

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 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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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

August 7, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

My Personal Retreat at San Damiano, Danville: July 17 through 22, I made my private retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center, San Damiano, in Danville. It was a time of silence, reflection, and prayer. I was reminded of Jesus being away from his active ministry, by himself, to pray and discern his Father's will. San Damiano, as you may know, is named for the small dilapidated church in Assisi in which Jesus spoke from the cross to the young man Francis and told him to "repair my church." The retreat center in Danville spoke eloquently of the spirit of St. Francis. The afternoon of Sunday, after our own parish Mass here, when I arrived at San Damiano, coincidentally, there was a fundraising event for the retreat center called "Wine and Jazz Party." The Franciscan center staff invited me to join the party in the courtyard. There were about 100 people present. The jazz band consisted of about 30 people. It was most enjoyable to hear the soul-filling music and partake of the delicious hors d'oeuvres. It seemed as if a joyful prelude to my retreat which I began that evening. The retreat center is located on a beautiful hill and is nestled in the forests, endowed with a few trails for the quiet walks and prayer. The deer running around was a common sight.

I celebrated Mass every day in the cozy chapel and made my Stations of the Cross every day in the wooded area. The porcelain stations of the cross were created years ago by a sculptor from Napoli, Italy. These stations, fitted with lights for night use, if needed, are surrounded by the trees and overlooking the valley. The staff at the retreat house were most hospitable. On the last day, after I completed the retreat, some of our parishioners, at my invitation, visited me. I was happy to give them a guided tour of the place. We as a group prayed in the chapel and also prayed the Stations of the Cross and then went out to have lunch. All in all, the retreat was a time away to be with God in a special setting, a time for renewal and rejuvenation, a time to reflect on my calling and mission, (this August 19th, I'll be a priest for 33 years) and a time to pray for our parish. I'd recommend this retreat center to you, if ever you are thinking about making a retreat. If a group of our parishioners are interested, we could go there for two or three days of retreat and I would be happy to lead the group through the spiritual exercises.

Congratulations to Legion of Mary!: On the occasion of the centenary celebration of the Legion of Mary---founded by Frank Duff in Dublin, Ireland, in 1921 as a Marian movement and a lay Catholic organization---we shall have a special participation of the members of Legion of Mary at the 9:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. I would like to thank and congratulate the members of

this spiritual organization. If anyone would like to join this group, please do contact the parish office. The group meets each Monday in the Church at 5:00 p.m. To rejoice with the Legion of Mary, everyone at the 9:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday would be invited to light refreshments in Cantwell Hall. Please do join.

Faith Formation: Please do encourage your children and grandchildren to be enrolled in our Faith Formation program. Also, if anyone is interested in serving as catechists, please contact the parish office.

Thank You to the Music Ministers in our Parish: I would like to thank Judy Labaria and Carmelita Ouano for the beautiful music they provide at the 4:30 p.m. every Saturday vigil Mass. Also, my deep gratitude to Richard and Marycon Padua, Carmelita Ouano, Jun Madriaga, and their wonderful choir in providing music at the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Their ministry is much appreciated. I'm glad that the 9:30 a.m. choir is also emerging as a group of friends, enjoying each other's company and the food.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Gratitude Dinner: As you know, we made the goal. We shall meet on September 11 in Cantwell Hall, for me to be able to thank all those who generously donated 1% and more to AAA and to celebrate our community, enjoy each other's company and get to know one another.

Quotable Quote: "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside of you."---Ralph Waldo Emerson.

A Story to Ponder: A man began to give large doses of cod-liver oil to his Doberman because he had been told that the stuff was good for dogs. Each day he would hold the head of the protesting dog between his knees, force its jaws open and pour the liquid down its throat. One day the dog broke loose and spilt the oil on the floor. Then, to the man's great surprise, it returned to lick the spoon. That is when he discovered that what the dog had been fighting was not the oil but his method of administering it.

Humor: 1. Judge: "What's your age." Convict: "Twenty-two, sir." Judge: "That's what you've been telling us for the last ten years." Convict: "That's right, sir. I'm not the type that says one thing today and another tomorrow." 2. Old actress: "I really don't know my age. It keeps changing from minute to minute." 3. Little girl at fruit store with a banana peel in her hand: "What is it you want, darling?" said the vendor. "A refill," was the reply. 4. A Mother Superior, while travelling on a plane, was offered a cigarette by a fellow passenger. The witty nun, as affable as ever, said, "No, thanks. One habit is enough for me." 5. Why was Adam a famous runner? Because in the human race he was first.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

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Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. — Psalm 33:20



FAITH

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	August 8 † Arturo Bura † Victor Da Silva
Tuesday 8:30 am	August 9 Sandra Mehrwein (L) † Victor Da Silva
Wednesday 8:30 am	August 10 † Maria Moretto † Cipriano Perez
Thursday 8:30 am	August 11 † Cesar Ortiz † Victor Da Silva
Friday 8:30 am	August 12 † Bruna Gutierrez † Victor Da Silva
Saturday 8:30 am	August 13 † Aline F. Banks † Olivia Abranches † Lorenza Tanquilut † Bruna De Rosa † Simon Martinez
4:30 pm	
Sunday 9:30 am	August 14 People of the Parish † Teodoro C. Bondoc † Joseph F. and †Assunta Sant Legion Of Mary

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection July 30 and 31, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,736.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 588.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,676.00

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.



St. Elizabeth's Maltese Society Champagne Bingo

Sunday, September 18, 2022 -Cantwell Hall
Doors Open at 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm
Bingo begins at 2:00 pm
\$25.00 per person - Ticket includes lunch
Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad,
Bread, Champagne and Dessert
RSVP by September 10th
No tickets will be sold at the door.
(Reservation forms can be found
in the Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are still available for the 2022 year.
Most dates in August, September, October, November,
and December are open. Please submit your request
by mail or email.



It is with great joy we welcome Roxanne Salinas into our church and community. Roxanne received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on July 30, 2022.

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

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 this 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.