

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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.

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 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 22, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Easter Season: "The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise." --- Carl Knudsen. "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time." --- Martin Luther. "Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals." -- Charles M. Crowe. "Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." --- Floyd W. Tomkins. "He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing." --- Albert Lighton. "He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here." --- St. Augustine. "The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances." --- Robert Flatt.

Important Feasts the Next Few Sundays to Look Forward to: Next Sunday May 29 is Ascension Sunday. The Sunday after that---June 05---is Pentecost. The Sunday after that---June 12---is Holy Trinity. The Sunday after that---June 19---is Corpus Christi. The Friday following that Sunday of Corpus Christi---June 24---is Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The next day, Saturday, is Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let's in anticipation prepare ourselves spiritually and psychologically for these feasts. Let's always try to find the connection of these divine mysteries to our personal lives and families.

Season of Sacraments: As you know, this is a season of sacraments in our parish. Six of our Faith Formation children (see the picture) made their First Communion last Sunday May 15. Congratulations to them and their families! Weeks earlier they had made their First Reconciliation. On Saturday May 7, three of our students Alan, Nicholas and Michael made their Confirmation at the Cathedral. I have also been baptizing babies in the Rectory chapel on some Saturdays. These are all memorable moments of encounter with Christ and occasions of great blessing for families and the whole parish community. These sacraments are the "the doors to the sacred", as author Joseph Martos would say. Let's rejoice over such showers of graces and blessings on the parish community received through these sacramental celebrations.

Prayer for Ukraine: Let's keep praying for peace in Ukraine. Let all violence and war, death and destruction, cease! Let there be peace in Ukraine and on earth!

Congratulations, Parish Catechists! Pius X Awards Dinner Honoring catechists took place on Thursday May 12 at the Cathedral. I had invited all of our Faith Formation catechists to join this event. From St. Elizabeth parish, Cipriano Peneyra and Michael Walsh got the awards for their five years as catechists and Richard John for his 10 years of service. Thank you for sharing faith with our Faith Formation children! You are proclaiming the good news to them and making disciples for Christ. I would like to invite the parishioners to encourage their children and grandchildren and anyone else that they might know to become

part of our Faith Formation program. I would very much like to see that the numbers grow in this program.

Oh, When the Saints, Go Marching in: Ten New Saints Canonized by Pope Francis last Sunday May 15, 2022:

-Charles de Foucauld: A French soldier and explorer who became a Trappist monk and Catholic missionary to Muslims in Algeria. Known as Brother Charles of Jesus, he was killed in 1916 at the age of 58.

-Titus Brandsma: A Dutch priest, professor, and journalist who opposed Nazi propaganda in Catholic newspapers. He was killed by lethal injection in Dachau in 1942.

-Devasahayam Pillai: A layman from India who was tortured and martyred after converting from Hinduism to Catholicism in the 18th century.

-Marie Rivier: The founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation. The Frenchwoman founded the order in 1796, at the age of 28, during the Reign of Terror.

-Maria Francesca of Jesus: A 19th-century missionary founder who crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times by boat to establish an order of Capuchin sisters in Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil.

-Maria Domenica Mantovani: The first general superior of the Institute of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, which she co-founded to serve the poor, orphaned, and the sick in Italy in 1892.

-Maria of Jesus Santocanale: The founder of the Capuchin Sisters of Immaculate Mary of Lourdes in Sicily in 1910. She spent most of her free moments, day or night, in front of the tabernacle.

-César de Bus: A French Catholic priest who founded two religious congregations in the 16th century. He was a zealous preacher and catechist, who performed many works of charity.

-Luigi Maria Palazzolo: An Italian priest who is known for having established the Sisters of the Poor, opened an orphanage, and worked for the poor.

-Giustino Maria Russolillo: The founder of the religious congregations of the Vocationist Fathers, the Vocationist Sisters and of the Secular Institute of the Apostles of Universal Sanctification in Italy. The priest was devoted to educating young people and cultivating their vocations.

A Humorous Story: Russian Winters: When the Russian-Finnish boundary line was being redrawn a farmer was told that the border passed right through the middle of his land. He therefore had the option of having his land taken into Russia or Finland. He promised to give the matter serious thought; and after some weeks announced that he wanted to live in Finland. A host of incensed Russian officials descended on him to explain the advantages of belonging to Russia, not Finland. The man heard them out, then said. "I am in complete agreement with everything you say. In fact, it has always been my desire to live in Mother Russia. But at my age I simply won't be able to survive another of those Russian winters."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

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May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6



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RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.*

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or *John 17:20-26.*

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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 pm

Sunday

9:30 am

May 23

† Santiago Gayaban

† Rosita Gayaban

May 24

† Mariano Andreazzi

† Manolito Amorado

May 25

† Aurelio Perez

John Grasso (L)

May 26

Marie Garibaldi (L)

† Victorina Angeles

May 27

† Norma Mangonon

Tessie Gotauco (L)

May 28

† John M. Sant

† Filomena Farrugia

† David D. Mendoza

Andrew Terstegge (L)

May 29

People of the Parish

† Mike & † Asunta Perata

† Luis Jimenez

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

May 14-15, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,062.23
Parish Maintenance	\$ 473.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,464.77

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations to these young men who made the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 7, 2022 at the Cathedral.

**Alan Aguilar
Michael Eiserle
Nicholas Gonzalez**

First Holy Communion



Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion on May 15, 2022.

**Miguel Cardenas
Alessandra Leon
Krystalyn Salinas
Melanie Valenzuela
Rachel Valenzuela
Aidan Vu**

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for 2022-2023 is now open. Registration forms are available in the parish office or by contacting the Faith Formation Coordinator, Laurrie Digneo @ 415-672-4903

Faith Formation Teachers are needed! If you are interested, please contact Laurrie Digneo.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptisms are arranged through the Parish Office. Please call for information and to make arrangements.

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, Legion of Mary will not meet on Monday, May 30, 2022.