

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 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.

St. Elizabeth Church 449 Holyoke Street San Francisco CA 94134

Christmas 2022

New Year 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

The First Christmas: As we welcome another Christmas, we are enchanted by the beauty and mystery of the first Christmas. Heaven met the earth. Infinity touched the finite. Eternal embraced the ephemeral. Transcendent encountered the immanent. God became man in Jesus Christ. Because of him, we shall live forever.

Christmas 2022: Christmas happens all over again in our lives. Jesus is born now in a whole new way, like never before. He becomes one with us and walks with us as we face life. Through the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. Everyone and everything is suffused with sacredness. We could look at Christmas from the perspective of three profound spiritual gifts: Love, Peace, and Joy.

Love: Christmas is a festival of love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." At Christmas the love of God shakes us up--and wakes us up--to Jesus Christ who calls us to love one another as he has loved us---unconditionally, self-sacrificially, and absolutely. Any meaningful celebration of Christmas will inspire us to a life devoted to love.

Peace: Christmas is a festival of peace. The angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth." The new-born baby brings peace to our fragmented, harried lives and to a world torn by strife. Any true celebration of Christmas will enable us to surrender our lives and the whole world to the peace of Christ.

Joy: Christmas is a festival of joy. The angel announces: "I proclaim to you good news of great joy...A savior has been born for you..." While the world may be familiar with pleasures, it has not often tasted the pure gift of joy that comes from the new-born divine baby. He will give us joy which no one can take away.

Thank You: Here's wishing each one of you at St. Elizabeth Parish the love, peace, and joy of Christ. Thank you for your amazing faith that blossoms into love and service for one another. Thank you, too, for your generous support which helps make God's work in our parish grow and prosper.

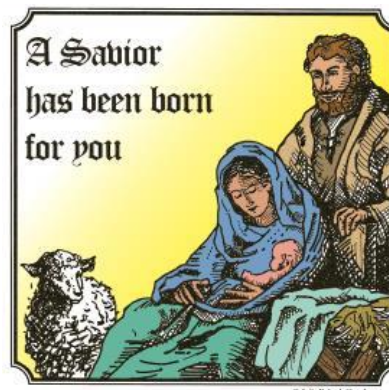
Merry Christmas! Happy and Healthy New Year!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2022

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the Highest."
Luke 2:13-14



WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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

December 26

† Pedro C. Songco

† Arturo Bura

December 27

† Isaac Puthota

† Heidy Stolte

December 28

Ramirez Family

John Grasso (L)

December 29

Lolita Canlas (L)

† Jose Padilla

† Danilo Morales

December 30

Padua Family Living and Deceased

† Louis Tosti

December 31

† Aline F. Banks

† Miguel Gonzalez

New Year's Eve

January 1

People of the Parish

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother

Of God

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection December 17 and 18, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,433.00
Church Environment	\$ 422.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,145.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

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.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY
DECEMBER 26, 2022 AND THURSDAY DECEMBER
29, 2022 FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS.**

2023 MASS INTENTIONS ARE 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: December 25th The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Monday: December 26th St. Stephen

Tuesday: December 27th St. John

Wednesday: December 28th The Holy Innocents

Thursday: December 29th St. Thomas Becket;
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: December 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: December 31st St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**St. Elizabeth Parish
On the Horizon:**

New Year Mass Schedule: Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 01, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.



St. Elizabeth Parish would like to congratulate Timothy Carter and Francisca Oropeza on their 25th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration on Sunday, December 18, 2022.

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH PARISH COMMUNITY
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