

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023



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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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 the Pastor
For the New Year
January 1, 2023**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

In the New Year, Do One Tick at a Time

The clock master was about to fix the pendulum of a clock when, to his surprise, he heard the pendulum speak.

“Please, sir, leave me alone,” the pendulum pleaded. “It will be an act of kindness on your part. Think of the number of times I will have to tick day and night. So many times each minute, sixty minutes an hour, twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. For year upon year.... Millions of ticks. I could never do it.”

But the clock master answered wisely, “Don’t think of the future. Just do one tick at a time and you will enjoy every tick for the rest of your life.” And that is exactly what the pendulum decided to do. It is still ticking merrily away. (*The Prayer of the Frog, Vol. II*)

Reflection: We have rung down the curtain on 2022 and rung in the New Year 2023. We would like to say “thanks” to all that has been and “yes” to all that shall be. God in Jesus has been with us in 2022 in small and big things that came our way. When we thought we couldn’t take another step, he was by our side, leading the way, gracing our moments, and filling us with hope. Through the mists of grief and sorrow, disease and death, his presence shone through. When we felt happy and successful, too, his presence filled us, showing that all blessings come down from his loving hands.

We begin the New Year with hope and optimism. We may have a tendency to carry the sad and bad things that happened in 2022 over to 2023. We may have been hurt or disappointed or shocked by what may have happened to us. Sometimes, our choices may have led to consequences we regretted or loathed. At other times, our lives may have veered off into a weary, loveless, joyless, and humdrum life. We have to be mindful about not carrying baggage from last year into the New Year. Also, there is a possibility that we could be suffering from nostalgia for the good and beautiful things that came our way

in 2022. This could lead us to an idol worship of the memorable things of the past, with the result that we are unable to welcome the present with fresh eyes, open arms, and hopeful hearts.

Of course, we worry and fret about how this year will turn out to be. What good things are we going to encounter this New Year? What sad things are going to happen to us? However, let us not strive to see the distant scene. Let us not be overwhelmed by what we have to do or how we must cope with the challenges and ordeals of life. All we have to do is to take one moment at a time: pack that moment with as much love and energy as possible. There may be setbacks and heartaches, but even those will become moments laden with grace and faith. Let’s meet each person as if he or she were the only one in this world. Let’s deal with the task at hand as if it were the only thing to be done in the world. Let’s live in love in the present moment. The present moment is where God meets us because our God is the God of the present. Remember the saying: “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift --- that’s why we call it the present.” Let us do one tick at a time. We’ll tick merrily away the whole year of 2023 and beyond!

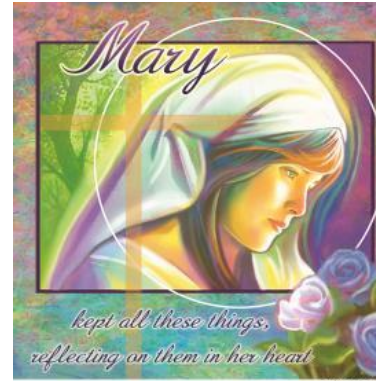
Action: Embrace the New Year by trying to shake off sadness or nostalgia for things past. Look at and relate to people without paying attention to their past --- as if you were meeting them for the first ever time. The past interferes too much in our present and ruins our future. Bring a fresh and unsullied outlook on people and circumstances. Here’s a person in front of you, full of possibilities; here is a situation calling for your resourceful and positive approach. That person’s past is gone; the future doesn’t still exist. This situation or event in this particular form at this particular moment has never existed in your life before. Meet that person or situation here and now. Bring all your loving, creative, energetic, and positive resources to address this situation. Easier said than done; but you need to keep striving. There is nothing that you and God together cannot handle.

Happy New Year! Feliz año nuevo! Maligayang Bagong Taon! Felice anno nuovo! Is-sena it-tajba! Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh! Urte berri on! Feliz Ano Novo! Bonne année ! !

Your Friend and Pastor,
Fr. Charles Puthota

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2023**

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. — Luke 2:19



BLESSINGS

Today’s readings include another account of the story of Jesus’ birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God’s Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God’s Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God be merciful and bless us (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	January 2 † Bruna and † Italo DeRosa † Samuel F. Sr. and † Miguela O. Sandoval
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 3 † Tessy Lencioni † Marcel Lacues
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 4 † Emanuel Scerri and † Maria Vella
Thursday 8:30 am	January 5 † Gervacio R. Pilare
Friday 8:30 am	January 6 † Piera Schenone
Saturday 8:30 am	January 7 † Marta P. Ramirez
4:30 pm	† Josephine Zaragoza
Sunday 9:30 am	January 8 People of the Parish † Elena P. Santiago † Rinaldo Schenone

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

December 24 & 25, 2022

Will be recorded in next week’s bulletin

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.

Thank you to all those who donated Poinsettias. The church looks really beautiful!

Thank you for making the Simbang Gabi Novena tradition a big success. Thank you, the sponsors, the choir and all those who participated in the mass.

2023 Calendars are available.
Please be sure to pick up a copy in the church or rectory during office hours.

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.

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 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

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

Monday, January 16th, 2023:
Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

We are preparing to close the books on 2022. Please contact the parish office in **writing** or **email** if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using **SUNDAY ENVELOPES.**

Please note that any donations received after December 31st will be credited to 2022.

We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers, (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)

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
