

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 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

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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
February 20, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Parish Financial Report: The financial statement for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is presented in this bulletin. Please do continue to participate in the life of the parish through your faith, prayer, liturgies, volunteering, and financial donations. Let's keep doing God's work in our 110-year-old parish of St. Elizabeth.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Amount to raise: \$30,500. One Percent amount: \$305. Last weekend (February 12-13), we launched the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) to raise \$30,500. Please would you prayerfully consider giving 1% which is \$305. We shall have a concerted effort for a month in raising the amount. I preached at both the last weekend Masses, sharing with you about the need and necessity of supporting the Archdiocesan ministries---for the simple reason that our parish is part and parcel of the Archdiocese. I also made the connection with the Word of God in light of the "sermon on the plain" from Luke's Gospel. The blessings and woes remind us of the values of Jesus. Our parish and the Archdiocese are missioned to proclaim the values of Jesus, thus furthering the Kingdom of God. When we help, support, and strengthen the Archdiocese, we are actually helping, supporting, and strengthening our own St. Elizabeth Parish. I also emphasized the great news that last year, despite being in the thick of the pandemic, you supported AAA successfully. We made our goal within the first eight weeks. I have every reason to believe that you'll make a success of this drive this year as well. It's part of our parish identity to engage in such projects energetically and complete them with pride and a great sense of fulfillment. We bring faith and wisdom to such tasks---and with God's grace and everyone's collaboration, we will come out of these projects with flying colors. This week, we begin the second week of the AAA month-long drive. You'll see the names of the AAA donors (\$25 and above) in the bulletin. Please do send in your donations as generously and as early as possible.

Saturday March 12 is Lenten Retreat: I'll be preaching a Lenten Retreat on the theme of Prayer on Saturday March 12. It will start with the 8:30 a.m. Mass and will end with lunch around 1:30 p.m. If you'd like to join this retreat, please register. Registration forms are available in the church and in the parish office. Registration fee: \$15. This will somewhat cover coffee and donuts and lunch.

The Word of God: This Sunday, we continue to read from chapter 6 of Luke's Gospel, which is the "Sermon on the Plain" (Luke 6:20-49). You may recall the "Sermon on the Mount" from Matthew's Gospel which spans the chapters of 5, 6, and 7. The Luke's version is a much shorter passage of

the Sermon. Its components are: four blessings and four woes, love your enemies and turn the other cheek, treat others the way you want to be treated, don't judge and you won't be judged, forgive, you'll be forgiven, can the blind lead the blind, remove the log from your own eye before attending to the splinter in your friend's eye, a good tree does not produce bad fruit and a bad tree does not produce good fruit, why do you call me Lord, Lord and yet don't do what I command you to do, whoever follows these words of mine builds on rock, whoever builds on sand will be destroyed. These teachings are the values of Jesus; they are the requirements of the Kingdom of God. We'll do well to make an examination of conscience--- and examination of consciousness---about how our personal values relate to the values of Jesus. The values the world cherishes are often in conflict with Jesus' values. We need to also examine and evaluate how the values of our church, the social/political/religious/economic/cultural/technological organizations, and of governments all over the world stand in relation to the values of the Sermon on the Plain/Mount. The more we attune the world to the values of Jesus, the better we shall be in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Lent starts: On Ash Wednesday March 02, 2022. Let's start making plans!

A Couple of Stories to Ponder: 1. A conductor was rehearsing with his orchestra and said to the trumpet player, "I think this part calls for a more Wagnerian approach, if you get what I mean, something more assertive, so to speak, more accentuated, with more body, more depth, more..." The trumpet player interrupted. "Do you want it louder, sir?" All that the poor conductor could say was. "Yes, that's what I mean!" 2. A man was doing his Ph.D in philosophy. His wife, realizing how seriously he was taking his studies, one day said to him, "Why is it you love me so much?" Quick as a shot he replied, "When you say "so much" are you referring to intensity, depth, frequency, quality, or duration?" The moral: "By dissecting the petals no one ever gathered in the beauty of the rose."

Quotable Quote: "Everything you can imagine is real." --- Pablo Picasso.

Humor: 1. Doctor: Mr. Erickson, you are in good health. You should live to be 90. Mr. Erickson: I'm 91! Doctor: See, what did I tell you? 2. A 75-year-old woman in a retirement home was admiring a 90-year-old-man. "Why do you keep looking at me so much?" asked the man. "Well," she responded, "you look just like my third husband." "How many husbands have you had?" "Two." 3. You can tell you're getting older when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Wishing you always God's blessings of peace, joy, love, faith, and health,

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— *Psalm 103:8*



LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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St. Elizabeth Financial Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Income	\$690,363.00
Collections	\$156,897.00
Bequeathments/Gifts	\$102,655.00
Rent	\$427,462.00
Other	\$3,349.00
Expenses --	\$574,476.00
Personnel Costs	\$227,796.00
Property/Utilities	\$130,891.00
Gen/Admin/Office	\$215,789.00
Net	\$115,887.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:30 am

February 21

† Carmen Spiteri

† Tessa Lencioni

Tuesday

8:30 am

February 22

Andrew Terstegge (L)

Wednesday

8:30 am

February 23

† Ed Serchia

Thursday

8:30 am

February 24

Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Community, Staff, and Residents

Friday

8:30 am

February 25

† Alice Soriano

Marilyn Amorado (L)

Saturday

8:30 am

February 26

† Maria Caraffi

4:30 pm

† John Swaries

Sunday

9:30 am

February 27

People of the Parish
Italian Catholic Federation

† Timoteo D. Nacor Sr.

† Minviluz B. Nacor

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection **February 12-13, 2022**

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,270.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ <u>525.00</u>
Over/Under	\$ <u>1,205.00</u>

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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It is with great joy we welcome Karsen Dizon into our church and community. Karsen and Kadin received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on Saturday, February 12th, 2022.

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.

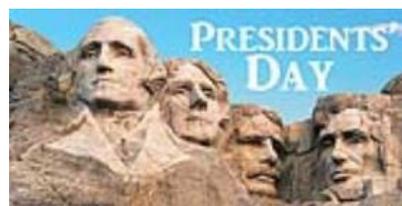
Thank you!
2022 Archdiocesan
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Please note:

Donations are acknowledged once we receive the monthly report from the Archdiocese Office of Development

- ▶ *1% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name
- ▶ Names of those who have donated \$25.00 or more are listed in the bulletin
- ▶ If your name is missing, contact the Rectory Office
- ▶ If contributing by check directly to St. Elizabeth, please make payable to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal



The parish office will be closed
Monday February 21st
in observance
of the Presidents Day Holiday.

Note **NO** Legion of Mary meeting
Monday February 21st
due to the Presidents Day holiday.