

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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
May 1, 2022**

over each liturgical event during the season and felt grateful for the way everything went well. We also had some suggestions for the future so that we could always keep improving on how we could serve our parishioners better. I would also like to thank the parishioners for their participation in the spiritual/liturgical celebrations and for their generous donations to the parish during this season.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: We still need \$1,787 to reach our goal of \$30,445. The latest communication from the Archdiocese shows that we have so far donated \$28,658. Thanks to all those who have donated so far. Those of you who are still considering, please do give, if possible, early and generously. Also, please check your names on the last page of the bulletin for anyone who donated above \$25. If your name is not there, please would you contact the parish office.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection: This year our collection on Good Friday at St. Elizabeth was \$2,056. As you may be aware, the Good Friday collection taken up in the Catholic Church all over the world goes toward the pastoral, social, charitable, educational, ecumenical, liturgical activities and the maintenance of the holy shrines in the 29 parishes in the Holy Land entrusted to the Franciscan Order. Thank you for your generous donations.

An Easter Joke: Three fools died and are at the pearly gates of heaven. St. Peter tells them that they can enter the gates if they can answer one simple question. St. Peter asks the first fool, "What is Easter?" He replies, "Oh, that's easy! It's the holiday in November when everyone gets together, eats turkey, and are thankful..." "Wrong!" replies St. Peter, and proceeds to ask the second fool the same question, "What is Easter?" The second one replies, "Easter is the holiday in December when we put up a nice tree, exchange presents, and celebrate the birth of Jesus." St. Peter looks at the second fool, shakes his head in disgust, tells him he's wrong, and then peers over his glasses at the third fool and asks, "What is Easter?" The third fool smiles confidently and looks St. Peter in the eyes, "I know what Easter is." "Oh?" says St. Peter incredulously. "Easter is the Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish celebration of Passover. Jesus and his disciples were eating at the last supper and Jesus was later deceived and turned over to the Romans by one of his disciples. The Romans took him to be crucified and he was stabbed in the side, made to wear a crown of thorns, and was hung on a cross with nails through his hands. He was buried in a nearby cave which was sealed off by a large boulder." St. Peter smiles broadly with delight. Then he continues, "Every year the boulder is moved aside so that Jesus can come out ... and, if he sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter."

Wishing you all the blessings and graces of the Easter Season! May the Lord Jesus Christ keep rising in our lives and transforming us into his ardent disciples!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish,

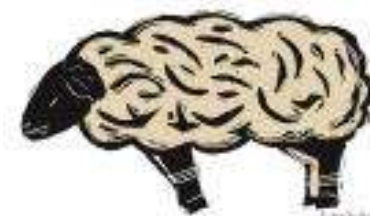
Easter Musings: These days of Easter, the gospel anecdotes about the risen Christ have one thing in common: the apostles and others to whom Jesus appears do not easily recognize Jesus. It takes time for them to awaken into the identity of Jesus. Jesus does all sorts of gentle and kind things to encourage them into the reality of his resurrection. Mary Magdalene, for example, thinks that Jesus is a gardener. Others at times think that he is a ghost. The two Emmaus disciples do not recognize him; something keeps their eyes from recognizing him; they finally see him as Jesus only in the breaking of the bread, though their hearts were burning when he interpreted the scriptures. At the resurrection of Jesus, something is the same, something is different. He is a new being. He can appear inside the locked rooms. He has body, but his body is so different that they cannot see him as Jesus immediately: they are startled and terrified. Those who were very close to him go through this situation again and again.

What about us? Over 2000 years later, can we recognize the risen Christ? Something is preventing us from seeing him in our lives. Are we afraid, terrified, and startled like the apostles? Do these fears keep us from recognizing Jesus? Or are we being just plain busy with so many other things that Jesus is unable to rise in our minds and hearts? We have a bigger challenge than that faced by the early apostles. We have never seen Jesus with our physical eyes. We can feel, touch, recognize, and encounter Jesus only through the spirit. We have to let our minds and hearts find Jesus. It's the inner seeing that can lead us to the risen Christ. It takes quietness and peace --- and plumbing of our inner depths. Are we ready to recognize this person who has fascinated the world for over 20 centuries? Are we ready to look at the Jesus of History and Jesus of Faith and come to a conviction that Jesus who lived a couple of thousands of years ago is truly living now in our lives and in the world? Can we be adventurous enough to try to remove all sorts of obstacles that prevent us from recognizing him, loving him, and following him here and now?

Evaluation of Lent and Holy Week: I had invited for an evaluation and a thank-you luncheon all those who were closely connected with the liturgical preparations and celebrations of the season of Lent starting with Ash Wednesday through the Holy Week up to the Easter Sunday. We had this session on Tuesday April 26 in Cantwell Hall. The sacristans, those in the choirs, those who decorated the church, and some others closely connected with the celebrations were present. We went

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"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."
— Revelation 5:12



GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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Tuesday 8:30 am	May 3 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 4 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri Jamie Gonzalez (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	May 5 Robert Galang (L) † Augustine Sanchez
Friday 8:30 am	May 6 Lourdes Padilla (L) † Aurora Sumera
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	May 7 † Harold Nathaniel Grellinger Mangion Family † Jesusa and † Alberto Macatangay
Sunday 9:30 am	May 8 People of the Parish Mothers Day All Mothers living and deceased

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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April 23 and 24

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