

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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May 21, 2023 The Ascension 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

Patti Spiteri	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
Sandy Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	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 21, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Ascension Sunday Musings: Jesus ascended to his Father, having accomplished the mission entrusted to him. When you have the time, check out the beautiful stained-glass window of Ascension in our own St. Elizabeth Church, along with those of other Rosary Mysteries. Ascension is the divine mystery that we treasure this Sunday. The actual feast of the Ascension falls on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter, but in order to help everyone to observe the Holy Day of Obligation, this feast has been moved to the Seventh Sunday in Easter season in most dioceses in the United States except those of Boston, New York, Hartford, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia.

Jesus continues to live and love after his resurrection. The Jesus of History now becomes the Jesus of Faith. The summaries of Jesus' life are again and again proclaimed in the Acts of the Apostles, especially by Peter and Paul, which we read from throughout the Easter season. Jesus came from the Father. He went about doing good. He suffered and died on the cross. He rose from the dead and appeared many times to different people, encouraging and affirming them. Now he goes back to his Father. He does not leave us orphans, though. He will send us the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate next Sunday at Pentecost. He has also assured us that he will be with us always, even to the end of time. When Jesus lived in this world, he could not go to every place and every nation. Now in the Spirit, he desires to share the good news with everyone in the world. We are the messengers. Not only are we messengers, we are witnesses. All of us who have experienced Jesus as our way, the truth, and the life, we are to go and witness to others. In our words and deeds, in our values and vision, we are to make Christ known to the world.

This is the meaning of the feast of Ascension we celebrate this weekend. Jesus has passed on the baton to us. We have to carry it to others. The relay race is on. We are to do our part in taking Christ to our own family and friends, and beyond. The angels said at his Ascension: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Until Jesus comes back to fulfill the destiny of the whole universe, which we call his Second Coming, we have a job to do as Christians. We have love to share, forgiveness to offer, mercy to show, peace to establish, and justice to uphold. We have the hungry to feed, naked to clothe, strangers to welcome, prisoners to visit, homeless to shelter. Remember, whenever we have done these to the least of our sisters and brothers, we have actually done it for Jesus Christ. These are all the tasks that Jesus commissions us to do. He needs our help. We are his eyes and

heart, his hands and feet. The message of the Ascension is for us to continue and complete the mission of Christ.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1. What is the plan of God for man?

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness.

May, Month of Mary: Memorare: "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen."

Faith Formation Year-End Mass this Sunday: This Sunday Mass brings the Faith Formation program to a close for this school year. We shall do the promotion of students to the next year. We shall also distribute certificates to the First Communion and Confirmation students. Congratulations to the students and my deep gratitude to the catechists! Next school year, starting in September, all Faith Formation classes on Saturdays will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. The drop-off of students would be at 8:20 a.m. in front of the Church door on Somerset.

A Story to Ponder: Love's Forgetfulness: "Why do you keep talking about my past mistakes?" said the husband. "I thought you had forgiven and forgotten." "I have, indeed," said the wife. "But don't you ever forget that I have forgiven and forgotten." Sinner: "Remember not my sins, oh Lord!" Lord: "What sins? I forgot them long ago. You'll have to prod my memory." Love keeps no record of wrongs. (1 Cor. 13) (TSOTB, ADM)

Humor: 1. "Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone." 2. "If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?" -Milton Berle

Your Friend and Pastor,

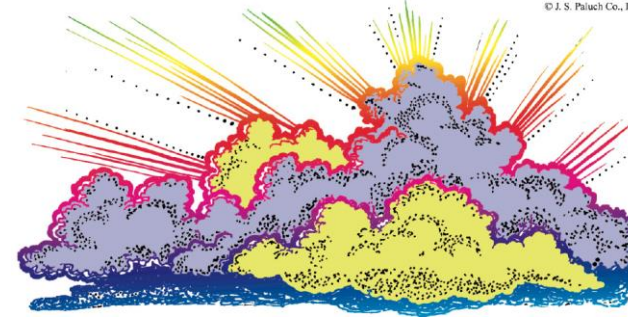
Father Charles Puthota

The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9



The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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

MASS INTENTIONS

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	May 22 Good Shepherd Guild Living and Deceased Members & Families
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 23 † Edilberto Mandani † Jason Gee
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 24 † Elvira Hapin † Ana Skropanich
Thursday 8:30 am	May 25 † Katherine Westerberg † Elvira Hapin
Friday 8:30 am	May 26 Marie Garibaldi (L) † Maria Rebagliato
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	May 27 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri † Mike and † Assunta Perata
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	May 28 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † John M. Sant † David D. Mendoza

Saturday/Sunday Collection

May 13 – May 14

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,359.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 538.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,103.00

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.

Pray for our Dear Departed



Avelina Gonzalez

"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O 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



Faith Formation
registration is open for new and
returning students for the
2023-2024 year.
First day of class is September 9th.
Registration forms are available in
Church, the rectory office, or contact:

Laurie Digneo,
Faith Formation Coordinator
415-672-4903 sophielady7@aol.com

Faith Formation teachers are needed.
If interested please contact
Laurie Digneo

Mass Intentions are available August through
December for 2023. Please request by
email (preferred), mail or drop by the parish
office with your written request Monday
through Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Please note 2024 Mass Intentions are not yet
available. Watch the bulletin for opening date.

**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: _____