

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 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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Parish Office Hours

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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.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023



February 5, 2023

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioner,

Invitation to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): It's that time of year when we are invited again to participate in the annual fundraising campaign to assist the Archdiocese of San Francisco in its mission and ministry.

The AAA assessment for our parish in 2023 is \$37,462.

Top Three Reasons to Support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: 1. St. Elizabeth parish has been an integral and inseparable part of the Archdiocese since 1912 and through the period in 1962 when the current church building was constructed. 2. In Word and Sacrament, through various ministries and services, the Archdiocese has always supported and nourished our parish. 3. Rooted in a 2000-year-old Catholic tradition and culture, the Archdiocese connects us to the church in California, the United States, and the Universal Church shepherded by the Holy Father Pope Francis.

Past successful AAA Campaigns in our Parish: In 2021 and 2022, despite the raging pandemic, our parish successfully completed the AAA campaign within two or three months, thanks to your generosity. I am hoping that this year, we will be able to reach our goal in the first two months (by the end of March), if you are able to support it again promptly and generously.

Starting Date of the AAA 2023 Campaign: We are officially launching AAA drive with this letter and the announcements during the weekend Masses of February 04-05, 2023.

Ways to Donate: You can use the enclosed envelope, which would be my preference for expedited processing of the check and prompt acknowledgment of your donation in the bulletin. You may also give online by visiting stelizabethsf.org or sfarchdiocese.org/aaa.

1.33% Circle: Can you personally consider donating 1.33% of the total amount we have to raise? It is \$500. Some of you last year donated way more than what I had asked for. I am hoping for such donors to continue at the same level, if possible. I have already sent in my personal AAA check for \$500. If 75 people can donate \$500 each, we will make our goal quickly. As a way of thanking you, as in the past years, I'll be inviting the 1.33% Circle members to a sumptuous luncheon filled with fun, food, and friendship. The names of all donors along with a notation to 1.33% donors will be listed in the weekly paper-bulletins during the entire AAA campaign and in the posted bulletins on our website.

God bless you and your families for supporting the mission of the Church,

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Father Charles Puthota
Pastor

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Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.
— Psalm 112:4



THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	February 6 † Lio Salarpi † Alejandro Gomez
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 7 † Calixta Moster Pilare † Timoteo D. Nacor Sr. and † Santiago Gayaban
Wednesday 8:30 am	February 8 † Theresa, † Paul, and † Joseph Vella
Thursday 8:30 am	February 9 † Earl McCarthy † Josephine Winant
Friday 8:30 am	February 10 † Giuseppe Moretto
Saturday 8:30 am	February 11 † Filomena Scerri
4:30 pm	† Louis Garibaldi
Sunday 9:30 am	February 12 People of the Parish † Tim Benetti † Timoteo D. Nacor Sr.

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection
February 4 & 5, 2023**

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,678.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 562.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,760.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 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.

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 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

Pray for our Dear Departed



Filomena Scerri

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

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

AAA 2023 Start Date: *The launch of AAA will be February 04-05 at the weekend Masses.*

St. Elizabeth Maltese Society St. Paul Festa:
Saturday, February 11th at 4:30 pm Mass.

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 2023.

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



It is with great joy we welcome Phelix Kirk Aguiluz into our church and community. Phelix received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on February 1, 2023.