

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*



**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  
415-468-0820 Fax 415-468-1457

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

### **Closed Friday**

### **Parish Staff**

<b>Patti Spiteri</b>	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
<b>Sandy Mehrwein</b>	Secretary
<b>Fred Spence</b>	Maintenance
<b>Laurrie Digneo</b>	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  
4:00 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass  
9:00 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** Thursdays at 12pm in Cantwell Hall.

# HAPPY EASTER



Easter 2023

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Easter Truth:** Clarence W. Hall makes a powerful statement about Easter: "If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise."

**The Risen Christ:** Jesus Christ, our truth, has risen from the dead, alleluia! He suffered and died for us out of love, but now he has vanquished sin and death, darkness and evil. He is truly alive in us and among us! He stands tall at the center of history as the Risen Christ, giving hope and peace to the whole world.

**Easter Transforms Us:** Let the beauty and glory of Jesus' resurrection permeate our lives. Easter is a time of great joy and deep peace. The resurrection of Jesus empowers us to combat evil and sin; it enables us to hope despite sadness; it persuades us that we are called for the splendor of God's love; it makes us glimpse into the resplendent life eternal.

**Eastering at St. Elizabeth Parish:** Let us rejoice over the intimate mystery of Christ's resurrection at St. Elizabeth community, where Christ lives and loves, calls and cares, nourishes and nurtures, challenges and cherishes. Christ is alive at St. Elizabeth Church, alleluia! Let him easter in us!

**Thank You:** For being the messengers of the resurrection. Your goodwill toward the ministries and services at St. Elizabeth is much appreciated. Thank you for your active participation at various levels of parish life! Thank you also for your generous financial support for our parish ministries and projects. God bless you always and all ways!

**Happy Easter! Maligayang Pagkabuhay Ng Panginoon! Felices Pascuas! Buona Pasqua! L-Għid it-Tajjeb!** May the Risen Christ enlighten and enchant you and your families---and sanctify you with his abundant blessings and graces!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.

## Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.  
— Colossians 3:4



### REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year," then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today's readings don't exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John's Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

### Saturday/Sunday Collection

April 1 - 2

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00

First Collection

Palm Sunday \$ 3,966.00

Over/Under \$ 1,034.00

#### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday

8:30 am

#### April 10

† Joseph & † Carmen Spiteri

† Tessa Lencioni

† Willie June A. Nacor

#### Tuesday

8:30 am

#### April 11

† Jessie Borg

† Demetrio Alipio

#### Wednesday

8:30 am

#### April 12

† Emanuel Scerri

† Maria Vella

#### Thursday

8:30 am

#### April 13

† Fred Perata

Kevin Brugaletta (L)

#### Friday

8:30 am

#### April 14

† Filomena Scerri

Robert Magarrell (L)

#### Saturday

8:30 am

#### April 15

† Robert Moore

† Eva Castro

#### Sunday

8:30 am

#### April 16

People of the Parish

10:30 am

Maltese Society

† Antonette and † Joe Maggiora

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**New Sunday Mass Hours:** As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Mass times will be 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass Intentions scheduled at 9:30 am will be moved to 10:30 a.m.

### Pray for our Dear Departed



Edwin Alvarez Sr.

"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . ."

**The Parish office will be closed**

**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**in observance of the Easter Holiday!**

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*\*Thank you to our anonymous donors*

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

AAA goal: **\$37,462.00**  
 Donations to date: **\$35,958.00**  
 Balance to reach: **\$ 1504.00**

Thank you to all who have donated to the AAA.

**If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so.**

Donation envelopes can be found in the pews or the parish office.

### Upcoming Events:

Confirmation:  
 Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>  
 St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:00 am

First Holy Communion:  
 Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 St. Elizabeth Church at 10:30 am