

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 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 Spiritual Reflection from
Father Charles Puthota

October 16, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

LET GOD BE GOD

Oh you who could not put one star in motion,
Who could not build one mountain out of earth,
Or trace the pattern of a single snowflake
Or understand the miracle of birth.

Presumptuous mortal
Who cannot alter the universe in any way,
Or fashion one small bud, release one raindrop
Or toss one cloud into a sunny day.

Oh earthling who can never paint a sunset
Or cause one dawn to shine.
Oh puny man
Who cannot create a single miracle,
How dare you doubt the only one who can.
Author Unknown

Reflection: We human beings have a tendency to declare independence from God, to rebel against Him. In the story of creation, we see this trend starting already with our first parents Adam and Eve. This trend of rebellion, which is sin, is not what we express so much in words as in deeds, in the way we live our lives. We try to manage as if God did not matter. Since God dwells deep within us, declaring independence from God would amount to declaring independence from ourselves, which is a logical absurdity. How can we rebel against ourselves and still keep our sanity? Cutting off God would amount to cutting ourselves off. Keeping God out would thus be at our great peril.

All religions speak of how intimately we are connected with God. In fact, we are closer to God than we are to ourselves. God is the ground of our being, our foundation, our raison d'être. Jesus speaks time and again about how we have to remain in him as he and his Father remain in us. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches. How can the branches live without being connected with the vine? Didn't Jesus say:

"I'll be with you always, even to the end of time?"
How can we assume, then, that he is not with us? Are we not the temples of the Holy Spirit?

One of the ways we rebel against God is by assuming that we know better than God. We are eager to dictate terms to God. We go about pretending that we are God. We act as if we were God. We feel and think we can be self-sufficient without God's grace and presence. In other words, we like to assume the role of God. It is time we realized that God is God and we are His creation, totally dependent on His love and gifts. It would be appropriate for us to acknowledge the omnipotence and omniscience of God, to understand that His abiding presence in us is what makes us live and flourish.

God's presence and power are revealed in the miracles all around us, constantly surrounding us. We have to only look at ourselves and others and the world of nature to recognize the daily miracles God is working for us. We can listen to God in and through these miracles of life and nature. We can grow to respect God's ways and learn what God wants us to do for Him and one another. We can, as Thomas Aquinas suggested, move from creation to the Creator. Because of God's presence resplendent in the universe, we can come to place an abundance of faith in Him, who fashions and ordains everything.

Action: Place your hand in the hand of God and let Him lead you. Place your heart in the heart of God and let Him love you. Place your mind in the mind of God and let Him enlighten you. Trust in His providence and ways. Go back over your life the last five or ten years and see how God has led and protected you. But for Him, you wouldn't have --- couldn't have --- carried on with your life. You didn't recognize Him then, but now you do. Go over people and events the last few years or so and recognize the daily miracles God has been placing before your eyes. Grow in a sense of wonder for what God does for you on a daily basis. You be you. Let God be God.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

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I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1-2



PERSISTENCE

Exodus recounts the journey of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the land promised to their ancestors. It was not an easy journey. In today's reading, they are attacked by Amalek and his soldiers, members of one of the peoples who live in the land through which the Israelites are traveling. Moses was on the hilltop with his arms raised to invoke the LORD's assistance in the battle below, a powerful illustration of the LORD's favor upon Israel. If the soldiers were to lift up their eyes to that hill (see Psalm 121:1), they would be reassured by Moses's presence and posture. Paul urges the Thessalonians to persist in proclaiming the gospel, and Jesus likewise commends the widow for her persistence in pursuit of the justice due her. Whether they preach or pray, the followers of Jesus need persistence through periods of difficulty.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses' hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful; proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or not (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — God will secure the rights of the chosen who call out day and night (Luke 18:1-8).
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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	October 17 † John and † Jenny Sant
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 18 † Carmela Sapiano † Samuel Walden
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 19 † Katherine M. O'Shea
Thursday 8:30 am	October 20 † Castula Padilla † Sean Hyland
Friday 8:30 am	October 21
Saturday 8:30 am	October 22 † Tomas Sifuentes † Guadalupe Gomez † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
4:30 pm	October 23 People of the Parish Maltese Society † Delfin S. Mendoza † Leonora Fernando
Sunday 9:30 am	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection
October 8 and 9, 2022**

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,371.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 482.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,147.00

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.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are arranged through the Parish Office. Please call for information and to make arrangements.

There are still dates available for the months of November and December 2022 to schedule a Baptism. Please call the Parish Office for information.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

For Weddings, Quinceañeras, Anointing of the Sick, and Funerals. Please contact the parish office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE IAN RELIEF EFFORT **October 15 and 16**

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