

# ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### May 15, 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 15, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**Some Easter Thoughts: A New Heaven and a New Earth:**

In the second reading this Sunday from the Book of Revelation, John speaks about seeing "a new heaven and a new earth... The One who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'" Easter is a time to think about how we can be a new creation and inhabit a new heaven and a new earth. It's astonishing that even the heaven will be new. It is all made possible because of the resurrection of Jesus. We can now think and act differently. We can have a new vision. A new energy. A new feeling. A new sense of assurance. A new insight into love and service. What is the newness that the Risen Christ wants to create in me? How can I respond to that call and the challenge to be new? How can I look at the world and the issues and struggles in a new way? Is it possible that we are stuck in the past and unable to move forward? Is it possible that we are frozen in our ideas about politics, culture, society, media, and economics? Is it possible that we are falsely obsessed with "having" rather than "being"? Is it possible that we are ideologically stuck and are unable to look at the truth in an objective way? What is my theological, Christian understanding of standing up for the poor and the disadvantaged in an economics where the rich might be getting richer and the poor are left neglected? Are we able to forge unity in the world and the Church divided by diverse and divergent convictions? The Easter Lord wants to create newness in heaven and on earth. If we allow our minds and hearts to be transformed by the Spirit of Christ, we would be collaborating with the Lord in ushering in a new heaven and a new earth. The following quote expresses beautifully the new creation in a poetic and metaphoric way.

**G. K. Chesterton in *The Everlasting Man* speaks about Easter:** "On the third day the friends of Christ coming at daybreak to the place found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways, they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn."

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You have made generous donations in support of the Archdiocesan ministries and services. Those who are still undecided, you may still donate because whatever is surplus will be returned to our parish by the Archdiocese.

**Wisdom from the Oracle of Omaha, Warren Buffett, 91, about Money and Love:** Years ago, when I was studying for my doctoral degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, my Jesuit friend Fr. Jim Fitzgerald took me to visit his family in Omaha, Nebraska. While there, he was keen on showing me the house of Warren Buffet who lives in Omaha. He drove me around by his house. It was a simple house (it still is) that reflected the modest style of living of one of the richest men in the world. His house is 6,570 square feet stucco house consisting of just five bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. When asked by BBC why he didn't move to an extravagant house, he said: "I'm happy there. I'd move if I thought I'd be happier someplace else." Buffet said the following to a group of students at Georgia Tech when they asked him about his definition of success, which is quoted in his biography *The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life*:

**"Basically, when you get to my age, you'll really measure your success in life by how many of the people you want to have love you actually do love you. I know many people who have a lot of money, and they get testimonial dinners and they get hospital wings named after them. But the truth is that nobody in the world loves them. That's the ultimate test of how you have lived your life. The trouble with love is that you can't buy it.... You can buy testimonial dinners. But the only way to get love is to be lovable. It's very irritating if you have a lot of money. You'd like to think you could write a check: I'll buy a million dollars' worth of love. But it doesn't work that way. The more you give love away, the more you get."**

**May, Month of Mary:** "Let us run to her, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." --- Saint Francis de Sales. "In trial or difficulty, I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear." --- *Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.*

**Joke:** A man in Las Vegas approached a wealthy-looking stranger and said, "Can you spare me twenty-five dollars, sir? I haven't eaten for two days and I have no place to sleep." "How do I know you won't take the money and gamble with it?" "No way," said the man. "Gambling money I already have with me."

**Wishing you and your families the eternal blessings of Easter season,**

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

"Behold,  
God's dwelling is with the human race."  
— *Revelation 21:3*



**MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."  
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

**Gospel** — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 16</b> † Mila Paquiz Sisters of the Good Shepherd
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 17</b> † Evangeline Mondares † Esther Lobo
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 18</b> † Ronald Vannucchi † Mary O'Sullivan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 19</b> † Leo Ferrero † Arturo Bura Virginia Sanchez (L)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 20</b> † Aurelio Perez Christine Berliner (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 21</b> † Mario Busalacchi † Roberto Tanquilut † Theresa Spiteri
4:30 pm <b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	<b>May 22</b> People of the Parish † Maria Caraffi † George Tolentino Italian Catholic Federation

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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**April 30, May 1, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,108.00</b>
<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>\$ 727.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,165.00</b>

**Saturday/Sunday Collection**  
**May 7-8, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,761.00</b>
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>\$ 625.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,614.00</b>

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It is with great joy we welcome Izabella Geniali into our church community. Izabella received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.