

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 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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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 28, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Clothes Drive for the Poor in the Philippines: Please see below an appeal from a pastor, Fr. Datoy, from the Philippines, who was recently with Archbishop Cabantan while he celebrated Mass on August 15 at our parish. Father Datoy is seeking clothes and shoes for his indigenous parishioners. If you are able to donate to this charitable cause, we shall collect them all and send them to the person responsible for transporting them to Fr. Datoy's parish. We shall run this drive for ONE MONTH till the end of September. Please donate only "new or slightly used" clothes and shoes.

"I am Fr. Eleuterio Datoy, a Pastor of San Nicolas de Tolentino Parish in Malagana, Claveria, Misamis, Oriental, under the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro City in Mindanao, Philippines. I have 11,000 members of my Parish with 24 chapels and 6 Barangays. They are mostly Catholics and most of them are Indigenous people HIGAONON TRIBES. The basic needs are new or slightly used clothing and shoes. May I ask your generosity to help them. I have benefactors who are willing to send them to the Philippines. I am grateful to Fr. Charles Puthota, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, who encouraged me to appeal to your generous Parish."

Synod-Related Survey Conversation: Richard John, Antonia Velasco and I met last Sunday to talk about the survey results. It was felt that our spiritual, liturgical, and social life in the parish is being nourished well. Our liturgical celebrations are back to where they need to be after the Covid-related interruptions. We have a total of about 225 people attending our two weekend Masses. Our daily Mass is strong with about 30 to 40 people attending, with Liturgy of the Hours (morning prayer) prayed by about 12 to 15 people on a daily basis. I'm edified by this group who do the Church's morning prayer faithfully. I have always encouraged those who are retired and live in the neighborhood to fit the Mass into their daily schedule, if possible. It would always be an uplifting experience to begin the day with Mass. We also mentioned the kind of "core group" who come to daily Mass and are generous in their time and talents for the Community. I'm grateful to this faithful group that is active and engaged in the life of the parish. We looked at the social life in the parish. Some of the parish events recently (Parish Consultors Meeting, Legion of Mary event, Bishop Cabantan visit, etc), not to mention the choir socializing often before their practices, add the dimension of friendships in our parish community. I would like to thank the Paduas and their team for fostering the spirit of joy and collaboration. We continue doing the baptisms in the Rectory chapel. Our faith formation program could be expanded with more students.

We have been having concerns about how to secure our buildings and parking lot. There have been some incidents of a breach of our property. The generosity of volunteers in our parish is amazing. I'm grateful for all the blessings of God on our parish. If you have any suggestions for how we could keep deepening our faith and our friendships, please do let me know.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Gratitude Dinner: Sunday September 11 the 1% Circle will gather for a sumptuous catered dinner. Several weeks ago, I had sent you the invitations to this event and I'm hoping everyone invited has RSVPed already. This is to celebrate our connection with the Archdiocese and our successful project to raise the AAA amount within a short period of time. This year we completed our goal within eight weeks (two months). Please would you keep donating generously and promptly to AAA each year?

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion (EMHC) Training: Saturday, September 24 will be the training for EMHC. Those attending will gather for the 8:30 a.m. Mass and then start our sessions in Cantwell Hall. Contact person is Sharon Soares. Please leave a message for her at the parish office.

Word of God: Humility is the theme of the Word of God this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. "My child, conduct your affairs with humility...Humble yourself the more, the greater you are...", says the first reading from Sirach. In the gospel from Luke, Jesus challenges those who seek places of honor and invites us to "go and take the lowest place..." One of the paradoxes Jesus insists on throughout the gospels is that the last will be the first and that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Jesus also urges us that we need to invite to meals "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind: blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." We can explore our hearts and minds to see if we practice the virtue of humility in a habitual, daily basis. Humility is based on self-knowledge and truth. In our relationship with God and one another, we are completely dependent on God and interdependent in our families and communities. Humility grounds us in how we see ourselves in relation to God and others. We are not the center of the universe!

Back to School Jokes: 1. Little Johnny had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for three months and I never called you once when he misbehaved." 2. A wise schoolteacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school: "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he says happens at home." 3. Little Johnny wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he surprised the teacher with an announcement. He tapped her on the shoulder and said, "I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't start getting better grades...somebody is going to get a spanking!"

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

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You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.
— *Hebrews 12:22a*



HUMILITY

Today's readings praise the virtue of humility and offer concrete ways for us to become more humble. The Book of Sirach suggests a practical reason for acting with humility: humble people are more likeable than the arrogant. Even God "finds favor" with those who humble themselves. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus provides real-world suggestions for growing in humility and teaches us never to assume we are better than others. His words change our outward behavior and expand our hearts and minds to care about people we might have dismissed before. This practical, almost "folksy" wisdom about humility helps us behave better in daily life and makes our lofty goal of eternal life more accessible. Our reading from Hebrews affirms that heaven is indeed approachable. The personal love and sacrifice of Jesus have opened "the city of the living God" to us. Humility prepares us for paradise.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).
Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).
Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).
Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).
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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday</u> 8:30 am	<u>August 29</u> † Asuncion Rufo Marycon Padua (L)
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:30 am	<u>August 30</u> Andrew Abranches (L) † Felix Suavillo
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:30 am	<u>August 31</u> † Theresa Spiteri † Renato Carlon
<u>Thursday</u> 8:30 am	<u>September 1</u> † Annie Cruz † Leo Gerardo
<u>Friday</u> 8:30 am	<u>September 2</u> † Thomas Conlon
<u>Saturday</u> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<u>September 3</u> Marycon Padua (L) † Olivia Abranches † Joseph Macias
<u>Sunday</u> 9:30 am	<u>September 4</u> People of the Parish † Andres Sr. and † Rosario S. Castillon

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection
August 20 and 21, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,519.50
Church Environment	\$ 467.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,013.50

THANK YOU TO THE MALTESE SOCIETY FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$500!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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



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)

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.

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.

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

Mark your calendars!
Sunday, September 11th



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,
September 6, 2022
in observance of the
Labor Day Holiday.**