

# ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 27, 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 27, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2022 (AAA):** Amount to be raised: \$30,500. One Percent amount: \$305. Please see the names of donors in the bulletin. We are starting the third week of our month-long drive to reach our goal. Please do give whatever you can, but give generously in support of the ministries of the Archdiocese. Last year, we successfully completed our goal within eight weeks. I am appealing to you to make it a success quickly. We are all called to continue and complete the mission of Jesus Christ, a mission to help, heal, enlighten, and transform the world. The Archdiocese of San Francisco, entrusted with the preaching of the Gospel, seeks our support and collaboration. We are delighted to be of help so that the life of Christ may be made manifest in the three counties of the Archdiocese through a life of faith and service. May I invite everyone to participate in AAA and make a success of it in the next two or three weeks.

**First Reconciliation:** Four children from our Faith Formation made the First Reconciliation last Saturday February 19. Their names are: Miguel Cardenas, Aiden Vu, Kristalyn Salinas and Melanie Valenzuela. Congratulations to them and their families! We look forward to their First Holy Communion on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the picture in this bulletin.

**Baptisms:** This whole month of February, I am doing baptisms on each Saturday morning in the Rectory chapel. I find it a special occasion to evangelize, in the sense of encouraging and inviting and challenging the families toward faith. I usually post the pictures of the baptisms in the bulletin for your information. We continue to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” as Jesus has asked us to do. We keep doing God’s work in Word and Sacrament at St. Elizabeth parish. Please do participate in our liturgies and sacramental celebrations and devotions, and let your families know about how they can be part of our parish life.

**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.

**Lent starts on March 02 with Ash Wednesday:** What plans can we start making in order to receive nourishment and healing for our body, mind, heart, and spirit in Lent?

**The current Synod:** In the ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops in October 2015, Pope Francis declared that “the world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission.” (For a Synodal Church handbook) This call to cooperate in the mission of the Church is addressed to the entire People of God. In April 2021, Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole People of God, to begin in October 2021 in each local Church and culminating in October 2023 in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Thank you for participating in the surveys. Please register for virtual listening sessions by visiting: [www.sfarch.org/synod](http://www.sfarch.org/synod)

**From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:** 1. **What is the plan of God for man?** God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness. 2. **Why does man have a desire for God?** God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity.

**A Story to Ponder:** A famous Viennese surgeon told his students that a surgeon needed two gifts: freedom from nausea and the power of observation. He then dipped a finger into some nauseating fluid and licked it, requesting each of the students to do the same. They steeled themselves to it and managed it without flinching. With a smile, the surgeon then said, “Gentlemen, I congratulate you on having passed the first test. But not, unfortunately, the second, for not one of you noticed that the finger I licked was not the one I dipped into the fluid.”

**Quotable Quote:** “My life is my message.”---Mahatma Gandhi.

**Humor:** 1. Reporter: Now that you’re 90 years old, to what do you attribute your good health? Elderly man: I’m not sure yet. I’m still negotiating with a mattress company and two breakfast-food firms.” 2. Minister: We are gathered together at this funeral to pay final homage to a good man. He was a kind man, a man whom everyone loved, a man who treasured his family as his family treasured him. Mother: Waldo, go up and make sure it’s Grandpa in that coffin.

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

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Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.  
— Luke 6:44



**WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT**

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today’s psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God’s kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — One’s speech shows the bent of one’s mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 28</b> † Norma Mangonon † Sant and Benedetti Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 1</b> † Philomena Viscarra † Giuseppe and Pierina Benedetti
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>March 2</b> Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 3</b> † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 4</b> † Joseph Spiteri Astrid Runez (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am  4:30 pm	<b>March 5</b> † Tessie, †Joseph and † Saviour Schembri Brahnan Tabalba (L) † Franco Rebagliati † Norma Mangonon
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	<b>March 6</b> People of the Parish † Danilo Manalang † Maria Caraffi

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection**  
**February 19-20, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,051.00</b>
<b>Church Environment</b>	<b>\$ 448.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,501.00</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.*



**Congratulations to: Miguel Cardenas, Aiden Vu, Kristalyn Salinas, and Melanie Valenzuela who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Church.**



**It is with great joy we welcome Jordan and Jonathan Rios into our church and community. Jordan and Jonathan received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](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.

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