

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 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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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
October 2, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Some Important, Inspirational Feasts Early October:

St. Therese of the Child Jesus: October 01st is the feast of one of the most influential young saints: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, also known as St. Therese of Lisieux. She was only 15 when she joined the Carmelites and 24 when she died, but she is celebrated all over the world as co-patron of the missions along with St. Francis Xavier, even though she never left the four walls of the convent in Lisieux, France. **Three insights from her life are relevant for us today.** One, she considered herself a "little flower." We do not have to be the important "flowers" in the garden of God, but God is happy with the little ones too. God looks on the little, unimportant, insignificant people too with amazing love and care. Being humble and self-effacing is completely acceptable to God, even pleasing to him. Two, The Little way: we do not have to achieve earth-shattering things; all God wants us to do is to put our love and energy into all the little things we need to do on a daily basis. We are to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way. Three, Therese saw her name "T" written in the Orion's constellation. She was convinced her name was written in heaven. Our names too! God has chosen us from all eternity for everlasting life. Our lives came from God and belong to God and return to God. So let's live and love in a manner worthy of our mission and our final destiny.

Feast of the Guardian Angels: October 02nd is the feast of the Guardian Angels, though this year, as it falls on a Sunday we do not celebrate it liturgically. As you know, Sunday liturgy takes precedence over the feast day liturgies. The feast of the Guardian angels is a reminder to us that each of us is given an angel to protect and guide us all our lives. God's presence and love are given to us through the guardian angels who lead us to God. If we could only listen to these guardian angels, how different our lives would be!

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi: October 04th is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of our city by the Bay, San Francisco. If there were just a few people who would practice Christianity as Francis did, the world would be completely transformed. Christianity is most appealingly exemplified and demonstrated in Francis. Francis' simplicity, poverty, humility, faith, love of other religions, love of all creation, love of Christ --- all these inspire us to become more authentic human beings and Christians. Our Pope, who has taken on the name of St. Francis, is helping make the spirituality of the saint concrete for us by the values and vision he shares with the Church and the world.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary: October 07th we celebrate this feast. Because of this feast, the whole month of October is traditionally considered the month of the Rosary. Mary our mother, close to her Son and us, is the most powerful intercessor. All she wants is that we do

whatever her son tells us to do, as at Cana. You may be aware that some other religions use beads to pray repetitive prayers. Our Catholic practice helps us to focus on the mysteries of the Rosary as we keep repeating the prayers, thus experiencing a deepening of the sense of prayerfulness, a sense of closeness to God, a sense of calm and peace in our hearts. Apart from praying the Rosary individually in Church or while travelling or with the family, I personally find the Rosary the best prayer before falling asleep. Reflecting on the 20 mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous) could bring a sense of peace and calm in us, helping us sleep and get good rest. You might want to try it! May these saints and angels whose feasts we celebrate in early October be close to us, speak to us, and turn our lives toward God and one another in love and service.

Concluding Clothes Drive for the Poor in the Philippines:

We bring this drive to a conclusion at the end of September. Thank you for all those who donated the new or slightly used clothes, shoes, etc. I would like to thank our sacristans for receiving them and storing them and Sr. Olga Cristobal for working with the person who will be forwarding these items to the poor in the Philippines.

Training of Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy

Communion (Ems): On Saturday, September 24th, I was honored to lead a training session for 18 of our parishioners who are eager to become the Ems to serve our parish. I reflected with them on the theology and spirituality of the Eucharist and the centrality of the celebration of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. We went over the reading materials on being a Eucharistic Minister. We also looked at the practical aspects of being a EM and practiced how to actually do this important ministry. Congrats and thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to Sharon Soares, Phil McCarthy, Dave Gemignani and Richard John for all their excellent work of coordination and arrangements. The potluck was enjoyable.

Quotable Quote: "True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked." --- Erich Segal.

Humor: 1. A man was standing in front of the bathroom mirror one evening admiring his reflection, when he posed this question to his wife of 30 years: "Will you still love me when I'm old, fat, and balding?" She answered: "I do." 2. Teacher: "What are the harmful environmental effects of oil on fish?" Student: "When my mom opened a can of sardines last night, it was full of oil and all the sardines were dead." 3. They were in a restaurant, perusing the menu, when she let her husband know that he rarely paid attention to her when she spoke. Well, of course, he disagreed, so they went back to reading their menus in chilly silence. After a few uncomfortable minutes, she said, "I think I'm getting a headache." He responded, "Go ahead, sweetheart; get whatever you want."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

October 2, 2022

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*



THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live
(Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

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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

October 3

† Carmen and † Joseph Spiteri
† Tessy Lencioni

October 4

† Jovito Cruz
† Milagros Macaspac

October 5

† Jewell Coccellato
† Luisa S. Gito

October 6

† Ivy Wilson
† Asuncion Rufo

October 7

† Paul and † Theresa Vella
† Joseph Vella

October 8

† Benito, † Jose and
† Fernando Vinluan
† Ray Garibaldi
† Carmela Sapiano

October 9

People of the Parish
† Mary McCarthy
† Palero Family

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

September 24 and 25, 2022

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,202.00
Over/Under \$ 2,798.00
Priest's Retirement Fund \$ 849.00

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.

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 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.

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
94109

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.

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

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