

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**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>Laurie Digneo</b>	Faith Formation Coordinator

### **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 Church.

**1000 Hail Mary's** Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm.

**Over 50 Group** Thursdays at 12 pm in Cantwell Hall.



## From the Pastor's Desktop

A message from  
Father Charles Puthota

May 14, 2023

### **Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**Easter Reflection:** These days of Easter, the gospel anecdotes about the risen Christ have one thing in common: the apostles and others to whom Jesus appear do not easily recognize Jesus. It takes time for them to awaken into the identity of Jesus. Jesus does all sorts of gentle and kind things to encourage them into the reality of his resurrection. Mary Magdalene, for example, thinks that Jesus is a gardener. Others at times think that he is a ghost. The two Emmaus disciples do not recognize him. Something keeps their eyes from recognizing him. They finally see him as Jesus only in the breaking of the bread, though their hearts were burning when he interpreted the scriptures. At the resurrection of Jesus, something is the same, something is different. He is a new being. He can appear inside the locked rooms. His He has body but his body is so different that they cannot see him as Jesus immediately: they are startled and terrified. Those who were very close to him go through this situation again and again. What about us? Over 2000 years later, can we recognize the risen Christ? Can we be adventurous enough to try to remove all sorts of obstacles that prevent us from recognizing him, loving him, and following him here and now?

### **Three Sacraments of Our Faith Formation Children--**

**Congratulations:** On Saturday February 25, five of our Faith Formation children made the First Reconciliation and on Sunday May 07 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the same children made the First Holy Communion. Also, seven of our students made their Confirmation on Saturday April 29 at the Cathedral at a Mass I concelebrated with Archbishop Cordileone. These are great blessings for the families and our parish community. Congratulations to the students and the families! Also, my gratitude to our Faith Formation Coordinator Laurrie Digneo, Pastoral Coordinator Patti Spiteri and the teacher-catechists Mike Walsh and Fran Oropeza.

**Word of God This Sixth Sunday of Easter:** The Risen Christ this Easter season speaks to us about loving and keeping his commandments in the Gospel. In a moment of Trinitarian revelation, Jesus speaks of his father and the Holy Spirit the Advocate. The mystery is that we are all in Jesus and in the Father and the Spirit and the Trinitarian persons are in each other. That's how intimate our relationship with God is. This is the reason for our hope, as we read in the second reading from Peter: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..." This is done well by Phillip in Samaria by proclaiming the good news, healing and driving out the demons.

**AAA 1.33% Donors Luncheon--Save the Date:** Sunday August 06, thank you-luncheon to 1.33% AAA donors at the Basque Cultural Center at 12:30 p.m.

**Happy Mother's Day:** On the occasion of Mother's Day this Sunday, may I have the honor of wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers at St. Elizabeth Parish a Happy Mother's Day? Thank you for being mothers. Thanks to you, we understand what it is to love, nurture, share, and be selfless.... The following is for laughing out loud!

**Lessons from my Mother:** My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why." My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!"

My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

My mother taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My mother taught me HUMOR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand." And my favorite:

My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

**An Irish blessing for Mother's Day:** "There is but one and only one, whose love will fail you never. One who lives from sun to sun, with constant fond endeavor. There is but one and only one on earth, there is no other. In heaven a noble work was done when God gave us a Mother."

**Mother's Day Humor:** 1. I shouted to my Mom on Mother's Day, "How does breakfast in bed sound?" She said, "Ooh that sounds lovely! I said, "Great, I'll have bacon, fries, and two eggs." 2. Daughter: Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world? Mom: I don't know dear, you'd have to ask Grandma. 3. Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. But after a good long wait she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "We decided to cook our own breakfast." 4. A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the son asks. The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?" 5. Daughter: Mom, I need my personal space! Mom: You came out of my personal space.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 14, 2023**

"I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth."

— *John 14:16-17*



### **PEOPLE OF HOPE**

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalms** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or *John 17:1-11a*.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### **Monday**

8:30 am

### **May 15**

† Emanuel Scerri and † Maria Vella  
May DeVera (L)

### **Tuesday**

8:30 am

### **May 16**

† Filomena Scerri

### **Wednesday**

8:30 am

### **May 17**

† Ronald Vannucchi  
† Maria Pia Moro

### **Thursday**

8:30 am

### **May 18**

Sandy Mehrwein (L)

### **Friday**

8:30 am

### **May 19**

Virginia Sanchez (L)

### **Saturday**

8:30 am

### **May 20**

† George Tolentino  
† Aurelio Perez

4:30 pm

† Mary O'Sullivan

### **Sunday**

8:30 am

### **May 21**

People of the Parish

10:30 am

† Piero DellaBordella

## **Saturday/Sunday Collection**

**May 6 – May 7**

**Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00**

**First Collection \$ 3,111.00**

**Over/Under \$ 1,889.00**

**Catholic Charities / \$ 723.00  
CYO**

*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.*



**Next Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
is the Ascension of the Lord**



## Archdiocese of San Francisco's Eucharistic Congress

Cost: Free

The Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone  
invites you to the  
Archdiocese of San Francisco's Eucharistic  
Congress

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Most Rev. J. Peter Sartain,  
Archbishop Emeritus of Seattle  
Most Rev. Donald Joseph Hying,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin

When: June 10, 2023  
Where: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption  
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA

The Eucharistic Congress will take place  
from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with 5:30 p.m.  
Solemnity of Corpus Christi Vigil Mass and  
Eucharistic Procession celebrated by Most Rev.  
Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San  
Francisco. The Congress will include English,  
Spanish, and Youth track options.

The Congress will also include a Eucharistic  
Miracles exhibit, time for Eucharistic Adoration  
and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To register please visit:  
Website: [www.sfarch.org/registration-eucharistic-congress](http://www.sfarch.org/registration-eucharistic-congress)



### *First Holy Communion*

Congratulations  
Faith Formation students  
who made their First Holy Communion  
Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
at St. Elizabeth Church  
(Pictured left to right)  
Calissa Martinez  
David Mendez  
Miabella Salvan  
Abigail Martinez  
Ahtziri Martinez



**Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**AAA 1.33% Donors**  
**Thank You**  
**Luncheon Basque**  
**Cultural Center**  
**12:30 pm Drinks**  
**1:00 pm Lunch**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_