

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 10, 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**

449 Holyoke Street (**Parish Office**)  
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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  
July 10, 2022**

### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Summer Musings:** Summer has come. In the Northern Hemisphere, it started on June 21 and will officially end on September 22. The winter and spring are over. We have had some pretty warm days, and we longed for chilly days. Sure enough, the chilly days are back. We see the fog rolling over from the ocean and it's a welcome thing, a natural air-conditioning indeed! I sure like the long summer days. It's bright early and the light lasts late into the evening. The seasons are metaphors for our minds and hearts. What do we think? How do we feel? Nights come, and we think and feel all sorts of sad things, at times, but with the dawn we feel better. Things are not so bad as they seemed in the night. In summer, maybe we could do some new things. Maybe we could do something different from our routine lives. Perhaps go to the seaside and look at the majesty and might of the vast ocean crashing on the shore ceaselessly. Perhaps visit a museum. De Young, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), Legion of Honor, Asian Art Museum, CA Academy of Sciences, Exploratorium, Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), and Contemporary Jewish Museum are among the museums worth visiting. If anyone would like me to accompany you to any of these museums, do let me know. I would love to contemplate art with you and enjoy the beauty in these creative masterpieces. Maybe, you could go to a park and look at the flowers and the little children running about. Golden Gate Park has so many soul-nourishing things to offer. The Japanese Tea Garden, Conservatory of Flowers, Ocean Beach, the Cliff House, etc. are worth visiting. Pier 39 is one of my favorites. Fisherman's Wharf draws so many from around the world. Close by, we have our own McLaren Park, which I haven't explored enough myself. Across the Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito is picturesque and charming. If you want to venture out farther, the wine country is always alluring. When we do things different from our routine lives, our body and soul, our heart and imagination, are refreshed and renewed. Of course, gas prices these days are a big consideration. Coupled with high inflation, I suppose we all have to be careful and make good choices.

### For Your Information: Some Parish Maintenance

**Projects and Costs:** As you know, our parish has four buildings which need continuous upkeep and maintenance. In the spirit of keeping you informed of our projects, here I give you a list of those and the costs involved. The flat surfaces of the church roof recently completed costs us \$100,856. The sound system in the church completed over a year and a half ago cost us \$39,600. The grotto project which was completed before I arrived in the parish cost over \$200,000. As you know, the

old convent building needed to be made ready to be rented out. It had been used by the former tenants as storage of their drama costumes. Now four men have moved into the property as our tenants. The painting and other jobs done cost us nearly \$20,000. In Cantwell Hall, the water heater was replaced at the cost of \$5,796. As landlords of the Alta Vista School building, we had to pay for the installation of the boiler at the cost of \$64,705.30. There were related expenses to this boiler installation: abatement at the cost of \$3,598, insulation of pipes at the cost of \$1,904.54, air sampling at the cost of \$2,207.50. At present, there is electrical work being done inside the Church and on the Church roof. Earlier in the year, we paid \$73,000 toward our property and liability insurance.

Please do continue to support our parish through your participation in the life of the parish and your generous donations so that we could continue to keep doing God's work at St. Elizabeth Parish.

**Word of God:** The gospel reading is about the love God and love of neighbor. It is the summary of our lives as human beings and Christians. Who are we? We are created by God who is love. The reason for our creation is love. The purpose of our existence is love. The journey of our life is to be founded on love. The destination of our life is love. Loving God and loving others is what motivates everything that we do. All our examination of conscience addresses the question "who is my neighbor?" Jesus gives us the unforgettable parable of the Good Samaritan. Love of God has to be reflected in love of neighbor. They are two sides of the same coin. John in his first letter says: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." (4:20,21). At times, people think it is enough to love God and not to pay attention to our love of others. Jesus insightfully invites us that the love of God is dependent on the love of neighbor and that the love of neighbor will necessarily lead us to love of God. As we go about our daily lives, let's think about how we are doing in this area of love of God and others. This commandment of love should actually be applied to all things in our personal and public lives. In the choices we make as individuals, families, and nations, in politics and culture, in economics and public policy, in everything that we do, is love of God and love of others a consideration and guiding principle?

**Pun Jokes:** 1. A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!" "Don't worry," said the doc. "Those are just contractions." 2. A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and .....cola." "Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them." 3. Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage. 4. Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just needed a little space. 5. Did you hear about the two people who stole a calendar? They each got six months.

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2022**

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body,  
the church.  
— *Colossians 1:15, 18*



### **RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS**

Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as "the image of the invisible God," the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about *being* neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving *all* people, even those who seem to be our enemies.  
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### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Heed the voice of the LORD. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) *or Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

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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

### **July 11**

† Manuel Scerri and † Joseph Vella

### **July 12**

† Wilter A. and † Noemi B. Nacor  
† Olivia Abranches

### **July 13**

Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
† Aurea Aldon

### **July 14**

Ginamarie Buckley (L)  
† Liliana Skorpanic

### **July 15**

† Carmen and † Joseph Spiteri and † Tessy Lencioni  
† Tessie Vinluan (L)

### **July 16**

† Cliff Fitting  
Tessie Vinluan (L)  
† Arthur Ghiglieri and † George Aquilina  
† Rita Buchta

### **July 17**

People of the Parish  
Aleja Mandani (L)  
† Maria Elena Giampaoli  
Maltese Society

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### **Saturday/Sunday Collection**

**July 2 and 3, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,184.00</b>
<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>\$ 523.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,293.00</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

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendars!  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
AAA 1% Circle Gratitude Dinner  
Look for your invitation in the mail

### **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 Registration Open**

New and continuing registration is being accepted for the 2022-23 Faith Formation program. Registration forms may be requested by calling the Faith Formation Coordinator at 415-672-4903 or email [sophielady7@aol.com](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com). Forms can also be picked up at the Rectory office or after mass at the back of Church.

Even if your child will be a returning student, a 2022-23 Registration Form is required. Registration Fees are \$45.00 per child per year. Classes begin on September 10<sup>th</sup> on select Saturday mornings from 9-11:00 am.

Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are each two-year programs, beginning no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> grade for Communion and no earlier than 8<sup>th</sup> grade for Confirmation. There is no upper age limit for Communion.

### **Catechist Teachers Needed**

The Faith Formation program is looking for teachers to teach religion. If interested please call the Faith Formation Coordinator at 415-672-4903 or email [sophielady7@aol.com](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com).



### **OCTOBER 5 – 17, 2022**

\$4,639.00 from **San Francisco, CA**  
(PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

### **PRE-TOUR JORDAN Oct 5 - 9, 2022**

\$790.00 (PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

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**For more information, please contact  
Jon or Rinda: 1-800-206 TOUR (8687)**

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