

# ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 30, 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)

### 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  
January 30, 2022



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Parish Maintenance-Related Expenses --- For Your Information:** I would like to keep you informed of some recent expenses related to our maintenance in the parish.

1. A few weeks ago, we got a **new boiler** installed in Alta Vista School at the cost of \$49,225.00.
2. The **insulation of boiler pipes** at the same venue cost us an extra \$1,904.16.
3. Along with that expense, we had to get **asbestos abatement** done at Alta Vista School at the cost of \$2,207.50.
4. As you know, we need to pay an annual amount to the Archdiocese for **liability and property insurance**. This year the amount is \$73,143.00.
5. We are installing a new water heater in Cantwell Hall (church basement) at the cost of \$5,796.00, which includes a 10-year warranty.
6. The **old Convent** at 454 Goettingen St, which belongs to our parish, is **being painted** at an estimated cost of nearly \$15,000. Once this work is over, I'm hoping we could rent it out to prospective tenants. A Real Estate company (Baldini Property Management) has been hired to help find the tenants and manage the property.
7. There is a **pending project of repairing the church roof**. As you know, the last time it rained heavily, there were a few leaks. Both the A-Frame and the flat surfaces of the roof need repairing which will cost us tens of thousands of dollars.

I'm letting you know of all these expenses so that everyone is aware that these maintenance issues are addressed promptly and effectively and to give you a sense of how much it costs to keep running our parish and doing all the maintenance on a regular basis. Thank you for your donations. Please do continue to support St. Elizabeth parish with your prayers as well as with your generous weekly offerings. We need to keep doing God's work in our parish. For that, we need the physical structures of buildings that require a lot of upkeep.

**Parish Survey about Pope Francis' Synod of Synodality is underway:** Pope Francis invited the global Catholic Church to gather and reflect on communion, participation, and mission within the Church. The two-year process of listening and dialogue is themed, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and

Mission" and is being referred to as the "synod on synodality," which the Holy Father officially opened with Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica on October 10, 2021. Currently, dioceses throughout the world including our own are beginning the next phase of the synod which includes consultation and dialogue. Our participating in the survey is part of this process.

**What is a "synod" and what does it mean?** It's a meeting of bishops from all over the world established by Pope Paul VI on 15 September, 1965, in response to the desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council to discuss doctrinal or pastoral matters. Synods offer suggestions to the Pope, which may or may not become official teachings at a later time. Literally speaking the word "synod" ---derived from two Greek words syn meaning "together" and hodos meaning "road" or "way --- means a "coming together."

**What is different about this Synod?:** This Synod is unique. The Holy Father is asking that the entire Church participate in this Synod. The faithful, clergy, and religious are invited to pray, listen, and talk together with the Bishops before the 2023 gathering of Bishops in Rome.

**Word of God:** God calls us and sends us out to others to share a personal message. This message each one of us can share not so much in words but through our love and service. This is what we reflect on as we read from Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." In the second reading, Paul speaks of the qualities of love. We can do an examination of conscience to see if we are able to practice these various manifestations and concretizations of love: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." In the gospel we see how the prophetic message of Jesus runs into stiff opposition to the point of people trying to hurl him down the brow of a hill headlong.

**Think About It:** "Today you are you! That is truer than true. There is no one alive who is you-er than you!" ---Dr. Seuss

**Joke:** A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers were taking up the collection. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.  
— 1 Corinthians 13:13



### TO BE A PROPHET

Today's readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from "Judah's kings and princes" and "its priests and people" (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they "will not prevail over you, for I am with you" (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them ("salvation").

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today's Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his "gracious words" (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus "passed through the midst of them and went away" (4:30).

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

**Psalm** — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

**Second Reading** — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

**Gospel** — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>January 31</b><br>† Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:30 am   | <b>February 1</b><br>† Thomas Huertas<br>† Jovito Cruz  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:30 am | <b>February 2</b><br>Maria Luu thi Tuyet Van (L)<br>Catarina Truong My Giao (L)                     |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>February 3</b><br>† Giovanni Rossi   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>February 4</b><br>Bobbek Hakimzadeh (L)  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>February 5</b><br>† Lydia and † Antonio Vinluan  |
| 4:30 pm                     | † William Mehrwein  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:30 am    | <b>February 6</b><br>People of the Parish<br>† Antonietta and † John Perata<br>Olivia Abranches (L) |

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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

### Saturday/Sunday Collection January 15-16, 2022

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Weekly Need:</b>       | <b>\$ 6,000.00</b> |
| <b>First Collection</b>   | <b>\$ 2,591.00</b> |
| <b>Church Environment</b> | <b>\$ 384.00</b>   |
| <b>Over/Under</b>         | <b>\$ 3,025.00</b> |

*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.)*

### Saturday/Sunday Collection January 22-23, 2022

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Weekly Need:</b>      | <b>\$ 6,000.00</b> |
| <b>First Collection</b>  | <b>\$ 1,334.00</b> |
| <b>Parish Ministries</b> | <b>\$ 418.00</b>   |
| <b>Over/Under</b>        | <b>\$ 4,248.00</b> |

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**END OF YEAR STATEMENTS**

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.**



**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](http://www.sfarch.org/synod) and click on your parish.

*Be sure to participate by February 15!*