

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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June 11, 2023 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi



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

June 11, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Feast of Corpus Christi: Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated the First Communion of five of our Faith Formation children at our parish. If we could recover a measure of their excitement, faith, zeal, eagerness, devotion, desire, and their sense of awe about the Eucharist, it would indeed be a great blessing.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. For over twenty centuries the Church has been coming together to break the bread and share the cup. This is my body, Jesus had said. This is my blood, Jesus had said. And he added, whenever you do this, remember me. So we commemorate the sacred act of Jesus giving himself as food. The sacrament of the Eucharist is the sacrament of the sacraments. It is the "source and summit of Christian life." It is in this sacrament, the church comes together again and again, drawing upon the new life Jesus gives us as we share his body and blood.

In the Eucharist, Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present. As we partake of the Eucharist, we become totally united with Christ. Jesus remains in us, we remain in Jesus. We together remain in the Father. We don't live any longer, Christ lives in us. That is why we call this sacrament "communion." Because we individually become united with Christ, we are all united with each other and in Christ. We all become the body of Christ because we share the Body of Christ. This is mystical indeed! This is a divine mystery! The vitality of Christian life is centered on the Eucharist. Our identity as Christians is tied up with the Eucharist. Faith is at the heart of our conviction that Jesus gives us his own body and blood in the Eucharist. Even like a mother giving her body and blood to her baby in her womb, Jesus gives us his body and blood in total self-gift and as a sign of his inseparable union with us.

Eucharist: From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church? It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life. **What are the names for this sacrament?** The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects.

The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion.

Quotes on the Eucharist: 1. "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." - St. Maximilian Kolbe. 2. "How I loved the feasts!.... I especially loved the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God!... I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred Monstrance..." - from St. Therese's *Autobiography: Story of A Soul*. 3. We cannot separate our lives from the Eucharist; the moment we do, something breaks. People ask, "Where do the sisters get the joy and energy to do what they are doing?" The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, "Come to Me." He is hungry for souls. Nowhere does the Gospel say: "Go away," but always "Come to Me. -- Mother Theresa.

Pope Francis' Surgery: As I write this blog for our bulletin, we have received news that Pope Francis is admitted today (Wednesday, June 7) in the hospital in Rome for a second intestinal surgery. He had had the first surgery on July 4, 2021. Let us keep him in our hearts and prayers. May the Eternal Good Shepherd give him good health and a long life for him to continue to serve the universal Church as the shepherd close to the heart and mind of Jesus Christ.

A Story to Ponder: Every day in the corner of a library in Japan an old monk was to be found sitting in peaceful meditation. "I never see you read the sutras." said the librarian. "I never learnt to read." replied the monk. "That's a disgrace. A monk like you ought to be able to read. Shall I teach you?" "Yes. Tell me," said the monk pointing to himself, "what is the meaning of this character." (TPOTF, ADM).

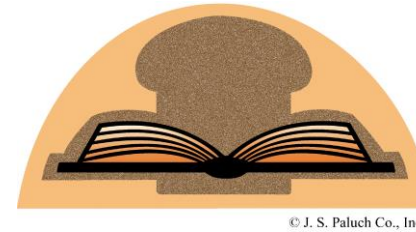
Humor: 1. A truck driver stopped to help a lady change a tire in a downpour. As he finished the job, soaked to the skin, he banged the hubcap into place. "Shh," said the woman. "You'll wake my husband. He's asleep in the backseat." 2. There are three stages to man---the first 30 years he learns, the next 30 years he earns, and the next 30 years he yearns. 3. At a fancy party, an attractive matron asked a young man to guess her age. "You must have some idea," she said as he hesitated. "I have several ideas," he admitted with a smile. "The trouble is, I can't decide whether to make you ten years younger on account of your looks or ten years older on account of your charm." 4. The seven ages of a man are spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, and wills. 5. Little Suzie: "My grandmother is always complaining about how terrible it feels to be old." Little Janie: "Mine too. I guess those wrinkles hurt a lot."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 11, 2023

Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of the LORD.
— Deuteronomy 8:3b



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TRUST IN JESUS

Today's feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God's word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery and fed you with manna in the desert (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).
Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said to the crowds, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

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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	June 12 † Ronald Vannucchi † Jeanne Macchello
Tuesday 8:30 am	June 13 † Tessy Lencioni † Carlos Gallardo
Wednesday 8:30 am	June 14 † Frances Cairns † Anna Cairns
Thursday 8:30 am	June 15 † Helen Guinto
Friday 8:30 am	June 16 † Edilberto Mandani
Saturday 8:30 am	June 17 † Olivia Abranches † Susana Mayor Domingo † Piero Della Bordella † Krista Budesa
4:30 pm	
Sunday 8:30 am	June 18 People of the Parish All Fathers Living and Deceased
10:30 am	All Fathers Living and Deceased

Saturday/Sunday Collection May 27 – May 28

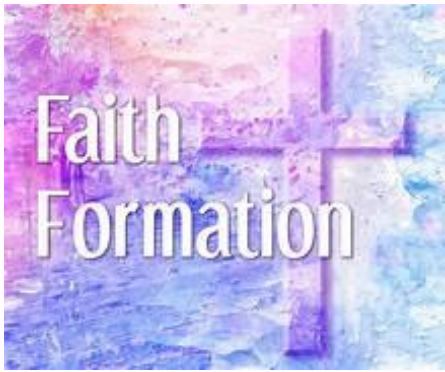
Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 1,913.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 531.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,556.00

Saturday/Sunday Collection June 3 – June 4

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,569.00
Faith Formation	\$ 652.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,779.00

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.



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



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: _____