

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 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
March 13, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Some Thoughts on Lent: As we begin the second week of Lent, it would be fruitful for us and our families to continue reflecting on the meaning of Lent. Jesus lived in the desert for forty days, prayed to his Father, felt guided by the Spirit, did penance, overcame temptation, reflected on his life, drew up plans for his public ministry, and opened his mind and heart to the possibility of opposition and suffering leading up to his crucifixion. Jesus felt the need for this desert experience. We look upon Jesus and realize that we too need the "desert" experience---to think about what is going on in our lives and reorient ourselves towards God, family, and faith. Lent is that desert experience, a time for repentance and awareness of our mortality. Our fasting, abstinence, and devotions remind us of this season and the need for some practical decisions we need to make. For example, is my life rooted in love or selfishness? Is my life marked by giving or hoarding? Is my life guided by the Spirit of God or by my own desires and passions? Do I feel connected to Jesus or not? What are the values of Jesus that I practice or don't follow? Am I humble like Jesus or do I put myself at the center of the universe in adoration of myself? Do I understand that love means respect, kindness, forgiveness, and sharing?

Expanding the Meaning of Fasting in Lent: "Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them. Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope. Fast from negatives; Feast on encouragement. Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion. Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth. Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains. Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith." - Author Unknown

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Our goal is \$30,500. See the names of donors in the bulletin. Please give whatever you can so we can make this goal quickly. **Can you consider giving 1% which is \$305.00?** I'll be inviting the 1% and More donors to a luncheon, as I did last year. Through AAA, we support the Archdiocesan mission and we in turn are recipients of the Archdiocesan services and ministries.

Word of God: Transfiguration: This Sunday the Gospel is about the mystery of Transfiguration of Jesus narrated by Luke the evangelist. This is one of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches the following about Transfiguration: "**What is the meaning of the Transfiguration?** Above all the Transfiguration shows forth the Trinity: "the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).

Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his "departure" (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his resurrection and his glorious coming "which will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21)." "*You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.*" (Byzantine Liturgy)

Quote on Lent: "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." ---St. Teresa of Calcutta

Pilgrimage to Jordan & the Holy Land: October 05 - 17, 2022: I'll be spiritual director of this pilgrimage. If you are interested in joining, you are most welcome. Check out www.pilgrimages/frputhota. For a brochure, please call the parish office. You may also call 206 Tours (pilgrimage company) at 800-206-8687.

Pray for Ukraine: As we ponder the horrific violence, death, and destruction unleashed on Ukraine, as the world is watching helplessly unable to stop the carnage, let's keep praying for peace to return to this land of brave people and patriots. It is shocking that in the 21st century such wars would still take place. Haven't we learned anything at all from all the previous wars? Pope Francis has been active in urging for peace and asking us all to use our spiritual power of prayer. Pope Francis spoke by phone with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Feb. 26, expressing "profound sorrow at the tragic events that are happening" in the country and, the president Zelensky said that the Holy Father "prayed for peace in Ukraine and a ceasefire. The Ukrainian people feel the spiritual support of His Holiness."

A Story to Ponder: An elephant broke loose from the herd and charged across a little wooden structure that stretched across a ravine. The worn-out bridge shivered and groaned, barely able to support the elephant's weight. Once it had gone safely to the other side, a flea that had lodged itself in the elephant's ear exclaimed in mighty satisfaction, "Boy, did we shake that bridge!"

Humor: Church Bulletin Bloopers: 1. The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment. 2. The low self-esteem group will meet Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please use the back door. 3. Reverend Cookingham spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience. 4. The Harris family will attend the funeral of Becky's former husband, who died in Denver, Colorado, tomorrow. 5. The annual potluck supper is next Sunday. Prayer and medication will follow afterward. 6. Don't let worry kill you off. Let the church help. 7. Tonight's sermon will be gin at 6 p.m.

May the Season of Lent be a new Season of the Heart, a Season of Awareness, a Season of Closeness to God and people,

Your Friend & Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

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The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
— Psalm 27:1



A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
8:30 am

March 14
† Timoteo B. Nacor Jr.
Lydia Pamposo (L)

Tuesday
8:30 am

March 15
† Jessie Borg
Danielle Bernal (L)

Wednesday
8:30 am

March 16
† John Swaries
† Felicidad Reniva Rex

Thursday
8:30 am

March 17
† Gregorio Macaspac
† Joseph A. Sant

Friday
8:30 am

March 18
† Tessie, † Joseph and
† Saviour Schembri
Ching Falcon (L)

Saturday
8:30 am
4:30 pm

March 19
† Maria Caraffi
† Theresa Spiteri
† Maria Caraffi

Sunday
9:30 am

March 20
People of the Parish
† Alex Hili
† Loreto Corpuz
Maltese Society

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection
March 5-6, 2022

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,933.00
Faith Formation \$ 524.00
Over/Under \$ 1,543.00

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We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers.

Thank you!
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▶ Thank you to our anonymous donors

▶ If your name is missing, contact the Rectory Office

▶ If contributing by check directly to St. Elizabeth, please make payable to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Lent



The following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

During Lent, every Friday the 8:30 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.