

**ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**  
*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*  
*Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134*  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 25, 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 25, 2022**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**Divine Office--Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.:** Every day at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday we have the Morning Prayer, which is the Prayer of the Universal Church. It's also called Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours. About 15 people attend this regularly. I am edified by the earnestness and dedication of the group. As you know, this beautiful and uplifting form of prayer is purely scripture-based. If anyone else is interested in joining this prayer, please do let me know. You'd love it, and we'd love to have you. If you are retired, it might be convenient to join this prayer and the Mass daily. I think our parish is a perfect place to introduce this prayer and the response from the dedicated participants inspires and amazes me. I'm so grateful!

**Catechetical Sunday, September 18:** At the 9:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, we commissioned the catechists from our Faith Formation program for another year of catechetical work, which is to hand on faith and be witnesses to the gospel. The names of our catechists are: Richard John, Cipriano Peneyra, Maria Oropeza, Francisca Oropeza, Mike Walsh, Laurrie Digneo (also Faith Formation Coordinator), and Patti Spiteri (Parish Pastoral Coordinator). I would like to thank them for the excellent work they do in teaching and sharing faith. It is one of the most important things we do in our parish. Young people need to be urgently introduced to the matters of faith, especially in the context of rampant secularization. May the teachers and catechists in our parish be filled with the Spirit of Christ and wisely lead our students toward the things that matter. The theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday is: "This is my Body given for you" (Luke 22:19). This theme highlights the importance and centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. Let's encourage our children and their families to come to the Eucharist as frequently as possible. Attendance at weekend Masses (Saturday Vigil and Sunday) is crucial to our faith, spilling over into all that we do in our families and workplaces. The choices we make and all dimensions of our social, cultural lives are enlightened by the Eucharist where we hear God's Word and are united in the Body of Christ, missioned to "proclaim the Good News to all the nations."

**Maltese Champagne Bingo:** Last Sunday, September 18, at noon this well-organized event by the Maltese Society of the Parish took place. There were 120 people in attendance. The food and champagne were delicious, the company and conversation were enjoyable, and the Bingo was fun. I would like to congratulate and thank Jeanette Santos and team for putting on a fun event. We need more such social events in our parish. Such gatherings have a

way of building up the community. What we do upstairs (in the Church at Mass and prayer) and what we do downstairs (in Cantwell Hall with food and friendships) are essential for the life of the parish.

**A Verse to Enjoy:** "To see a World in a Grain of Sand / And a Heaven in a Wild Flower, / Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand / And Eternity in an hour." --- William Blake.

**Word of God:** This 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the gospel from Luke 16 gives the haunting story of the rich man and Lazarus. The teachings of Jesus speak a lot about wealth and how we must relate to it, lest it become a hindrance to our true happiness, peace, and fulfillment. There is a close relationship between this life and the life to come. The rich man seemed to have everything in life but eternal life. Lazarus didn't seem to have anything in life but his ultimate fulfillment with God. The things that we own --- do they help us or hinder us? Do they bring happiness or sadness? Are we able to share our blessings with others, especially those in need? Do we work for those riches that no one can steal and nothing can destroy? "What does it profit to gain the whole world but to lose your soul?" Wisdom requires that we steer through all our possessions as if they were water on the lotus leaf. If they stick to us, then we are not free to be happy. If they don't stick to us, we are like the birds soaring high in the sky, riding the wind and making huge carefree circles of flight in joy and freedom.

**A Story to Ponder:** A prisoner lived in solitary confinement for years. He saw and spoke to no one and his meals were served through an opening in the wall. One day an ant came into his cell. The man contemplated it in fascination as it crawled around the room. He held it in the palm of his hand the better to observe it, gave it a grain or two, and kept it under his tin cup at night. One day it suddenly struck him that it had taken him ten long years of solitary confinement to open his eyes to the loveliness of an ant.

**Funny Sayings:** "My wife says I'm too competitive. I told her I already knew that." "My room may be a mess, but I know where everything is." "Life is too short to be serious all the time. So if you can't laugh at yourself, call me ... I'll laugh at you." "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." --- Oscar Wilde. "Silence is golden, unless you have kids. Then silence is just plain suspicious." "The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits." --- Einstein. "Diet Rule #1: If nobody sees you eating it, it doesn't contain any calories." "If only common sense were more common." "Yes, of course, I'm athletic ... I surf the internet every day." "Could you be as silent as the g in lasagna?" "I thought about losing weight once, but I don't like losing." "I get enough exercise just by pushing my luck." "Smiles are contagious. Be a carrier."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

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Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— 1 Timothy 6:14

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**CARE FOR EACH OTHER**

Don't delude yourselves, Jesus says through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We really are supposed to care for others. It is not enough to go to Mass and occasionally serve at a parish or outreach function. We cannot remain complacent and consider ourselves followers of Jesus. No matter how much or how little material wealth we have, we always have something to give—our time and attention, care, and, when possible, our money. The way we treat and care for others, especially the poor and vulnerable, is the manner in which we show our love of God. As disciples, we must "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." Jesus calls us to see and respond to the least among us, because, as God's children, we are all part of one another. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalms** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday**

8:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**Friday**

8:30 am

**Saturday**

8:30 am

4:30 pm

**Sunday**

9:30 am

**September 26**

† Timoteo B. Nacor Jr.

† Maria Moretto

**September 27**

Communion Service

**September 28**

Communion Service

**September 29**

Communion Service

**September 30**

Communion Service

**October 1**

† Olivia Abranches

Garibaldi Family

† Giovanni Rossi

† Sivasse Pellini

**October 2**

People of the Parish

† Arturo Bura

† Joseph Micallef

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection  
September 17 and 18, 2022**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,427.00</b>
<b>Church Environment</b>	<b>\$ 538.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,035.00</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**

*Faith Formation classes have begun.  
It is Not too late to register!!*

Registration forms can be picked up at the Rectory office or at the back of church. Or you can drop into Faith Formation on a Saturday at Cantwell Hall (8:30 am-11 am) to pick up a form.

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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### **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.



It is with great joy we welcome Amelia Quiton into our church and community. Amelia received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on September 17, 2022.