

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent



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)

Parish Office

449 Holyoke Street
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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Friday

Parish Staff

Patti Spiteri	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
Sandy Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	Faith Formation

Mass 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 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.



From the Pastor's Desktop

**A message from
Father Charles Puthota**

March 5, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Goal: \$37,462. 1.33% is \$500. Please give early and generously. See the names of donors in the bulletin. We have done four weeks of campaign. Sandra Abranches and Sharon Soares spoke persuasively at the two Masses last weekend, calling everyone to give to AAA. My thanks are due to them both. I thank all those who have donated to AAA so far. I also thank those who are able to give 1.33% and more of the total amount of AAA for this year. We have quite a distance to go before we can complete our goal. We still need everyone to participate. To those of you who have not given so far, I appeal to you to please consider it prayerfully. Please keep in mind: what AAA stands for is nothing less than the mission of Jesus Christ carried out by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. As disciples and followers of Christ, it's not only our duty but also a joyful privilege to support the mission of Jesus. "Go to all the nations and preach the good news" is the mandate of Christ, which is being carried out in our Archdiocese. Our participation in AAA is a sign of our participation in this noble mission. May I, therefore, call on everyone at St. Elizabeth Parish to help reach our goal of \$37,462 as early as possible?

The Season of Lent: What shall we give up for Lent?

- Give up complaining — — focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism — — become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments — — think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry — — trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement — — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — — return good for evil.
- Give up negativism — — be positive.
- Give up anger — — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — — become mature.
- Give up gloom — — enjoy the beauty all around you.
- Give up jealousy — — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — — hang in there!

Lenten Retreat: On Friday March 17 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and the Stations of the Cross. I'll be presenting the sessions on the theme of Spirituality. It will cover the meaning of Spirituality, its historical development, and the various practices of spirituality. Come, join, if you can! \$15 for registration fee. Includes coffee & donuts and lunch. Such events have a side benefit: they build up friendships and community.

Word of God: Second Sunday of Lent: Last Sunday we reflected on the temptation and sin of the first parents and the temptations of Jesus which he resisted successfully in the desert. This weekend, the Word of God is about the call of Abraham in the first reading and the transfiguration of Jesus in Matthew's gospel. Receiving God's call and promises, Abraham moved toward where God was leading him. The theme of the call is found also in the second reading from the letter to Timothy: "He saved us and called us to a holy life..." Jesus's transfiguration is a milestone in the public ministry of Jesus as he hears his Father's call and affirmation: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The Father's call for Jesus entails suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus will now move inexorably toward the cross in Jerusalem. During Lent, we too travel with Jesus, through various observances of prayer and penance, toward the cross and ultimately to Easter, when Jesus will rise victoriously, fulfilling the promise of fullness of life for us. We could reflect and pray along the lines of how God in Jesus is calling us out of our situations to go to another "place," to another way of living and loving, to another way of seeing and feeling, to another way of fulfilling our human destiny. In the process, the "beloved Son" walks with us and speaks to us. We are to listen to him and make the choices in light of that listening. Are we ready? Are we willing? Are we adventurous?

A Story to Ponder: True philosopher that he was, Socrates believed that the wise person would instinctively lead a frugal life. He himself would not even wear shoes; yet he constantly fell under the spell of the marketplace and would go there often to look at all the wares on display. When one of his friends asked why, Socrates said, "I love to go there and discover how many things I am perfectly happy without." Spirituality is not knowing what you want but understanding what you do not need.

Quotable Quote: "Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting." - Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Joke: Abraham's computer: Abraham bought himself a fancy new computer. He was showing it to Isaac one day. "Look at all the wonderful programs it has on it. And look at all the neat things it can do..." Isaac was impressed, but a little concerned... "But dad, I don't think your computer has enough memory." Abraham said "Don't worry son; the Lord will provide the RAM."

Wishing you a blessed season of Lent,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023**

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. — 2 Timothy 1:10b



TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	March 6 † Maria and † Giuseppe Moretto
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 7 † Paul Galea
Wednesday 8:30 am	March 8 † Hermie G. Icban
Thursday 8:30 am	March 9 † Giovanni Rebagliati † Leon and † Maureen Winant
Friday 8:30 am	March 10 Budes Family Living & Deceased
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	March 11 Rayna Garibaldi (L) † Charley Borg † George Falzon
Sunday 9:30 am	March 12 People of the Parish † Grace and † Sam Fernandez

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Saturday/Sunday Collection
February 25 and 26**

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,059.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 446.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,495.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,399.00

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.



Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 am

Thank You!

2023

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*1.33% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name (\$500.00 and more)

*Names of those who have donated \$25.00 or more are listed in the bulletin

*Thank you to our anonymous donors

*If your name is missing, contact the Rectory Office

* If contributing by check directly to St. Elizabeth please make payable to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

St. Elizabeth Parish on the Horizon:

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:

AAA goal: **\$37,462.00**

Donations as of March 1st : **\$14,275.00**

Balance to reach: **\$23,187.00**

Lenten Retreat: Friday March 17th

Lenten Season:

Palm Sunday: April 2nd

Easter Sunday: April 9th

Stations of the Cross: On Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass during Lent.

LENTEN REMINDERS AND REGULATIONS:

The following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent: **During Lent, every Friday the 8:30 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.**

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted.

In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.



Congratulations to the following children who made their First Reconciliation last Saturday, February 25th.

Abigail Martinez
Ahtziri Martinez
Calissa Martinez
David Mendez
Miabella Salvan