

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*June 4, 2023 The Most Holy Trinity*



**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

June 04, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year:** The day after Pentecost last Sunday, we began the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year. Did you notice the change of colors in our liturgy? In Lent, we used violet. Throughout Easter season, we used white. Now in Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year, we use green. The Ordinary Time will last until December 02. December 03 is the First Sunday of Advent. This season we are in now is called the Ordinary Time because it's outside the big, special seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. But during the Ordinary Time, we continue journey with Christ, meditating on his life, teachings, healings, miracles, and his driving out of the demons. We come to dwell on his values and vision. This Ordinary Time is by no means ordinary. It's extraordinary because God's grace continues to accompany us every moment, every day. Like Mary, we too need to say yes to God's grace and find each day a sacred day filled with God's presence and blessings.

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity:** One God, Three Persons. This is the mystery we celebrate this Sunday. That God has revealed himself as a Trinity is what we rejoice over. God the Father creates and sustains everything. God the Son redeems and graces us. God the Holy Spirit sanctifies and empowers. Isn't it a consoling conviction for us that God lives not in isolation but in community? There is constant love flowing from one divine person to another, continuous giving and sharing. The Trinity is revealed on many occasions in the Bible. For example, at the baptism of Jesus, the Father speaks, the Spirit descends on Jesus. Our ultimate experience of God is Trinitarian. Let's enter the mystery of the Trinity in awe and worship and treasure the Trinitarian God.

**Sayings on the Trinity:** "In Christ, for the first time, we see that in God himself there exists --- within his inseparable unity --- the distinction between the Father who gives and the Gift which is given (the Son), but only in the unity of the Holy Spirit." --- Hans Urs von Balthasar. "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God. The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (Jn 14:26) and by the Son 'from the Father' (Jn 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God." --- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

**Eucharistic Congress at Our Cathedral:** On Saturday, June 10, the Archdiocese is inviting everyone to consider attending the Eucharistic Congress starting at 9:00 a.m. Please register. See the details on the last page of the bulletin. You are

familiar with the truth that the Eucharist is at the heart of the life of the Church. It would be highly beneficial for us to reconnect with Jesus Christ in and through this precious Sacrament. We celebrate the memory of Jesus in the Eucharist. We reaffirm our faith that Jesus is "truly, really and substantially" present in the Eucharist. Because of our celebration of the Eucharist, we are inspired to forge unity in the Church and among the diverse peoples of the world, we help break down barriers and all forms of discrimination, we forge ahead to build up communities of peace and justice, we strive to feed the hungry and uplift the poor, we help transform this world, a world filled with God's presence and blessings for all.

**A Story to Think About:** A monk was walking in the monastery grounds one day when he heard a bird sing. He listened, spellbound. It seemed to him that never before had he heard, but really heard, the song of a bird. When the singing stopped he returned to the monastery and discovered, to his dismay, that he was a stranger to his fellow monks, and they to him. It was only gradually that they and he discovered that he was returning after centuries. Because his listening was total, time had stopped and he had slipped into eternity.

**Quotable Quotes:** "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." -- Margaret Mead. "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." -- Robert Louis Stevenson. "I failed my way to success." -- Thomas Edison. "Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved." -- D. H. Lawrence. "Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

**Jokes:** 1. A man was applying for a job as a prison guard. The warden said, "Now these are real tough guys in here. Do you think you can handle it?" "No problem," the applicant replied. "If they don't behave, out they go!" 2. People say New Yorkers can't get along. Not true. I saw two New Yorkers, complete strangers, sharing a cab. One guy took the tires and the radio; the other guy took the engine. 3. The inmate was aware that all prison mail passes through censors. When he got a letter from his wife asking about the family garden---"Honey, when do I plant potatoes? ---he wrote back. "Do not, under any circumstances, dig up our old garden spot. That's where I buried all my guns." Within days his wife wrote back, "Six investigators came to the house. They dug up every square inch of the back yard." By return mail she got his answer: "Now is the time to plant potatoes."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## The Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son.  
— John 3:16a



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### THE INEXPRESSIBLE MYSTERY

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today's scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

**Psalm** — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, rejoice.

Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

**Gospel** — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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**Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**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

### Tuesday

8:30 am

### Wednesday

8:30 am

### Thursday

8:30 am

### Friday

8:30 am

### Saturday

8:30 am

4:30 pm

### Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

### June 5

† Cornelio and † Jovita Alipio

### June 6

† Manuel Martinez

### June 7

† Adolph Vannucchi

### June 8

† Filomena Scerri

### June 9

† Theresa, † Paul and † Joseph Vella

### June 10

† Joseph Skropanich

† Elvira Hapin

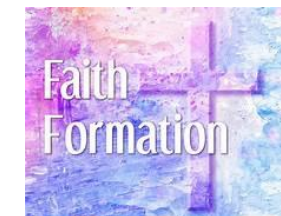
† Olivia Abranches

### June 11

People of the Parish

Father Charles Puthota (L)

† Jane Cunningham



Faith Formation  
registration is open for new and returning  
students for the  
2023-2024 year.

First day of class is September 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration forms are available in Church, the  
rectory office, or contact:

Laurie Digneo,  
Faith Formation Coordinator  
415-672-4903 [sophielady7@aol.com](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com)

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

The collection for Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> will appear in next  
week's bulletin.

## 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)



## Fatima, Spain, Lourdes & Paris Pilgrimage

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**

October 29 - November 11, 2023

Lisbon (St. Anthony) · Santarem (Eucharistic Miracle) · Fatima · Salamanca · Alba de Tormes · Avila (St. Teresa) · Burgos · Loyola (St. Ignatius) · Lourdes (St. Bernadette) · Paris · Lisieux (St. Therese the Little Flower) · Normandy · Chartres

Journey to Portugal, Spain, and France for a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saints visiting several Marian Shrines! In Lisbon, you will be greeted with the life of St. Anthony of Padua (Patron Saint of Lost Things.) In Fatima, explore home of the three shepherd children who witnessed the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Continue through Spain and learn of the life of St. Teresa of Avila. In France, visit Lourdes, another Marian Shrine, home to St. Bernadette, and a place of true miracles! In Lisieux walk in the footsteps of St. Therese and in Paris, witness the Miraculous Medal and learn of St. Catherine Labouré.

\$5,918 is the price for double -occupancy.  
If interested please call 206 Tours Company.  
The phone number is: 1-800-206-Tour (8687)

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