

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday



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
8:30 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 28, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Some Thoughts on Pentecost: This Sunday, the powerful event of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the multitudes gathered in Jerusalem. It is also known as the birthday of the Church. Do take a look at the Pentecost stained-glass window in our parish church. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed everything in the lives of those who believed in Jesus. The Risen Christ who ascended to the Father is extended in time and space through the magic and mystique of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's coming as we will read this weekend was dramatic, even noisy and boisterous! Some of us may be accustomed to too much quiet, but the Spirit stirs up excitement. As the saying goes, God comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable! The Holy Spirit came with wind and fire! He's going to blow away all our lethargy and complacency, our cynicism and despair. He's going to burn away our selfishness and sinfulness. He will bring warmth to a cold world; he'll bring light to our dark, brooding lives and the world. He turned the feeble apostles paralyzed by fear and hopelessness into fiery apostles capable of unimaginable courage and compassion, energy and passion, faith and trust. The Acts of the Apostles which we read in Easter season, a book about the great transformation and rapid growth of Christianity, is actually a book of the Acts of the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit is a lifestyle we are called to. It means that we live not for ourselves but for others; that we live guided not by ourselves but by the power and might of God. All our choices and decisions can be made with the promptings of the Holy Spirit. If we have passion and energy for life, it's the Spirit who gives us these gifts. With great energy, we can love selflessly, serve joyfully, and share generously.

Traditional Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Augustine to the Holy Spirit: Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

Eucharistic Congress on June 10 at the Cathedral: Everyone is encouraged to register and attend the Eucharistic Congress at our Cathedral on Saturday June 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please see the details on the last page of this bulletin. Eucharist, as you know, is at the heart of the life of the Church. It's the Eucharist that brings people of God day after day, week after week, to receive the Body of Christ, and become the body of Christ.

A Story to Ponder: When it was time to name their firstborn, a husband and wife began to quarrel. She wanted to name him after her father; he wanted to name him after his. They finally had recourse to the rabbi to settle their dispute. "What was the name of your father?" the rabbi asked the husband. "Abijah." And what was your father's name?" he asked his wife. "Abijah." "Then what's the problem?" said the confused rabbi. "You see, rabbi," said the woman, "my father was a scholar and his father was a horse-thief. How can I allow my son to be named after a man like that?" The rabbi gave this very serious thought for the problem was indeed a delicate one. He did not want one party to feel it had won and the other that it had lost. So he finally said, "This is what I suggest you do. Call the boy Abijah. Then wait and see if he becomes a scholar or a horse-thief, and you will know after whom he was named."

Faith Formation Graduation Mass: Last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, which was the last Faith Formation event for 2022-2023, we gave out the certificates to the First Communion and Confirmation students. Please see pictures on the back page. The rest of the students were promoted from one grade to a higher grade. Congratulations, students and teachers, for the fine work done! We look forward to the coming year of Faith Formation. If you have any children or grandchildren, please do admit them in our parish program. We'd love to have them. It's part of the mission of the parish to "make disciples."

Humor: 1. While other people go to church every Sunday morning, Charles, a farmer, likes to sit in the village restaurant drinking wine. One day the priest said to him, "Charles, I'm afraid we shall not see each other in heaven." A worried Charles replied, "But, Father, what on earth have you done?" 2. A guru who claimed he survived on air started a cult. When some skeptics caught him munching a hamburger and french fries, the pseudo-psycho said, "You can't call this food." 3. St. Peter halted a man at the entrance to heaven. "You've told too many lies to be permitted in here," he said. "Have a heart," replied the man. "Remember, you were once a fisherman yourself."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
— Acts 2:3



SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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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 29 † Filomena Farrugia
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 30 † Carmen Spiteri † Mary Falzon
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 31 Herminia de los Reyes (L) † Susana Mayor Domingo
Thursday 8:30 am	June 1 † Vittorio Rossi † Jason Gee
Friday 8:30 am	June 2 † Maria and † Giuseppe Moretto † Joseph Winant
Saturday 8:30 am	June 3 † Helen Natividad † Benjamin F. Corrales † Piero DellaBordella
4:30 pm	June 4 People of the Parish † Olivia Abranches † Paul Gemignani Kathleen Galang (L)
10:30 am	

Saturday/Sunday Collection

May 20– May 21

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ <u>2,666.00</u>
Over/Under	\$ <u>2,334.00</u>

**Catholic Communication
Campaign \$ 532.00**

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We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers.

**The Parish office is closed Monday,
May 29th in observance
of the Memorial Day Holiday.**

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



Confirmation and First Holy Communion Students
end of year school Mass Sunday, May 21st

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: _____