

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 14, 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 August 14, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Not a holy day of obligation this year:** August 15th --- Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM: In the Catholic imagination, Mary our Blessed Mother occupies a vitally prominent role. She is the mother of Jesus. She brought the savior and redeemer into the world. Her role, therefore, is extremely significant. In the gospels we see that she was filled with grace, that she said yes to God, that she listened to God's word and observed it, and that she was at the foot of the cross. There was no one closer to the mystery of Jesus than our Blessed Mother. Because of her momentous role in the history of our salvation, because she is the mother of God's own son, she was protected from sin and decay from the moment of conception (when Mary's mother conceived her in her womb) until the end of her earthly journey. The Catholic way of viewing her last moment in this world is that she did not die, but she slept into eternal life by being assumed into heaven. Her soul was never tainted by sin; her body was never stained by decay. She was gloriously assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven. She is our tenderhearted mother who always wants us to be happy and love Jesus her son. The same way she is mother to Jesus, she is our mother. What a privilege it is! Let's celebrate the feast of the Assumption of our BVM with great joy, faith, and gratitude. The BVM is "our tainted nature's solitary boast," says Wordsworth.

**Quotes on Mary:** "Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."--Saint Francis de Sales. "It is impossible to save one's soul without devotion to Mary and without her protection."--Saint Anselm. "A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion to the Mother of Jesus Christ."--Saint John Eudes. "In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear."--Saint Therese of Lisieux. "As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary."--Saint Thomas Aquinas.

**Memorare:** Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**Legion of Mary Event Last Sunday August 07:** Last Sunday we had a beautiful event connected with 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Legion of Mary. We celebrated our own

parish Legion of Mary members at the Mass and had a meal downstairs in Cantwell Hall. I'd like to thank the Legion of Mary members of our parish and all those who did an excellent job of putting this event together. Thank you to all those who prepared various food items and those who shopped. My special thanks are due to Sharon Soares and Beth Pasco for the overall organization of this memorable event. I would like to propose, if you are interested, that once a month, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we could have hospitality in Cantwell Hall, with coffee, donuts, and other snacks. We could begin this on a humble note and if there are enough people who would like to attend and volunteer, we could even have it twice a month. Do give me your thoughts on this.

**My 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordination Anniversary on Friday August 19:** Please keep me in your prayers on this day. The call to follow Christ through the ministerial priesthood continues and to be the shepherd and servant-leader at St. Elizabeth Parish at this present time. Thank you for your love, affection, thoughtfulness, and collaboration. Thank you also for your faith and service, which is an inspiration to me. Let's together continue to build up God's Kingdom here at our own parish. Let's keep growing in love of God and neighbor, in service, selflessness, gentleness, kindness, generosity, peace, and joy. The Opening Prayer in the Roman Missal "On the Anniversary of His Ordination" captures my sentiments perfectly: "*Holy Father, who, by no merit of my own, chose me for communion with the eternal priesthood of your Christ and for the ministry of your Church, grant that I may be an ardent yet gentle preacher of the Gospel and a faithful steward of your mysteries.*" Please see on the back page a picture from the day of my Ordination.

**A Poem to think about:** "If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain; If I can ease one life the aching, Or cool one pain, Or help one fainting robin Unto his nest again, I shall not live in vain." --- Emily Dickinson

**Dr. Seuss' Insightfully Funny Quotes:** "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." "Why fit in where you were born to stand out?" "If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." "Think and wonder. Wonder and think." "You are you. Now isn't that pleasant." "From there to here, and here to there. Funny things are everywhere." "Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." "Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think up if you only try."

**Warm Welcome:** To Bishop Jose Cabantan from the Diocese of Cagayan de Oro City in Mindanao, Philippines. He will celebrate Mass at 8:30 am on August 15<sup>th</sup> at our church.

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

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Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. — Hebrews 12:2



**PROPHETS**

We reflect upon the voice of the prophet in this Sunday's readings. We hear of the suffering and the rescue of Jeremiah. We hear how Jesus anticipates his suffering and death. As with Jeremiah and Jesus, the prophets were sent by God to the leaders and people of Israel. A prophet is one who speaks truth to the powerful, exposing their darker hidden motives and injustices. The prophet presents a way forward that aligns with God's purposes. A prophet can force people away from a comfortable neutrality or indifference. The prophet creates an urgency to make a choice: Are we content with the status quo, or are we to change our ways and pursue a new and better path? Today, we may also ask, how do we identify and respond to prophets of our time? How might we provide a prophetic voice in our Church and in our world?

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 15</b> Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 16</b> † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 17</b> † Russell Thomas † Olivia Abranches
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 18</b> † Gene Rebusura † Victor Da Silva
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 19</b> † Asuncion Rufo † George Topasna
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 20</b> † Aline F. Banks † Cesar Ortiz
4:30 pm	† Olivia Abranches † Bruna Gutierrez
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	<b>August 21</b> People of the Parish Maltese Society † Bernardino L. Santana † Olivia Abranches

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection August 6 and 7, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,744.00</b>
<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>\$ 559.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,697.00</b>

**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.



**Fr. Charles' 33 years of Priesthood**

Father Charles Puthota at his Priestly Ordination ceremony on August 19, 1989. His sister-in-law Vijayakumari receives Father Charles with "Aarthi ---a traditional Indian ritual of welcome with lamps and flowers.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>  
No tickets will be sold at the door.

(Reservation forms can be found in the Church)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Catered Gratitude Dinner**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendars!  
Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Look for your invitation in the mail.



It is with great joy we welcome Samantha Esperanza Gonzalez into our church and community. Samantha received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on August 6, 2022.



It is with great joy we welcome Olivia Rosalie zan de Zandt into our church and community. Olivia received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on August 7, 2022. She is pictured with her parents and great grandparents, Bill and Claire O'Sullivan.