

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 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 message from
Father Charles Puthota

October 30, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Tuesday, November 01---Feast of All Saints---A Holy Day of Obligation---Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

We begin this emotion-laden month of November with the solemnity of All Saints (All Hallows). Having completed the cultural celebration of the Eve of Hallows as Halloween, here we celebrate the holy feast of all saints, canonized and not canonized, known and unknown. Originally the feast began when there were so many martyrs that there was a felt need to honor them. It then became a way of honoring all saints, all holy men and women, who have reached the beatific vision of God and are now safe in the very heart of God, even if they are not officially declared as saints by the Church. We would like to think that some or many of our own family members have been privileged to become saints and have attained the life of perfection in heaven; that they have joined Mary, our blessed mother, the angels, and saints; that they are beholding the face of God for eternity with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. What a blessed state! What a glorious state of life! This holy feast invites us to thank God for all the marvelous deeds God in Jesus has done in the lives of all these saints. We feel a deep sense of gratitude and joy. This feast also reminds us that we are all destined to be saints. All are called to holiness. "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect," is the invitation and challenge. Be holy. Do holy. It is not easy, though. We are pulled and pushed by external and internal forces and allurements, our addictions and attachments, our biases and prejudices. We are tempted and dazzled by all sorts of things in the world. To seek holiness in the midst of bewildering things and choices is not at all easy. That's why Jesus walks with us and gives us his Spirit to lead and guide us so that we may keep running the race, knowing that in all our endeavors, struggles, and failures, we are graced and strengthened in this pilgrimage of life.

November 01---The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed---All Souls' Day---Mass as usual at 8:30 a.m.:

We commemorate all those who have been called to God. We specially think of those in our own families who have gone before us. We hold their memory sacred. We loved them in life, we continue to love them in death. Life is changed, not ended. Love is stronger than death. We bring our love, faith, and prayer to support them in their journey of purification and attainment of perfection with God. It has always been a tradition in the Catholic faith to visit graves on All Souls Day and other days, especially in November. So let's make time for that, if possible. As we stand at their graves, as we may shed tears and are filled with loss and grief, let us know that God will wipe away every tear and

grant them eternal peace and fulfillment. It is also an occasion for us to think of life and death. Awareness of death can make life more precious and beautiful. Against the background of death, life takes on great urgency and acute significance. Because of death, we have to live better lives. Because of death, we have to become the people God wants us to be in this life. Because of death, we need to become more authentic disciples and apostles of Jesus. Because of death, love becomes not only necessary but also urgent. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen. May they rest in peace! Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

Quotes on Death and Life: "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." --- Mark Twain. "If there is a meaning in life at all, then there must be a meaning in suffering. Suffering is an ineradicable part of life, even as fate and death. Without suffering and death, human life cannot be complete." --- Viktor E. Frankl. "Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion a hint of the resurrection." --- Arthur Schopenhauer. "Death is a challenge. It tells us not to waste time ... It tells us to tell each other right now that we love each other." --- Leo Buscaglia. "Because I could not stop for death, he kindly stopped for me; The carriage held but just ourselves and immortality." --- Emily Dickinson. "For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one." --- Khalil Gibran.

Word of God: Conversion of Zacchaeus: The gospel the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time from Luke's gospel is about Zacchaeus, the tax collector and a wealthy person. He had everything except social standing. The religious and political establishment shunned him for collaborating with the occupying Roman empire. Restless and curious, he wanted to Jesus. A short man, he climbed a sycamore tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. Jesus surprised him by inviting himself to his house. Jesus: is he a guest or a host in Zacchaeus' house? This personal encounter with Jesus brings about an astonishing conversion and transformation in the life of Zacchaeus. He is now eager to make restitution and move forward as a changed person. Some questions we might ask for ourselves are: do I want to see Jesus? Do I make an effort in that desire? Will I give hospitality to Jesus in my life? Will I allow the grace of encounter with Jesus to bring about the new life? Will that conversion include a social dimension of caring for others and repairing the breach?

Humor: 1. The boss to one of his staff: "We've got a vacancy. Your twin brother could fill it." "My twin brother?" "Yes. The one I saw at the football game yesterday while you were attending your uncle's funeral." 2. The secretary to her boss on the intercom: "There's a gentleman on the line who would like to inquire into the secret of your success." After a prolonged silence, the boss asks in a hoarse voice: "Is he a journalist or a policeman?"

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
— Psalm 145:14



A COMPASSIONATE GOD

Today's reading from the book of Wisdom presents an image of a patient God who "rebuke[s] offenders little by little" (Wisdom 12:2), an image endorsed by the psalmist, singing of how the LORD is "slow to anger and of great kindness, and compassionate toward all his works" (Psalm 145:8, 9). The crowd with Jesus, however, grumbles when they see Jesus's kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus, who was not just a tax collector, but the "chief tax collector"—a title that surely emphasizes his standing as a sinner to be scorned. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Thessalonians to be "worthy" of God's calling, so that "the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thessalonians 1:12); such people, unlike the crowd in the Gospel, would rejoice at Zacchaeus's determination to change his life after encountering Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

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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 31

† Mary and † Earl McCarthy
† Isabel C. Bondoc

November 1

All Saints Day

November 2

All Souls Day

November 3

† Legion of Mary
Marycon Padua (L)

November 4

Adrian B. Gotaoco (L)
† Margaret Rose Phelan

November 5

† Norma Obtinario
Richard Padua (L)
† Isabel Bondoc
† Francisca Fabia

November 6

People of the Parish
† Jesus (Jesse) Quinonez
† Vittorio Rossi

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

October 22 and 23, 2022

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00

First Collection: \$ 2,461.00

Over/Under: \$ 2,539.00

World Mission Sunday: \$ 750.00

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.



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VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars. Prop 1 isn't needed. Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation that would remain in effect without the amendment, including our current limit on late-term abortions that are permitted only for the life and health of the mother. Prop 1 destroys this limit. California does not limit state spending on abortion, and with thousands more traveling from other states, the cost will be in the hundreds of millions. Don't hand lawmakers a blank check to pay for abortions, and don't let them make California an "abortion sanctuary." To learn more, visit sfarchdiocese.org/noonprop1.

Sunrise on the Sea of Galilee.



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 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: Sayda at stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

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.

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.

Red Hawk Casino Bus Trip **Saturday, December 3, 2022**

Please contact Jeanette Santos for information or to reserve a seat.

415-225-5315

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Holy Day of Obligation:
All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 1st, 2022
Mass Times: 8:30 am and 6 pm