

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 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.

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 17, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

San Francisco Summer Reveries: "East is East, and West is San Francisco." — O. Henry "I never dreamed I'd like any city as well as London. San Francisco is exciting, moody, exhilarating. I even love the muted fogs." —Julie Christie. "I left my heart in San Francisco." — Tony Bennet. "San Francisco is perhaps the most European of all American cities" — Cecil Beaton. "If you're alive, you can't be bored in San Francisco. If you're not alive, San Francisco will bring you to life." — William Saroyan "San Francisco is a golden handcuff with the key thrown away." — John Steinbeck

I hope you are getting some rest and relaxation this summer, and perhaps some travel, a good book to read, and an art movie to see, a friend to cherish, and some new thing to enjoy. One of the things that has helped me is to do new, out-of-the routine things so that our minds and hearts are refreshed and nourished. If anyone asks you to go on some adventurous thing, however small it may be, go for it! Hope your summer is going well, even though at times, we may have cold, windy days, but whoever said the seasons of the heart are dependent on the seasons outside.

Religious Education Congress in Anaheim February 23rd through 26, 2023. At Anaheim Convention Center. The theme of the Congress is: Embrace Grace. It's an excellent gathering of thousands of people who celebrate their identity as Catholics by engaging in intellectual, spiritual, liturgical, and musical programs. I regularly attend this annual event to keep abreast of theology, spirituality, liturgy, and other matters of the Church. If you'd like to join, please start making plans by booking hotel accommodation now. When the time comes, registration for the Congress itself and choice of lectures could be attended to.

What is Catholicism?: Here's a very insightful summary by Richard McBrien, a well-known theologian and professor. "1. Catholicism is a Christian tradition, a way of life, and a community. 2. The word *Catholic*, derived from the Greek, means "universal." Its opposite is sectarian rather than Protestant. 3. Many non-Catholic Christians insist on the use of the adjective Roman to describe the Church that is in union with Rome, because they also regard themselves as Catholic. But there are Eastern-rite churches that are in union with Rome, and yet are not of the Roman, or Latin, rite. Therefore, the adjective Roman would pertain only to a portion of the Church that is in union with Rome, albeit the largest portion by far. 4. Catholicism is, first of all, a way of being human, then a way of being religious, and then a way of being Christian. Catholicism can only be understood within this wider context. 5. Catholicism is characterized by three principles: sacramentality, mediation, and communion. The special configuration of these three principles within Catholicism constitutes its distinctiveness.

It is a tradition that sees God in all things (sacramentality), using the human, the material, and the finite (mediation), to bring about the unity of humankind (communion). 6. Other distinctively Catholic principles include its emphasis on

tradition, its regard for reason, its analogical imagination, and its universality, including a both/and rather than an either/or approach to Christian faith and practice."

A Story to Think About: When the holy man reached the outskirts of the village and settled under a tree for the night, a villager came running up to him and said, "The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!" "What stone?" asked the holy man. "Last night the Lord told me in a dream that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk a holy man would give me a stone that would make me rich forever." The holy man rummaged in his sack and, pulling out a stone, he said, "He probably meant this one. I found it in the forest yesterday. Here, it's yours if you want it." The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was the largest diamond in the world --- the size of a man's head. All night he tossed about in bed. At break of day he woke the holy man and said, "Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this stone away."

Faith Formation Program: "Go to all the nations and proclaim the good news" is Jesus' command. In Faith Formation we proclaim the good news to the children and through them to their families. Please do as early as possible for 2022-23 year. We also need new Faith Formation teachers. Contact Laurrie Digneo, our new coordinator of Faith Formation. We would very much like to grow the numbers of our students. Please help by persuading your families to become part of our Faith Formation program. We are eager to prepare them for the First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and help orient them for a life of faith and service according to the mind and heart of Christ.

Recommending a Piece of Music and a Poem: The hauntingly beautiful aria "Lascia ch'io pianga" from Handel's opera "Rinaldo" and Elizabeth Bishop's poem "One Art." You could find them easily on youtube or google. If you have checked them out online, and if you have any comments on them, do feel free to share them with me in conversation after a Mass. As you know, the arts and literature are wonderful ways we can experience God and appreciate the beauty of life.

More Pun Jokes: 1. Talk is cheap? Have you ever talked to a lawyer? 2. Why did the gym close down? It just didn't work out! 3. How do poets say hello? Hey, haven't we metaphor? 4. Why is it annoying to eat next to basketball players? They dribble all the time. 5. What breed of dog can jump higher than buildings? Any dog, because buildings can't jump. 6. How many times can you subtract 10 from 100? Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90. 7. Why aren't koalas actual bears? They don't meet the koalafications.

Wishing you God's continued blessings of summer,

Your Friend and Pastor,

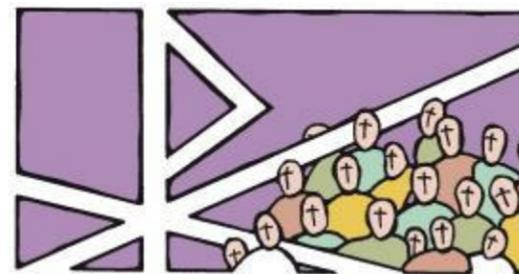
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It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

— *Colossians 1:28b*



PRAYER AND SERVICE

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus' feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham's eager welcome and joyful serving of his "visitors" seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord's presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

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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 18

Marissa Styles (L)
Herminia de los Reyes (L)

July 19

† Vivencia Perez
David Bartling (L)

July 20

† Esther Lobo
† Jeanette Borg

July 21

Arturo (L) and
Aguie Padilla (L)
† Olivia Abranches

July 22

† Adolph Vannucchi
Alejandro Sapanlay (L)

July 23

† Rita Buchta
† Erlinda Antonio
† Paul and † Theresa and
† Joseph Vella

July 24

People of the Parish
Italian Catholic Federation
† Jennie Balich
† Danilo Manalang

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

July 9 and 10, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,803.50
Parish Maintenance	\$ 501.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,695.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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 are unable to credit your contribution without your envelope number.

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 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



It is with great joy we welcome Audrey Eileen Story into our church and community. Audrey received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on July 11, 2021

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. 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 10th 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 1st grade for Communion and no earlier than 8th grade for Confirmation. There is no upper age limit for Communion.

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

AAA 1% Circle Gratitude Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, September 11th

Look for your invitation in the mail.

LEGION OF MARY AND PLENARY INDULGENCE

At the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday August 07 at St. Elizabeth Church, you are invited to receive a Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Legion of Mary. A plenary (meaning "full") indulgence is a special type of indulgence that, if all the requirements are met, removes all temporal punishment due to one's sin. To obtain, Catholics are invited to be in the state of grace, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...). Our own parish Legion of Mary members would be present and be actively involved in various ways at this Mass. We wish our Legion of Mary members and everyone else in our parish God's abundant blessings.