

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 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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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 21, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Mass and Reception with Archbishop José Cabantan from the Philippines: On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM, we were delighted to have with us Most Reverend José Cabantan, Archbishop of Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao, Philippines, who celebrated the Mass. It was also to mark the conclusion of the celebrations of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, which we had started at our parish in May 2021. Archbishop Cabantan spoke eloquently about the role of "Mama Mary" in the history of salvation and the faith journey of the Philippines. After the Mass, we had an enjoyable breakfast-reception in Cantwell Hall. It was beautifully organized and served. Special thanks to Sr. Olga for being instrumental in putting this event together. Thanks also to Hermie, Sharon, Phil, Dave, Richard, Beth, the choir, and others who helped make a success of this event. I'm edified and impressed by our parish social events which are the outcome of so many people collaborating in a great spirit of teamwork. I would like to thank everyone for this enjoyable spiritual and social event of the parish. Let's have more such events in order to bring people together and enjoy our relationship with God and one another.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Gratitude Dinner: This will be held on Sunday September 11 in the evening in Cantwell Hall for the One Percent and More Circle. Thank you for your generous donation to AAA. Please RSVP immediately to my letter sent to you weeks ago, if you haven't done so already. This event reminds us of our close relationship to the Archdiocese and our call to support the ministries undertaken at the Archdiocesan level. It also provides us an opportunity for us as a parish to work on projects collaboratively and make a success of them.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training: This will take place on Saturday September 24 at our parish. Those who would like to attend, please register with Sharon Soares. Those attending will be expected to join the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by the training sessions until lunch time.

Word of God, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: All nations and cultures and peoples are called to the Kingdom of God. It's up to individuals to respond to God's grace. Jews and gentiles alike are invited to share in God's plan for the human family to find their happiness and fulfillment. God has given the free will to everyone. In Isaiah, there is a promise that "they shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the Lord...to Jerusalem, my holy mountain..." The responsorial psalm affirms the call to "go out to all the world and tell the good news." In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus affirms that "people

will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." However, we have to "strive to enter through the narrow gate..." There is always resistance from various forces in life to the call to be the disciples of Jesus. Everything and anything goes cannot be the way to fullness of life. We need to pick and choose those things that are truly helpful for the life with Jesus and avoid those things that are contrary to the values of Jesus. For example, following the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount is not easy, and yet we are called to embrace those "attitudes-to-be." In that sense, we need to enter through the narrow gate. The messianic call to the universal salvation that Jesus offers to all nations is urgent, and we as Christians are to make that a reality for all peoples through our witnessing to Jesus in the way that we live, love, and serve.

A Story to Think About: A guru (holy man) asked his disciples how they could tell when the night had ended and the day begun. One said, "When you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a cow or a horse "No." said the guru. "When you look at a tree in the distance and can tell if it is a neem tree or a mango tree." "Wrong again." said the guru. "Well then, what is it?" asked the disciples. "When you look into the face of any man and recognize your brother in him; when you look into the face of any woman and recognize in her your sister. If you cannot do this, no matter what time it is by the sun it is still night."

Prayer for America: Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your bountiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulf stream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and the bombs bursting in air. Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors --- locally and globally --- so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood and sisterhood from sea to shining sea. Amen. (Franciscan Mission Service)

Humor: 1. One day St. Peter saw a street gang walking up to the Pearly Gates. St. Peter ran to God and said, "God, there are some low-life, thieving street gang members at the Gates. What do I do?" God replied, "Just do what you normally do with that type; redirect them." St. Peter went back to carry out the order, and all of a sudden he went running back yelling, "God, God, they're gone - they're gone!!!" "Who, the street gang?" "No, the Pearly Gates!"

2. A young author once told Mark Twain that he was losing confidence in his ability to write. "Did you ever get that feeling yourself?" he asked. "Yes," said Twain. "Once, after I had been writing for nearly fifteen years, it suddenly struck me that I did not possess the slightest talent for writing." "What did you do then? Did you give up writing?" "How could I? By then I was already famous."

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

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Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.
— *Hebrews 12:12-13*



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday 8:30 am | August 22 † Paul, † Theresa Vella † Joseph Vella |
| Tuesday 8:30 am | August 23 † Wifredo B. and † Willie June A. Nacor |
| Wednesday 8:30 am | August 24 † Olivia Abranches † Victor Da Silva |
| Thursday 8:30 am | August 25 † Margaret Garibaldi and † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi |
| Friday 8:30 am | August 26 † Asuncion Rufo † Olivia Abranches and Family |
| Saturday 8:30 am | August 27 † Esther Lobo † Lorenza Tanquilut † Joseph Charles Muscat † Olivia Abranches |
| 4:30 pm | |
| Sunday 9:30 am | August 28 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Olivia Abranches † Alex Parisotto |

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection
August 13 and 14, 2022

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| Weekly Need: | \$ 5,000.00 |
| First Collection | \$ 3,213.00 |
| Parish Maintenance | \$ 450.00 |
| Over/Under | \$ 1,337.00 |

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.



Fr. Charles with Archbishop José Cabantan from Mindanao, who celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th and to mark the conclusion of 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines.



Archbishop Cabantan with the Good Shepherd Sisters



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)

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

***Last chance to RSVP- August 22nd**

Mark your calendars!
Sunday, September 11th

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 7th grade for Confirmation. There is no upper age limit for Communion.