mary his mother too is part of the celebration. She is always ready to speak on behalf of us to her son. Five, Mary's instruction that we must do whatever Jesus tells us to do is a reminder always for us to follow Jesus in his words and deeds and become authentic disciples and apostles. Six, John the evangelist calls it "the beginning of the signs," implying that there are more signs to come and in all these signs, there is revelation, epiphany, of Jesus so that we could come to believe in Jesus and receive not just life, but abundant life.

An Inspirational Story --- Two Wolves: One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed." (ADM)

Clever Humor: 1. A Buddhist walks up to a hot dog stand and says, "Make me one with everything." 2. I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places. 3. Wanna hear a joke about Potassium? (whether they say 'yes' or 'no'): K. 4. I asked my North Korean friend how it was there; he said he couldn't complain. 5. There's no "I" in Denial. 6. Exaggerations went up by a million percent last year. 7. I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now. 8. I was wondering why does a Frisbee appear larger the closer it gets . . . then it hit me. 9. Have I told you this deja vu joke before? 10. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be . . .

Think About It: "I wish more people were fluent in silence."

New Year Wish: Hope the New Year 2022 is treating you all with kindness and gentleness. May every hour, every day, every week, and every month of this New Year be filled with God's blessings upon blessings.

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

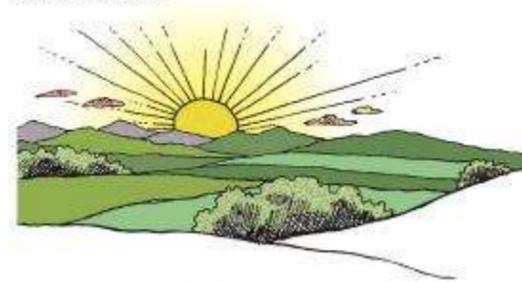
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Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.

— *1saiah 62:2*

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REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:30 am

January 17

† Cristina Hernandez
† Thomas Hernandez

Tuesday

8:30 am

January 18

† Kendall Clark
† Erlinda S. Banaag

Wednesday

8:30 am

January 19

† Charles Bonnici
Ignacio Madriaga (L)

Thursday

8:30 am

January 20

† Judith Terracina
Francisca Fabia (L)

Friday

8:30 am

January 21

Neo Xander Beltran (L)

Saturday

8:30 am

January 22

† Norma Miranda Lorenzi
† James O' Sullivan

4:30 pm

Sunday

9:30 am

January 23

People of the Parish
Italian Catholic Federation
† Maria Caraffi
† Tessy Lencioni

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

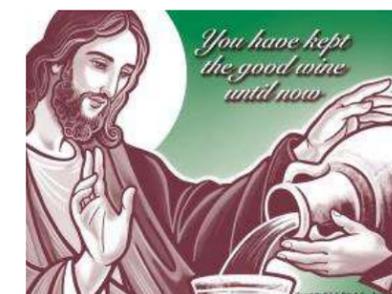
Masses were scheduled pre-Covid. All Sunday intentions will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass.

Sunday Collection January 9, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,486.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 422.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,092.00

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.)



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End of Year Statements

We are preparing to close the books on 2021. Please contact the parish office in writing or email if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using **SUNDAY ENVELOPES**. Please note that any donations received after December 31st will be credited to 2022.

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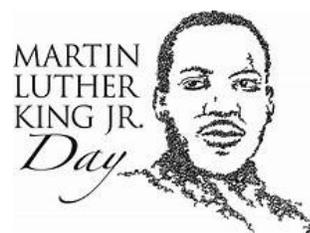
Statements will be mailed by 1/31/2022

Walk for Life West Coast 2022: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 18th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 22, 2022. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. For more information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793



**Participate in Pope Francis's Synod at Your
Parish – Take the Disciple Maker Index Survey!**

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. The Archdiocese of San Francisco has kicked-off the local synodal process this month by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey between now and February 15. The process will continue in February and March with engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results from this survey will provide baseline feedback from which content for engagement sessions will be developed. To take the survey for your parish, go to www.sfarch.org/synod and click on your parish. *Be sure to participate by February 15!*



**The parish office will be closed on
Monday January 17 in observance of the
Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.**