

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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
December 4, 2022

microenterprise and disaster relief---and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ---to the poorest of the poor in over 30 countries around the world." The past two years, we had donated the Thanksgiving Day Mass collection to St. Anthony's Dining Room in SF and Catholic Relief Services.

Parish Advent Confessions: On Saturday, December 17 at 10:30a.m. as a way of preparing ourselves for Christmas.

Simbang Gabi Masses: At the regular 8:30a.m. Masses from December 16 through 24, Simbang Gabi tradition will be followed. Do come join! As we will be busy with the external preparations such as gift-buying, decorations, food, etc., it would be highly beneficial to prepare ourselves internally, spiritually, for the Birth of Christ at Christmas. I'd like to thank all those who have begun the preparations for making this tradition a success in our parish as in the past.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve December 24 Mass at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Day December 25 Masses at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. My Christmas letter to the whole parish will be in the mail in the next few days.

A Story to Think About: The Contented Fisherman: The industrialist was horrified to find the fisherman lying beside his boat, smoking a pipe. "Why aren't you out fishing?" said the industrialist. "Because I have caught enough fish for the day." "Why don't you catch some more?" "What would I do with it?" "Earn more money. Then you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish. Thai would bring you money to buy nylon nets, so more fish, more money. Soon you would have enough to buy two boats... even a fleet of boats. Then you could be rich like me." "What would I do then?" "Then you could really enjoy life." "What do you think I am doing now?" Which would you rather have: a fortune or a capacity for enjoyment? (ADM).

Religious Humor: 1. Laughing in Heaven: Q. How can you make God laugh? A. Tell him your plans. 2. Adam's Shorts: Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts." 3. Father Time: The last time we changed from daylight saving time, a preacher friend posted, "For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to church, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes." 4. Hearing: "What's wrong, Bubba?" asked the pastor. "I need you to pray for my hearing," said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba's ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing?" "I don't know," said Bubba. "It isn't until next Tuesday." 5. God is Watching: A boy walked into a Christian school cafeteria and there on the table was a plate of fruit. Next to it was a sign that said "Take one. God is watching." Next to the fruit was a plate of cookies, which had a sign next to it, written by a fellow student, that said "Take as many as you want. God is watching the fruit."

Wishing you a grace-filled Season of Advent with great expectations,

Your Friend and Pastor, Father Charles Puthota

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On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. --Isaiah 11:1



HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	December 5 † Timoteo D. and † Marietta B. Nacor † Aurea Aldon
Tuesday 8:30 am	December 6 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri † Modesto de los Reyes
Wednesday 8:30 am	December 7 † Theresa Spiteri Maria Conception Ruiz (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 8:30 am	December 9 † Lamar Culpepper † Annie Cruz
Saturday 8:30 am	December 10 † Florentina Sadomiano † Virginia Walden
4:30 pm	† Mary and † Manuel Marquez Family † Jenny Sant
Sunday 9:30 am	December 11 People of the Parish Sifuentes Family (L) † Mr. and † Mrs. Pedro Reyes And Children Living and Deceased

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection November 24, 26 & 27, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,280.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 539.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,181.00
Thanksgiving Day for:	
Cross Catholic Outreach	\$ 856.00

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 will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers.

Parish Advent Retreat Postponed: Please be in touch with Sharon Soares and/or the parish office for the update on this event. The plan still is: I'll be giving three talks on the theme of "To Know Jesus, To Love Jesus, and To Follow Jesus." The Retreat starts with 8:30a.m. Mass followed by "coffee and donuts/bagels." We will have singing at the sessions and reflections and plenty of time to socialize and renew friendships. After the sessions are over, we will have lunch. Do come join, if you are able to.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection: The collection amounted to \$856. Thank you for your generous donations. It is being sent to "Cross Catholic Outreach," a Catholic charitable organization ministry that "partners with bishops, priests, religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, orphan support, medical care,

Pray for our Dear Departed



Calvin Hue

“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 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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: December 4th Second Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: December 6th St. Nicholas

Wednesday: December 7th St. Ambrose

Thursday: December 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: December 9th St. Juan Diego

Saturday: December 10th Our Lady of Loreto
International Human Rights Day

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”

St. Elizabeth Parish On the Horizon:

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Parish Advent Retreat Rescheduled to:

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 8:30-1pm

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation Masses:

December 8, 2022 at 8:30 am and 6 pm

Simbang Gabi: Saturday, December 16 through 24th, 2022 at 8:30 am

Parish Advent Confessions: Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10:30 am

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

Welcome to St. Elizabeth Church

We extend our hands and hearts to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time or newly arrived in our parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form and submit it to the office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

New Parishioner

New Address/Phone

Send Sunday Envelopes