

# ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*May 8, 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)

### Parish Staff

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass.

**Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco:**

Congregants are recommended 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 8, 2022**

#### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth Parish,

**Eastering Jesus:** The British Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins in his poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland" says: "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-crested east." Hopkins is convinced that the meaning of Easter is that the risen Christ keeps doing his "eastering" in our lives. Easter, therefore, can be looked at as a verb rather than a noun. Easter is not so much an individual act but a continuous process of what risen Christ can do in our lives. He can give us a healing and forgiving love. Again and again, when he enters the locked doors, he does not criticize or reprove the disciples for having abandoned or denied or betrayed him but all he offers is: "Peace be with you." That is how Jesus easters in us. His Easter presence is transformative. We can be turned from fear to courage; from sinfulness to grace; from anxiety to peace. Jesus wants to easter in us this Easter season. Shall we have the love and faith to let him do just that?

**Congratulations: To the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and their Guild** for their 90 years of presence and service in San Francisco! Good Shepherd Gracenter is a residence for women in recovery. May your ministries continue to flourish!

**Mother's Day:** On the occasion of Mother's Day, may I have the honor of wishing all the mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers at St. Elizabeth parish a Happy and Beautiful Mother's Day? Thank you for being mothers. Thanks to you, we understand what it is to love, nurture, share, and be selfless. Here's something for laughing out loud!

**Lessons from My Mother:** My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning." My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why." My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me." My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident." My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about." My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!" My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone." My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it." My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!" My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out." My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!" My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do." My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home." My mother taught me about

RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!" My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way." My mother taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?" My mother taught me HUMOUR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me." My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up." My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father." My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?" My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand." And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): We have reached the goal of \$30,500.** We launched this drive on February 13 with my letter to the whole parish and with my speaking about it at weekend Masses. It has taken three months for us to reach the goal. I would like to thank all those who have donated. Your participation is much appreciated. Please see the names of donors on the last page of the bulletin. To those who have been able to donate 1%, which is \$305, my special thanks. Some have donated far more than 1%. Thank you for making us reach the goal through your generosity. I'll be inviting those who have given 1% or more to a luncheon in the next few months as a way of thanking them. Those who are still considering donating, please do because whatever is the surplus amount will be returned to our parish. Let's keep in mind that AAA is our way of supporting the Archdiocesan ministries and services, of which we and all the parishes are beneficiaries. In strengthening the Archdiocese, we are actually strengthening our own parish in accomplishing the mission of the Church.

**Ukraine: Let's continue to pray for peace in Ukraine unjustly ravaged by war, violence, death, and destruction. May there be the peace the Risen Christ gives as the Easter gift! May the whole world come together and oppose vehemently war and violence!**

**Church Bulletin Bloopers:** Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance. \* Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones. \* Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa. \* Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

**Wishing you the continued blessings of the Easter Season, which simply could mean a deep, abiding sense of the intimate presence of the Risen Christ in our lives, in the Church, and the world!**

Your Friend & Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2022**

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b



#### **A FORETASTE OF PARADISE**

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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*Last weekend's collection will be announced next week.*

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

##### **Monday**

8:30 am

##### **Tuesday**

8:30 am

##### **Wednesday**

8:30 am

##### **Thursday**

8:30 am

##### **Friday**

8:30 am

##### **Saturday**

8:30 am

4:30 am

##### **Sunday**

9:30 am

##### **May 9**

† Mary Mercurio

David (L) and Sandra Mehrwein (L)

##### **May 10**

† Joseph Vella

† Paul and Theresa Vella

##### **May 11**

† Carmen Spiteri

John Grasso (L)

##### **May 12**

† Catalino Cerezo

† Agripina Candelaria

† Portia Manacap

##### **May 13**

† Ricardo Cayabyab

† Victoria Lising

##### **May 14**

† Joseph Micallef

Emelita Zabala (L)

† Alfred and † Cresencia San Miguel

† Maria Caraffi

##### **May 15**

People of the Parish

† Manuel Scerri

† Joseph Vella

Maltese Society

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

#### **The Sisters of the Good Shepherd**

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd will be celebrating 90 years of service to San Francisco, at the 9:30 Mass, on Good Shepherd Sunday, May 8th along with members of their Guild. The Sisters arrived in 1932-in the midst of the Great Depression-to provide safety, healing and a productive future for young women in vulnerable situations.

That very year, the Sisters organized the Good Shepherd Guild, which put on their first fundraiser, and they have been supporting the Sisters' ministry ever since!

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd are serving in 73 countries, primarily focused on women and children who have been abused or exploited in some way. Here in San Francisco, they own and operate Gracenter, a transitional residence for low-income women to break free of drug and alcohol addiction. %95 of their graduates continue to be successful in their recovery, their employment and in stable housing.

Please join us in congratulating the Good Shepherd Sisters and the Good Shepherd Guild on this impressive milestone.

**Thank you!**  
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- ▶ Thank you to our anonymous donors
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