

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 18, 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 18, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**Clothes Drive till end of September 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."

**Faith Formation:** Classes started last Saturday, September 10. I visited the classes and spoke to the teachers and students. This Saturday, Sept. 17, I'm looking forward to speaking to the parents. Sharing of faith applies not only to students but also to whole families as we strive to inspire them toward the process of new evangelization.

**Catechetical Sunday:** This Sunday, September 18 is Catechetical Sunday with the theme: "This is my body given for you" (Luke 22:19). Handing on faith and bearing witness to the Gospel are the calling of every baptized Christian. The theme hints at how important the Eucharist is in the life of the Church. In gathering together week after week, day after day, to break the bread, we keep emerging anew as the followers of Christ. We shall be commissioning those designated as catechists in our parish community this Sunday.

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Thank You Dinner:** I would like to thank those volunteers who worked so hard in making the Thank You Dinner a most enjoyable one last Sunday September 11 in parish Cantwell Hall. The food was delicious, the company was great. Phil, Dave, Richard, Fred, Ron, Patti, Saydha, Dan, Sr. Olga, and their teams worked together for the success of this dinner. To all those who donated "1% and More," again a big thank-you! Ron Borg and I spoke to highlight the vision of AAA and to thank our parish donors whose generosity helped reach our goal within two months early in the year. There are always the side benefits. As we work on this annual fundraiser and as we put all the details together for a dinner like this, we actually grow in the spirit of friendship and build up the body of Christ in our own parish community.

**Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) Luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center:** I was one of the 40 people who attended the ICF luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center Friday, September 09. They came from different parishes. Mary and Eva Perata and their team organized this event with an impeccable attention to details. It was an enjoyable afternoon indeed.

**Short Insightful Quotes:** 1. "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -Benjamin Franklin. 2. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller. 3. "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." -Aristotle. 4. "Whoever is happy will make others happy too." -Anne Frank. 5. "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

**The Word of God:** The message of the Gospel this Sunday is not the dishonesty of the steward but his resourcefulness in dealing with the situation, which, in his case, is a crisis! Jesus wants us also to use our imagination and resourcefulness in dealing with all kinds of circumstances in life. How can we face life and all its challenges with faith, courage, and grace? That's a big question. When we like certain things like sports or travel or hobbies, we are really engaged in getting them done. We spend our time, money, and energy to ensure that we can enjoy those interests. Jesus' parable raises questions about those things that are even more important in life: happiness, harmony, faith, peace, fulfillment, service, love, strength. These are all qualities that we need to spend our resources and resourcefulness on, and yet it's possible that we may be neglecting to develop and grow these gifts. Let's think about it and respond to the call of Jesus: Come follow me.

**A Story to Ponder:** Once upon a time the members of the body were very annoyed with the stomach. They were resentful that they had to procure food and bring it to the stomach while the stomach itself did nothing but devour the fruit of their labor. So they decided they would no longer bring the stomach food. The hands would not lift it to the mouth. The teeth would not chew it; the throat would not swallow it. That would force the stomach into doing something. But all they succeeded in doing was make the body weak to the point that they were all threatened with death. So it was finally they who learned the lesson that in helping one another they were really working for their own welfare.

**Humor:** 1. A genie and an idiot: Three guys stranded on a desert island find a magic lantern containing a genie, who grants them each one wish. The first guy wishes he was off the island and back home. The second guy wishes the same. The third guy says: 'I'm lonely. I wish my friends were back here.' 2. Off to work: A guy shows up late for work. The boss yells, 'You should've been here at 8.30!' He replies, 'Why? What happened at 8.30?'. 3. Snail with an attitude: A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. Three years later there's a knock on the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail says: 'What the heck was that all about?'

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

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God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.  
— 1 Timothy 2:4



**PRIORITIES**

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).  
**Psalms** — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).  
**Second Reading** — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).  
**Gospel** — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 19</b> † Mary Colvig † Jose Padilla
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 20</b> † Esther Lobo † Edilberto P. Mandani
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 21</b> † Astrida D. Mendoza
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 22</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 23</b> † Olivia Abranches
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>September 24</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:30 am	† Isaac Puthota <b>September 25</b> People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Teresa and † Jim Perata † Perfecto and † Gertrudez Vinluan

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection  
September 10 and 11, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,868.00</b>
<b>Parish Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 570.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,132.00</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)

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### 2022 Rosary Rally

JOIN

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

for the 12th annual Rosary Rally,

Celebrating the

Archdiocesan Year of the

National Eucharistic Revival.

Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 9:30 am

St. Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough Street, San Francisco



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### Clothing Drive

For the Indigenous people of the Higaonon Tribes, of the Philippines.

Please donate new or slightly used clothing or shoes.

Drop-off after all Masses in the church vestibule till the end of September.

Thank you! Your generosity is much appreciated!

## 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).

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**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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