

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 26, 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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**Website:** [www.stelizabethsf.org](http://www.stelizabethsf.org)

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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  
June 26, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**I ASKED FOR ..... BUT.....**

*I asked for health, that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of  
people;  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of  
God.  
I got nothing I asked for, but everything I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were  
answered.  
I am among all people most richly blessed. ---Author  
Unknown*

**Reflection:** Desire is a fire. We seek things and chase after them. Dreaming of these, we move heaven and earth to acquire them. We pray for them and wish that these desires would become a reality. When we do not get them, we may get angry, disappointed, frustrated, and depressed. Sometimes we do not even know what to ask for. We end up asking for the wrong things, things that do not necessarily lead to our happiness and fulfillment. We cling to people and things so passionately that we are unable to bring a balanced perspective (translation: common sense!) to life. Passion and desire, our cravings and clingings, our attachments and obsessions, blind us to the fundamental things that can pave the way for peace and harmony. As a result, there is a possibility that we are not free in our inner selves. We are bound and chained and fettered and enslaved --- with the result that we are unable to make free choices that God wants us to make. We may profess to be free in a free country, but we may be shackled --- in the spiritual sense.

We look upon Jesus and realize that he is a supremely free person because his desires are not geared toward what he wants to do, but rather what his Father wants him to do. As St. Paul says, Jesus did not cling to his position with God, but emptied himself and became obedient to God until death, death on the cross (Phil. 2:6-8). He did not cling to people and things in a way that hindered his happiness, which was to do his Father's will. Even

when he struggled with temptation in the desert, at Gethsemane, and other occasions, he did not yield to it but rather surrendered to his Father's plan: "Not mine but your will be done." He taught that those bound in blind attachments would find it very hard to enter the realm of God ("It would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God"). He preached simplicity and poverty ("Blessed are the poor" in Luke; "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in Matthew) as well as practiced them. "The foxes have their holes, the birds their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Jesus is our supreme model in the way we relate to one another and in our use of the material things. He is the Way.

Jesus has shown us that the ways of God are different from ours. Jesus, the Son of God, the King of the universe, was born in obscurity and died a humiliating death. Yet God exalted him above everything. We tend to put our trust in wealth, position, power, fame, glamour, prosperity, praise, and the like, but God has a different set of values. Hence St. Paul's eloquent words: "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God" (1 Cor 1:27-30). Paul again exhorts us about inner, spiritual freedom: "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery" (Gal 5:1).

**Action:** Become deeply aware of your attachments. As you search and thirst for the things of this world, place these thirsts as part of the greatest thirst you have for God. See in each of your quests the Quest you have for God. Since nothing in the world can satisfy you entirely, let the small thirsts lead you to the great thirst for God. By thus relating the two thirsts, your longing for success and prosperity will find its direction and guidance from God and take you to Him. Whatever leads you to God is to be discerned and embraced; whatever does not lead you to God is to be questioned and avoided. "Our hearts are made for You, O God, and they will not rest until they rest in You" (St. Augustine).

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

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"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."  
— Luke 9:62



**DISCIPLESHIP'S COSTS**

In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare Elisha to succeed him. Succeeding Elijah will be no easy task; he has spent his life facing threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity. The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him.  
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

**Gospel** — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>Monday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>June 27</b><br>† Norma Lorenzi<br>† Thomas Huertas                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:30 am   | <b>June 28</b><br>Sandra Mehrwein (L)<br>† Anna Skropanich                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:30 am | <b>June 29</b><br>† Ivka Skropanic<br>† Arlene Davis                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>June 30</b><br>Lusiana Padilla (L)<br>† Liliana Skorpanic                         |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:30 am    | <b>July 1</b><br>† Tessie, † Joseph and<br>† Saviour Schembri<br>† Joseph Skropanich |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:30 am  | <b>July 2</b><br>† Alice Soriano<br>† Luis Sebastian                                 |
| 4:30 pm                     | † Angela Rodriguez<br>† Pablo Gomez and Family                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:30 am    | <b>July 3</b><br>People of the Parish<br>† Arturo Bura<br>† Sonny Boy De Leon        |

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection  
June 18 and 19, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,700.00</b>
<b>Church Environment</b>	<b>\$ 749.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,551.00</b>

*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.*

## Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are still available for the 2022 year. Most dates in July, August, September, October, November, and December are open.

### **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](mailto: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 arrived 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

## 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, and Funerals. Please contact the parish office.

## Faith Formation in need of catechist teachers

The Faith Formation Program is looking for teachers to teach religion during the 2022-2023 school year. Classes start on September 10, 2022 through May 21, 2023, on Saturdays. If you have an understanding of the Catholic faith and love of working with children, call Laurrie Digneo (415) 672-4903 or email [sophielady7@aol.com](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com).

### **Registration**

Enroll your child for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation school year! Classes are held on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in Cantwell Hall.

Children will learn about the Catholic religion, and be prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Lessons are not only informative and educational, but also fun and interesting for children. The experience will give children an understanding of the Catholic faith which will make them better Catholics in their adult life.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Forms are also available by calling Laurrie Digneo (415) 672-4903 or [sophielady7@aol.com](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com). Forms can also be picked up at St. Elizabeth Church after mass at the back of the church or online at [www.stelizabethsf.org](http://www.stelizabethsf.org). Registration fees are \$45.00 per student per year.



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\$4,639.00 from **San Francisco, CA**  
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