

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Easter Sunday

April 17, 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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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 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.



Easter Letter to the Parish April 17, 2022



Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Summit of Easter: Happy Easter! Our uphill---and uplifting---endeavors of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, along with repentance and reconciliation, have brought us to the summit of Easter, where we behold the glorious Risen Christ. Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

What could Easter concretely mean for St. Elizabeth Community?

RISING: Easter for our parish could mean that we, like the Risen Lord, need to keep rising to new heights. We need to give up the levels we may have settled for and be drawn to the grandeur of love and service, forgiveness and fidelity, and faith and freedom.

NEWNESS: Easter means the new life for Christ and for all who believe in him. We can sense it in a renewal of energy and vision, a new way of seeing, thinking, feeling---and being. In the Easter mystery, the Lord himself is creating a new heaven and a new earth. We are new beings now capable of glorious things for God and others.

PEACE: Easter also means peace. The Risen Christ constantly offers peace to the fragile and frightened. His peace transcends human logic and wisdom and pervades our entire being, despite our sinful, fragmented lives. The world is in desperate need of the abiding peace only the Risen Christ can give.

Thank You: I thank each one of you for being an integral part of the faith community of St. Elizabeth. You have been amazing parishioners through your participation, encouragement, inspiration, good will, prayer, liturgical celebrations, volunteering, and donations, despite the Covid-related constraints. With your continued generosity and engagement in the parish, we will be able to sustain and strengthen our parish ministries and provide for the parish needs.

Here's wishing you a Happy and Blessed Easter! May the Risen Lord fill you and your families with peace, hope, and love!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.
— Acts 10:43



EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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Monday 8:30 am	April 18 † Giovanni Rossi Jose Padilla Jr. (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 19 † Carmen and † Joseph Spiteri † Tessa Lencioni
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 20 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri En Moag (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	April 21 † Kathleen Neary † Esther Lobo
Friday 8:30 am	April 22 † Gerry Sapiano † Elena and † Nicholas Romano
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30	April 23 † Vivian Mullaney † Emilia J. Songco
Sunday 9:30 am	April 24 People of the Parish Rebecca Mehrwein (L) Italian Catholic Federation Maltese Society

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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April 9-10, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,202.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,798.00

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Monday, April 18, 2022.
In observance of the Easter Holiday.**

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