

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Christ The King-Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 20, 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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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
November 20, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Christ the King: This Sunday is the feast of the majestic King, Christ our Lord. It's the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It's our belief that at the end of the world, Christ the King will tie up all the loose ends and bring the whole creation to an end and present it to his heavenly Father. Meanwhile, he is King of our lives today. He rules over us not with power and glamor, but through love and humility, through selflessness and self-effacement. He is the King who washes our feet and dies for us so that we can have life and have it abundantly. His Kingdom fills the whole world. His Kingdom values are often contrary to what the world cherishes. But the deepest longings and desires of our hearts can be found in the values of this universal King, Christ our Lord. Our dreams for love and intimacy, peace and justice, health and happiness—all these are the values of Christ the King as well. We can open our hearts and minds more fully to this King who will dwell in our lives and make us shine with truth and integrity. Long live Christ the King!

Advent: Coming up next Sunday: With the feast of Christ the King, we turn our attention next Sunday to the beginning of the season of Advent. What a beautiful season of longing and waiting for the Lord to be born all over again in our lives! Let's get ready psychologically and spiritually for this intimate and semi-penitential season of Advent which will lead us to the new-born King at Christmas.

Happy Thanksgiving: The fabulous, heartwarming, all-American festival of Thanksgiving is round the corner, on Thursday, November 24. It's turkey time! People all over the nation are getting ready to travel back home to be with family. Love is in the air everywhere. According to AAA, 54.6 million people will travel 50 miles or more from home this Thanksgiving, up 1.5% from 2022. This year is also projected to be the third-busiest Thanksgiving since AAA started tracking it in 2000. Thanksgiving travel period is a five-day period from Wednesday Nov. 23 to Sunday Nov. 27. All that travel and trouble is to meet family and friends--and give thanks to God and one another. We have much to be thankful for. Gratitude makes us better human beings and Christians. Gratitude makes explicit our human condition and our dependence on God and one another. It helps us appreciate the fact that we are not self-sufficient and that we are interdependent. It energizes us to go out of ourselves to others and think about others' needs. With our love and service, we can create better families and communities and transform the human family. JFK rightly said: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Happy Thanksgiving!

Word Population at 8 Billion! Last Tuesday the world population reached 8 billion people. According to the United Nations, the world added 1 billion people in the last 12 years. "This unprecedented growth is due to the gradual increase in human lifespan owing to improvements in public health, nutrition, personal hygiene and medicine. It is also the result of high and persistent levels of fertility in some countries," the UN statement said. This reality puts more pressure on nature as people compete with wildlife for water, food, and space. Also, rapid population growth combined with climate change is likely to cause mass migration and conflict in coming decades.

Climate Change, the Reality and Faith-Action: You may be aware of COP27 which means the 27th "Conference of Parties" to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This Conference took place in Egypt from Nov. 6 through 18, ended just last week. The key goal is to limit temperature rises, to prevent further global warming. In 2015, nations agreed to pursue efforts to limit global temperature rises to 1.5 degree Celsius (2.7-degree Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels. Average temperatures are now 1.1 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels and that increase has already caused major climate disasters. If the global average temperatures were to rise above 1.5 degree Celsius, the UN says, it would expose millions more people to potentially devastating climate impacts. We Catholics need to look at all these developments with alarm and hope. Pope Francis in his papal encyclical "Laudato Si" (which means "Praised Be to you," my Lord, from a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi) declared that the science of climate change is clear and that the Catholic Church views climate change as a moral issue that must be addressed in order to protect the earth, our Common Home, and everyone on it. The seven goals of Laudato Si are: the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor, Ecological Economics, Simple Lifestyles, Ecological Education, Ecological Spirituality, and Community Participation.

Thanksgiving Humor: 1. Grandfather Turkey: Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his grave." 2. Hatched? This guy goes to his doctor. "Doctor, help me! I can't stop acting like a turkey!" "I see," said the doctor. "How long have you had this problem?" "Let me think a second. Mom laid the egg in 1954....." 3. Baby Bruno was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal. "What are you doing?" Bruno asked. "Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey," his grandmother replied. "That's cool!" Bruno said. "Are you going to hang it next to the deer?" 4. A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

With Thanksgiving Day wishes and blessings,

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2022

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
— *Psalm 122:1*



THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

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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

November 21

† Tina and † Pierina and
† Emilia Delfino

November 22

† Carmen and † Joseph Spiteri
† John Benedetti and
† Fred Cairns

November 23

† Maria Mazzaferro and
† Giuseppina Rinaldi

November 24

Thanksgiving

November 25

† Joe Sapiano
† Valentina Agius

November 26

† Esther Lobo
David Gemignani (L)

† Jack Choy

† Daisy Lem

November 27

People of the Parish
Italian Catholic Federation
† Arturo Bura and
† Mario Macario Bura Sr.

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

November 12 and 13, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,197.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 545.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,258.00

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.

Pray for our Dear Departed



**Gerald Garibaldi
Louis Tosti
Heidy Stolte
Milagros Galimba**

“Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . .”

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: Saydha at stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

November: Month of All Souls

Traditionally, November is the month when we especially remember the souls who have entered eternal life. As we prepare for these remembrances there is a specific way of preparation besides our own prayers and remembrances. You may write their names on one of the All-Souls envelopes. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for remembrances during all the Masses in November.

[St. Elizabeth's](#) [On the Horizon:](#)

[First Sunday of Advent:](#)

November 27, 2022

[Parish Advent Retreat:](#) Saturday, December 03, 2022 at 8:30-1pm

[Simbang Gabi:](#) Saturday, December 16 through 24th, 2022 at 8:30 am

[Parish Advent Confessions:](#) Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10:30 am

*[Parish Office will be closed on](#)
[November 24, 2022](#)
[for the Thanksgiving Holiday.](#)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

OTHER SACRAMENTS

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



The Good Shepherd Sisters, Sr. Olga Cristobal, Sr. Anne Kelley, Sr. Donna Miles, Sr. Regina Do, and Sr. Marguerite Bartling. In the vestibule of St. Elizabeth Church, in front of the Good Shepherd stained-glass window.