

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Ascension of the Lord
May 29, 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

Patricia Spiteri Administrative Assistant/
Pastoral Coordinator
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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.

1000 Hail Mary's Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm: A Day of Prayer and Adoration.

Over 50 Group Meet Thursdays at 12pm in Cantwell Hall.

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 29, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Ascension Sunday: This Sunday we meditate on the mystery of Jesus being ascended to his Father. The Jesus of History now becomes the Jesus of Faith. Jesus accomplished his mission. He came from the Father. He did all sorts of good deeds in his ministry. He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead and appeared many times to different people, encouraging and affirming them. Now he goes back to his Father. He does not leave us orphans, though. He will send us the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate next Sunday. He has also assured us that he will be with us always, even to the end of time. When Jesus lived in this world, he could not go to every place and every nation. Now he wants us to go and share the good news with everyone in the world. We are the messengers. Not only are we messengers. We are witnesses. All of us who have experienced Jesus as our way, the truth, and the life, we are to go and witness to others. In our words and deeds, in our values and vision, we are to make Christ known to the world.

This is the meaning of the feast of Ascension that we celebrate this weekend. Jesus has passed on the baton to us. We have to carry it to others. The relay race is on. We have to do our part in taking Christ to our own family and friends, and beyond. The angels said at his Ascension: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Until Jesus comes back to fulfill the destiny of the whole universe, which we call his Second Coming, we have a job to do as Christians. We have love to share, forgiveness to offer, mercy to show, justice to establish, and dignity to uphold. We have the hungry to feed, naked to clothe, strangers to welcome, prisoners to visit, homeless to shelter. These are all the tasks that Jesus wants us to do. He needs our help. We are his eyes and heart, his hands and feet. The message of the Ascension is for us to continue and complete the mission of Christ. Let there be peace and harmony in the world. Let the blessings of our Heavenly Father flow to everyone in this world so that no one can be deprived of the basic necessities of life.

Annual Closing Mass for Parish Faith Formation: Last Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we had the whole Faith Formation children participating in the Mass along with their parents and teachers, including the Parish Pastoral Coordinator, Patti Spiteri. I congratulate the new FF Coordinator Laurie Digneo and her team for conducting rehearsals beforehand for this Mass and for meticulously planning all the details of the Mass. The Faith Formation

children read the readings and the Universal Prayer, they took up the collection, brought up the gifts, and joined in the entrance procession with candles in their hands. It was all a beautiful participation by our Faith Formation community. I thank the parents for sending their children to this program and for their engagement in the life of the Church. I would like to invite more families to send their children and grandchildren to our program so that we can prepare them for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, and be engaged in sharing faith.

Thank You, Volunteers: In our parish, the spirit of volunteerism is flourishing. I would like to thank the sacristans, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, the choir, those who do the church environment, and the Faith Formation teachers for all your generous service to God and God's people in our parish. When the time comes, I would like to have a volunteer appreciation dinner for all the volunteers.

Thank You, Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

Donors: To each one who has donated to AAA for 2022, thank you for your generous support. It's much appreciated. I will come back to you each year in February to make this appeal and I will count on your continued support. I'll now start planning on the luncheon for the "AAA 1% & More" donors.

A Spiritual Story to Ponder: The Self: An elderly gentleman ran a curio and antique shop in a large city. A tourist once stepped in and got to talking with the old man about the many things that were stacked in that shop. Said the tourist, "What would you say is the strangest, the most mysterious thing you have here?" The old man surveyed the hundreds of curios, antiques, stuffed animals, shrunken heads, mounted fish and birds, archaeological finds, deer heads... then turned to the tourist and said, "The strangest thing in this shop is unquestionably myself."

Short Jokes: 1. Patient: "Doctor! You've got to help me! Nobody ever listens to me. No one ever pays any attention to what I have to say." Doctor: "Next please!"
2. "Excuse me. Do you know the way to the zoo?" "No, I'm sorry I don't." "Well, it's two blocks this way, then one block to the left."
3. Teacher: "Do you have trouble making decisions?" Student: "Well...yes and no."
4. Man: "I could go to the end of the world for you." Woman: "Yes, but would you stay there?"
5. Man: "I offer you myself." Woman: "I am sorry. I never accept cheap gifts."

May the Risen and Ascended Jesus grant you and your families all the graces and blessings!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6



SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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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 30

† Alice J. Brown
Sandra Mehrein (L)

May 31

† Carmen Spiteri
† Anna Skropanich

June 1

† Teodora & † Regino
Hernandez

† Ivka Skropanic

June 2

† Maria & † Giuseppe Moretto
† Joseph Winant

June 3

† Manuel Scerri
† Joseph Vella

June 4

† Esther Lobo
† Joseph Skropanich
Kathleen Galang (L)
† Cornelio & † Jovita Alipio

June 5

People of the Parish
† Paul Gemignani
† Jennie Balich

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

May 21-22, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,763.00
Church Environment	\$ 538.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,699.00

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.

First Saturday Mass

At the Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma
In All Saints Chapel
June 04, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Celebrant: Father Charles Puthota

Everyone Most Welcome to Join to pray for the
Dear Departed Souls Eternal Rest Grant Unto
Them, O Lord....

**The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday, May 30, 2022
in observance of the
Memorial Day Holiday.**

Legion of Mary
will not meet on Monday May 30
due to the Memorial Day Holiday

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, Laurie Digneo @ 415-672-4903.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

OTHER SACRAMENTS

For Weddings, Quinceañeras, Anointing of
the Sick, or Funerals.

Please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are still available for the 2022 year.
June 25, 29; Most of July, August, September, October,
November, and December.

2023 Mass Intentions Now Available!

Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your
Mass requests.

Due to the large volume of Mass requests, in order to be
fair to the needs of our parishioners, the following is the
Mass Book policy.

Parishioners can a request up to 12 masses per year.
Only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending
on availability. This makes it fair to all parishioners who
wish to have a weekend mass.

Mass Intentions cannot be reserved by phone or in
person. Requests must be submitted in writing or
emailed.

Not all dates are available, so we ask that you be
prepared with alternate dates and times. If your
requested date is not available an alternate date will be
chosen for you.

Please note: Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each. Please
send payment with your Mass Intention requests.

Please allow time for processing.

Please email or mail your Mass Intention to: Saydha at
stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

Thank you.

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH PARISH COMMUNITY

We extend our hands and hearts to you here
celebrating with us, whether long-time or newly arrive
in our parish. We thank God that you are with us. If
you are not registered or have changes to your
registration, please fill in the form and submit it to the
office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

New Parishioner

New Address/Phone

Send Sunday Envelopes