

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 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)

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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 20, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019 (AAA): Our goal is: \$30,500.

We are making progress, but we have ways to go in achieving our goal. Please see the names of the AAA 2022 donors in the bulletin. There is an asterisk for those who have donated \$305 or more, our 1% Circle. Thank you for your generosity and good will toward St. Elizabeth Church and the ministries and services of the Archdiocese. Your donations go toward strengthening the work the Archdiocese is called to do by our Lord Jesus Christ in building up the Kingdom of God here and now. To those who have not given so far: would you please prayerfully consider supporting AAA?

Lent: Appearance Versus Reality; Truth Versus Falsehood:

We are in another season of Lent. First of all, it's not a time of doom and gloom. Actually, it is a time of joy because we make another effort at renewing our lives---and that truly brings us peace and fulfillment. Getting away from the superficiality of life, we try to go deeper into the meaning of life and love. Often times, we are blinded or dazzled by appearances, but Lent is a time for us to go beyond---to the root of things, to the heart of the matter. Religions warn us about the dangers of living in a world of appearances rather than in a world of reality. We are bombarded with lies or half-truths. The media often times present distorted or embellished facts. Often we are taken in by these falsehoods because they are presented attractively or in a clever manner. Lent is a time to get grounded in reality of our human existence; its purpose, its goal, its direction. On Ash Wednesday, in the Gospel, Jesus challenged us that when we pray, fast, and give alms, we are to do these not to blow our own horn but for the sake of the invitation from the Heavenly Father who sees everything in a hidden way and fulfills our dreams and desires. Ultimately, our lives have to be grounded in God who is the inner reality of our lives. He is the ground of our being, the foundation of our lives, the reason for our existence, the author of our lives, the source of our goodness, the origin of our love. If we are able to live a life united with God, then we are able to discern all sorts of shallow things that we need to get away from and all sorts of other things we need to embrace in order to be true to ourselves. "To thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man," says Polonius in Hamlet.

Parish Lenten Retreat: Last Saturday March 12, I preached a retreat to our parishioners on the theme of Prayer. 43 people attended it. It started with the Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by an excellent breakfast in Cantwell Hall. There were three sessions on Prayer and we concluded the Retreat with a splendid Mexican-style lunch. Each session started and ended with a hymn. There was a very cordial and happy atmosphere among

the participants throughout. I would like to thank the volunteers, including **Phil McCarthy, Sharon Soares, David Gemignani, Richard John, Saydha Henderson, Luz Bansuelo, Judy Labaria, Fe Macatangay,** for all their dedicated service in making this event not only successful but really enjoyable. Maybe, we could have a Retreat next in Advent or again in Lent. Apart from the spiritual insights and inspiration, such events bring people together in a social setting and provide opportunities for people to work together as a team. It's service to God and God's people.

Pray for Ukraine: Second Collection the weekend of March 26 and 27 will be taken up for Ukraine through the collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

At the suggestion of the Archdiocese, I will be sending this second collection to Catholic Relief Services, via the Archdiocese, with the specific notation that this amount be used for helping those affected by the war in Ukraine. Let's keep praying for Ukraine. People of goodwill and decency are shocked by the barbarity of this war. Over 3 million people have already fled Ukraine due to this war, according to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi. Pope Francis has condemned the Russian invasion last Sunday, calling it a massacre. "The only thing to do is to stop this unacceptable armed aggression before it reduces cities into cemeteries," the Holy Father told a crowd of worshippers gathered at St. Peter's Square in Vatican City during his Sunday blessing. The Pope also urged people to take in refugees from Ukraine. "In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre!" the Pope said, before asking the crowd to join him in silent prayer for an end to the war.

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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day: March 17:

We celebrated the Feast of St. Patrick on March 17. "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me." (From St. Patrick's famous Breastplate Prayer).

An Irish Blessing: "May your neighbors respect you, Trouble neglect you, The angels protect you, And heaven accept you."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Third Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

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



HOLY GROUND

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God's name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God's name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God's image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God's grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God's patient mercy, and to grow as God's holy people. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].* The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

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 21 † Norma Mangonon † Anthony Agius
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 22 † Gio Batta Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 23 David R. Mehrwein and Family (L) † Manolito Amorado
Thursday 8:30 am	March 24 † Maria Dolores Oropeza
Friday 8:30 am	March 25 † Erlinda Antonio
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	March 26 † Rosie Monroy † Lewis Aguis † Castula Padilla
Sunday 9:30 am	March 27 People of the Parish Sarah Mehrwein (L) † Erlinda Antonio Italian Catholic Federation

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection March 12-13, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,797.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ <u>501.00</u>
Over/Under	\$ <u>702.00</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.

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Thank you!
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- * 1% Circle donors (\$305.00 and more) have an asterisk next to their name
- ▶ Names of those who have donated \$25.00 or more are listed in the bulletin
- ▶ 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



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.