

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 11, 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**

**Patricia Spiteri** Administrative Assistant/  
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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  
September 11, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**9/11 Prayer for the Nation:** God Our Father, we pray for our nation as a whole this September 11th. September 12th was met with unity and grief that we all shared. It is still something we share as a people; it is a reminder of how fragile and precious life truly is. Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. We pray that Your Spirit would pour out among us and that through and by You, there would be a common heart, a common goal, and a common desire for peace and kindness towards one another. Let us not lose sight of what is important in this life and help us love one another as You truly love us. Lord, we pray for our leaders today. We pray that You would give them wisdom and discernment as they tackle events and dilemmas as they unfold. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God, one that seeks to glorify, honor, and praise You. This is our heart's desire, Lord. We desire to be Your people, and we strive to have peace. This nation has so much to offer, and Lord, we pray for our nation to truly be a City on a Hill. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Faith Formation Catechists' Meeting:** Last Saturday, September 03, I met with the catechists and spoke to them about the vision and mission of our Faith Formation program. Among other things, I invited them to focus on inspiring a personal love for Christ in the minds and hearts of the students and their families. Jesus wants to know: "Who do you say that I am?" I have encouraged them to gear everything toward a personal experience and love of Jesus Christ. This weekend (Sept. 10), the faith formation classes will begin. I'm looking forward to speaking to students and parents and getting to know them on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Word of God-- The Three Parables of Lost and Found:** This 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time gives us one of the most reassuring and consoling parables of Jesus from Luke's Gospel Chapter 15. This chapter and today's passage contains three parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost (prodigal) son. We are lost, but we are found. There is great joy in God finding us and restoring us to our dignity and respect. We are reunited with God. God loves us so much that he finds and forgives us. You may recall Pope Francis' description of the Church: that it is a field hospital. We are wounded and need healing. We are lost in the sense that we have been misplaced. We are not in the right place. We need to be found and saved from all sorts of miseries and perils. In the first reading from Exodus, there is a sad story of people being lost as they make and worship a molten calf as their god. All this after God had delivered them from oppressive slavery and led them through the desert through the most amazing acts of love

and protection. In the second reading from Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul acknowledges his own sinfulness and the fact that he was also a lost soul until God "mercifully treated" him. He boasts: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost." We could meditate on our false idols, our being misplaced, our being lost on the journey of life. But God's awesome love follows us always and finds us with great joy and celebration, as portrayed in the father of the prodigal son, and restores us to the status of the children of God our loving Father.

**Baptisms, Confessions, Weddings, Quinceañeras, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick or Dying, Blessing of Homes & Vehicles: Please call the parish office. Or contact me at weekend or weekday Masses.** I promise you that I'll make the process and arrangements as easy and pleasant as possible. I'm here to serve. If you have families and friends in other towns and states who may be in need, you are most welcome to recommend our St. Elizabeth Parish that is always welcoming and eager to reach out and share God's blessings.

**Short Insightful Quotes:** 1. Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. - Mother Teresa. 2. When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on. -Franklin D. Roosevelt. 3. Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. -Margaret Mead. 4. Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. - Robert Louis Stevenson. 5. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -Eleanor Roosevelt

**A Story to Ponder:** It was time for the monsoon rains to begin and a very old man was digging holes in his garden. "What are you doing?" his neighbor asked. "Planting mango trees," was the reply. "Do you expect to eat mangoes from those trees?" "No, I won't live long enough for that. But others will. It occurred to me the other day that all my life I have enjoyed mangoes planted by other people. This is my way of showing them my gratitude."

**Humor:** 1. "How's your new job at the factory?" one guy asked another. "I'm not going back there." "Why not?" "For many reasons," he answered. "The sloppiness, the shoddy workmanship, the awful language---they just couldn't put up with it." 2. Approaching a passer-by, a street person asked, "Sir, would you give me a hundred dollars for a cup of coffee?" "That's ridiculous!" the man replied. "Just a yes or no, fella," the beggar growled. "I don't need a lecture about how to run my business." 3. An inexperienced real-estate salesman asked his boss if he could refund the deposit to an angry customer who had discovered that the lot he had bought was under water. "What kind of salesman are you?" the boss scolded. "Get out there and sell him a boat."

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

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A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
— *Psalm 51:12*



**RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE**

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?  
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalm** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 12</b> † Paul and †Theresa Vella † Joseph Vella
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 13</b> † Maria Mazzafero † Giuseppina Rinaldi
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 14</b> Sisters of the Good Shepherd † Olivia Abranches
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 15</b> David Gemignani (L) † Dorothy Vannucchi
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 16</b> Nicole Soares (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 17</b> † Souls in Purgatory † Timoteo B. Nacor Jr. † Arturo Bura and † Cornelia Bura
4:30 pm	
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	<b>September 18</b> People of the Parish † Jane Falzon † Fedelina Camba

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection**  
**September 3 and 4, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,310.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,690.00</b>
<b>Catholic Archdiocese for Military Services</b>	<b>\$ 553.00</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.*

## 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 a 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](mailto:stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com)



### **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)

### **Pray for our Dear Departed**



Frances Frediani  
Randy Cash

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . ."*

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

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.

### **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](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com).

### **Good Shepherd Gracenter's online Gala for 2022 – "GROUNDED AND GROWING"**

**will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of service to San Francisco by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd Guild**



The Sisters' program, **Good Shepherd Gracenter**, is a residential program offering transitional housing and support to women without resources, who are determined to break free of drug and alcohol addiction. 95% of our graduates remain in recovery, stable housing and employment. Come and celebrate with us!

Just register at [GSG2022.givesmart.com](https://gsg2022.givesmart.com)

to see videos, auction items and more!

between Sept. 4 - 18, 2022.

Bidding begins on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

For more info: [www.gsgracenter.org](http://www.gsgracenter.org)

Or contact: [sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org](mailto:sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org)

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