

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)

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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
February 06, 2022



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): I'm giving you a heads-up on the letter I'm putting in the mail on February 07 for each parishioner of St. Elizabeth about this year's concerted campaign to raise \$30,500 in support of the Archdiocesan ministries. Next weekend, February 12-13, at Masses I'll be speaking about AAA and officially launching our annual drive. I humbly seek your support in making this drive successful as quickly as possible. Thank you for supporting it whole heartedly last year and I'm hoping this year too you will support it with the same enthusiasm and fervor.

Parish Lenten Retreat on March 12: As you know, Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 02. As part of our Lenten practices and observances, I'll be giving a retreat for half a day on Saturday March 12. It will start with the 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by coffee and donuts in Cantwell Hall. Then there will be three sessions with intervals in between. It will end with lunch about 1:00 p.m. Registration fee: \$15. Since food will be served indoors, vaccination proof will be required as per the City and Archdiocesan Covid protocols. Registration forms will be made available next week.

A Survey related to the Synod: The survey is underway at our parish. Please do fill out the forms and return them as promptly as possible. You may also go online at www.sfarch.org/synod to take this survey. The deadline of February 15 is fast approaching.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission: Please visit our parish website for resources on the Synod. The Synod is a convention of bishops to discuss matters of the church and seek advice from the Pope. Pope Francis formally opened the Synod of Bishops on Oct. 10, 2021 with a solemn Mass in St Peter's Basilica.

The Synod, generally speaking, can be defined as an assembly of bishops representing the Catholic episcopate, having the task of helping the Pope in the governing of the universal Church by rendering their counsel.

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church participating in the preparations. The synodal process will conclude in 2023.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together

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

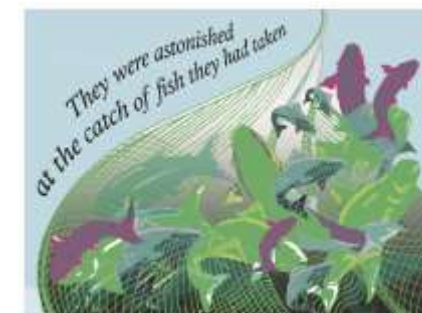
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection January 29 - 30, 2022

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

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.

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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 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 and click on your parish.

Be sure to participate by February 15!