

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
**Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134**  
***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***February 6, 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  
February 06, 2022



and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

**Lunar New Year of the Tiger:** February 01 was the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Tiger, celebrated by China, South and North Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, and some other South East Asian countries. Immigrants from these countries are among us and particularly in the Bay Area. New Year wishes to all those who celebrated this New Year and God's abundant blessings.

**A Zen-like Story to Ponder:** A monk was walking in the monastery grounds one day when he heard a bird sing. He listened, spellbound. It seemed to him that never before had he heard, but really heard, the song of a bird. When the singing stopped he returned to the monastery and discovered, to his dismay, that he was a stranger to his fellow monks, and they to him. It was only gradually that they and he discovered that he was returning after centuries. Because his listening was total, time had stopped and he had slipped into eternity. **Reflection:** Prayer is made perfect when the timeless is discovered. The timeless is discovered through clarity of perception. Perception is made clear when it is disengaged from preconceptions and from all consideration of personal loss or gain. Then the miraculous is seen and the heart is filled with wonder. (ADM)

**A Beautiful Prayer:** "I asked God for health that I might do great things, but I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy, but I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of people, but I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all people, most richly blessed."

**Food for Thought:** A disciple confessed his bad habit of repeating gossip. Said the Spiritual Master mischievously, "Repeating it wouldn't be so bad if you did not improve on it."

**Humor:** 1. A heavy snowstorm closed the schools in one town. When the children returned to school a few days later, one grade-school teacher asked her students whether they had used the time away from school constructively. "I sure did, teacher," one girl replied. "I just prayed for more snow." 2. While in church, a father whispered to his daughter that she should be quiet because they were in God's house. The girl looked all around the church, and asked her father, "Which door will God be coming in?"

**Wishing you love, peace, joy, faith, health, success, friendship, generosity, kindness, freedom--the blessings only God's can give,**

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2022

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
with all my heart, for you have heard the words  
of my mouth.

— *Psalm 138:1*



### THEOPHANIES

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

**Psalm** — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it

(1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

**Gospel** — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday

8:30 am

### February 7

† Manuel Scerri and  
† Joseph Vella  
† Calixta Moster Pilare

### Tuesday

8:30 am

### February 8

† Theresa Spiteri  
† Earl McCarthy

### Wednesday

8:30 am

### February 9

† Joseph Winant

### Thursday

8:30 am

### February 10

† Giuseppe Moretto

### Friday

8:30 am

### February 11

† Tessie, † Joseph and  
† Saviour Schembri

### Saturday

8:30 am

### February 12

† Norma Mangonon

4:30 pm

† Francisca Fabia

### Sunday

9:30 am

### February 13

People of the Parish  
† Marcos V. Valledor  
† Ponchito Aquiluz

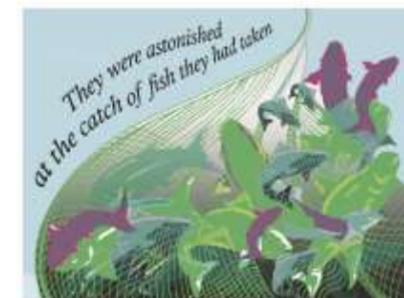
†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Saturday/Sunday Collection January 29 - 30, 2022

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,475.00</b>
<b>Parish Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 514.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 3,011.00</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.)



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**SYNODAL LISTENING SESSION**

Registration is now open for the Synodal Listening/Engagement sessions. These sessions are available in-person in all three counties of the Archdiocese, and also virtually using Zoom. Registration is highly encouraged to help the host parishes plan for how many people will be in attendance.

Please visit [www.sfarch.org/synod](http://www.sfarch.org/synod) to register. Click on "Attend a Listening Session" and you'll be able to find sessions in all three counties and several virtual Zoom sessions. All you need to do is click on the session you'd like to attend and you'll be transferred to a registration form.

**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!***