

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Palm Sunday
April 10, 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
April 10, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Paul Grant and Marian Palmer sing: "Hey, King! Where's your crown, where's your Cadillac? I've never seen a king before --- on a donkey's back." On Palm Sunday, we commemorate our King's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Henry Hart Milman says: "Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin, O'er captive death and conquered sin." Jesus' triumphal entry will turn into dark, sad days of excruciating suffering and shameful death. But it will all pale in the resplendent glory that will dawn on Easter. The profound Christian insight is that it's always through the cross that we find our glory. Without suffering, there is no love, no redemption, no new life. Suffering is redemptive. Death is the way to resurrection. Let's look at the face of Christ this Holy Week. Let's look into his tender eyes. Let's place our hand on the heart of Christ. Let's strive to enter his mind and heart and dwell on his thoughts and feelings.

St. Elizabeth Parish Holy Week Schedule in the Mail: I mailed last Tuesday April 05 to each parishioner of St. Elizabeth Parish my Easter letter with the Holy Week schedule. Please see the schedule also in this weekend's bulletin. I invite you wholeheartedly to participate in the holy rituals and services of the Holy Week at our parish. Masks are highly recommended.

A Practical Suggestion I'll make for the Holy Week is this: Can you choose one of the passion narratives from one of the four gospels? Every gospel, toward the end, has the account of Jesus' suffering and death. You may go to a church or any other calm place or your living room or kitchen. Turn the TV off. Sit quietly. Read slowly and prayerfully the passion narrative and be silent for a few minutes after reading it. It will only take about 20 minutes or so to do this. You will not regret spending some quality time on this simple form of prayer, Lectio Divina. If you feel inspired, speak to Jesus in your words. St. Ignatius of Loyola suggests in the "Spiritual Exercises" to stand before the cross and ask: "Lord, what have I done for you? What am I doing for you? What shall I do for you?"

Morning Prayer: During the Holy Week, please do join the Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please see the Holy Week schedule for all the services of the Holy Week.

Donating Easter Lilies: If you are able to donate Easter lilies, you are most welcome to do so. Please bring them sooner than later to church during the morning Mass timings (8:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m.) or leave them in the office during office hours (Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m through 12:30 p.m.)

Good Friday, A Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Via Dolorosa: When I had gone with some pilgrims a few years ago to the Holy Land a few years ago, we walked the holy route, Via Dolorosa, which in Latin means "the way of suffering". It's in the Old City of Jerusalem. Tradition has long held that Jesus walked through this very path toward Calvary. This route winds through narrow streets with thousands of shops on either side. That is why we had to wake up early in the morning by 4:30 a.m. and get to this place and start the Way of the Cross by 5:30 a.m. so that we could complete our prayers by the time the shops opened. Our Way of the Cross along this holy route ended with Mass at the Church of Holy Sepulcher which I celebrated. Via Dolorosa was the most memorable walk of our life ever. We walked the same path that Jesus did! We were filled with sadness for Jesus carrying the cross, but we were also filled with hope and gratitude for what Jesus brought for us through his ultimate sacrifice.

Word of God: This Palm Sunday, the Word of God is all about suffering. The first reading is from Isaiah about the suffering servant. He suffers a lot, but he places all his trust in God. The responsorial psalm is about: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" A very powerful sentiment indeed! How many times have we felt this way in our life? We sometimes feel that we are abandoned by everyone, including God. Jesus himself felt this way. He used these very words on the cross. Jesus knows our human frustrations and anguish because he himself has gone through those dark moments in his life. That's the reason we can go to Jesus with great confidence. He knows exactly our struggles and sufferings. The second reading is the famous hymn from the letter to the Philippians, which celebrates Jesus's humility, obedience to his Father, his dying on the cross, his exaltation by his heavenly Father above everything and everyone. The gospel reading, the passion narrative, is taken from Luke's gospel. On Good Friday, though, the passion narrative will be from John's gospel. As we go through these readings, the Lord will speak to us tenderly and give us the grace to enter more deeply the sufferings and death of Jesus so that we can rise with him to a new life in the glory of the resurrection.

Good Friday quotes: "Christmas and Easter can be subjects for poetry, but Good Friday, like Auschwitz, cannot. The reality is so horrible, it is not surprising that people should have found it a stumbling block to faith." --- W. H. Auden. "We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the churches which are in the whole world, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." --- St. Francis of Assisi. "In truth, there was only one Christian and he died on the cross." --- Friedrich Nietzsche. "Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate, about the ultimate meaning of all life, suffering, and events; and we lay hold of a great hope." --- Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "If you are going to follow Jesus, you better look good on wood." --- Daniel Berrigan

I wish everyone at St. Elizabeth parish a reflective, prayerful, and grace-filled Holy Week,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10, 2022**

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— *Isaiah 50:7a*



THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).
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Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, the Catholic Church throughout the world will take up a very special collection—the "Collection for the Holy Land." This special collection originated from the Popes' wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world. It is the source of sustenance for the life around the Holy Places.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	April 11 † Jessie Borg † Demetrio Alipio
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 12 † Fred Perata Sifuentes Family (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 13 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Thursday 8:30 am 6:30 pm	April 14 Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 8:30 am 12:00pm to 3:00pm	April 15 Morning Prayer The Passion
Saturday 8:30 am 8:00 pm	April 16 Morning Prayer Easter Vigil
Sunday 9:30 am 11:00 am	April 17 Easter Easter

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection
April 2-3, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,379.00
Faith Formation	\$ 500.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,121.00

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

Easter lilies will decorate the church during the Easter season. If you would like to donate, please drop off your Easter lilies to the Church weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 am, weekends between 8:30 and 10:30 am or to the rectory during office hours. Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 12:30 pm.

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SAINT ELIZABETH CHURCH - HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2022

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL, APRIL 9

Confessions: 4:00 pm ◦ Mass: 4:30 pm

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Confessions: 9:00 am ◦ Masses: 9:30 and 11:00 am

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

*No Morning Mass ◦ Morning Prayer at 8:30 am ◦ Confessions to follow
6:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

*No Morning Mass ◦ Morning Prayer at 8:30 am ◦ Confessions to follow
12:00 - 12:45 pm - Stations of the Cross
12:45 - 1:30 pm - Reflections on the Cross
1:30 - 3:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy*

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

*No Morning Mass ◦ Morning Prayer at 8:30 am
Confessions: 10:00 - 11:00 am*

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY, APRIL 16 Mass: 8:00 pm
EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 17 Masses: 9:30 and 11:00 am