

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*June 18, 2023 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**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  
10:00 am before the 10:30 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 18, 2023

**Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,**

**Father's Day:** To all the fathers, Happy Father's Day! For some of us, our fathers are with us and what a blessing it is for us to love and cherish them --- and take care of them! For some others, our fathers have gone to their eternal reward. My father Isaac at age 89 returned to God at the end of December in 2017. I'm still grieving, and I know that those of you who have lost your fathers, no matter how long ago, still grieve and miss them. Love makes us do that. There is a void in us that no one will fill until we are united with our dear departed. We celebrate our fathers who are with us and shall always keep the sacred memory of those fathers who have gone to eternal reward. In all our fathers, we cannot but see God Himself. Isn't it profoundly comforting that God himself is our Father? Jesus called God his Abba (Father) and taught us to pray the "Our Father" and relate to Him as His children. Our Father loves us with an everlasting and unconditional love. He makes the rain fall on the good and the bad and lets the sun shine on sinners and saints alike. Such is his abiding and awesome love. Because we are all the children of the one Father, we become intimately connected with one another as sisters and brothers. How could we then not take care of one another in our need? How could we let anyone in this human family be deprived of basic needs and necessities? As we celebrate Father's Day, let's strive to make sure that the Father's blessings flow to the whole of human family abundantly and ceaselessly.

**Father's Day Blessing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they are called to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Word of God--the Call to be Apostles:** The Gospel this Sunday names the twelve apostles. Jesus is concerned about how few the laborers are there to take care of the abundant harvest. The apostles are called and given authority over "unclean spirits" and to cure "every disease and every illness." There are forces and powers of evil in the world. The apostles are needed to drive out the dark powers and help usher in the powers of light and goodness. Jesus sends them out by asking them to proclaim the dawning of the Kingdom of God. He tells them "to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons."

We are the apostles today. Jesus calls us and graces us and sends us out. "Come and go" would be the summary of our Christian life. Jesus says to us to "come" because we need to remain with him and learn from the Master. Then he would say to us to "go" because we need to go out to help, heal, uplift, and make this world a better place for all of us. Are we ready and willing to be the apostles that Jesus needs for the world of today?

**A Story to Ponder:** To please an official Abraham Lincoln once signed an order transferring certain regiments. Secretary of War, Stanton, convinced that the President had made a serious mistake, refused to carry out the order. And for good measure he added "Lincoln is a fool!" When this was reported to Lincoln he said, "If Stanton said I am a fool then I must be one, for he is almost always right. I think I'll step over and see for myself." That is exactly what he did. Stanton convinced him that the order was a mistake and Lincoln promptly withdrew it. Everyone knew that part of Lincoln's greatness lay in the way he welcomed criticism.

**A Bit of History of our own St. Elizabeth Parish:** On March 17, 1907, St. Elizabeth was established as a mission church. Fourteen people attended the first Mass which was celebrated at the home of a parishioner since there was no official building. A pastor was soon appointed to this new parish and a temporary church was built at the cost of \$450.

**Humor for Father's Day:** 1. "My father doesn't care about being king of the castle as long as he's king of the remote." 2. "I enjoy Father's Day. It's a time when I pause to reflect on the joy that has come into my life thanks to my two wonderful children, whose names escape me." 3. "I got my Dad a GPS for Father's Day. Now someone other than my mom can tell him where to go." 4. "I would give my dad what he really wants on Father's Day, but I can't afford to move out yet." 5. The message of Mother's Day is: "Mothers are amazingly good at mothering! They deserve a special day!" Whereas the message of Father's Day is: "We're only doing this because we have Mother's Day." 6. "I have mixed emotions when I receive my Father's Day gifts. I'm glad my children remember me. I'm disappointed they think I dress like that." 7. "Father's Day is so special. I love the cards my wife forces the kids to get me." 8. "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." ---Mark Twain.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Father Charles Puthota

## **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 18, 2023**

As Catholics, we are called to be missionary disciples, spreading the love of Christ to all those we encounter. This can be done in small ways, through acts of kindness and invitations to prayer or worship. By embracing our role as evangelizers, we can share the good news of the Gospel and help others to encounter the transformative power of Christ's love.



- **First Reading** – [Exodus 19:2-6a](#): The Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai, where God speaks to Moses and tells him to convey a message to the people. God reminds the Israelites of how He delivered them from slavery in Egypt and declares that if they obey His commands and keep His covenant, they will be a treasured possession and a kingdom of priests.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 100](#): This passage is a call to all people to praise and serve the Lord joyfully, recognizing that we are His people and the sheep of His flock. The verses emphasize God's goodness, His role as creator and caretaker of His people, and His eternal kindness and faithfulness.
- **Second Reading** – [Romans 5:6-11](#): God showed His love for humanity by sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins while we were still sinners. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be reconciled with God and receive the gift of eternal life.
- **Gospel** – [Matthew 9:36—10:8](#): Jesus has compassion for the crowds. He decides to send out His twelve disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus instructs His disciples to freely give what they have received, encouraging them to serve others with love and generosity.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Young Catholics



**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

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 19</b> † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri † Marieta B. Nacor
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 20</b> † Lorenzo Betti † Jeanne Macchello
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 21</b> † Susana Domingo † Olivia Abranches
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 22</b> † Joseph Skropanich
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 23</b> † Jose and † Lola Arco
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>June 24</b> Good Shepherd Guild Living and Deceased and Families † Emanuel Scerri † Maria Vella
4:30 pm	<b>June 25</b> People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Joe Sapiano Nida and Alfredo Castillon (L)
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	

## **Saturday/Sunday Collection June 10 – June 11**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,468.00</b>
<b>Parish Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 575.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,957.00</b>

*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 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



**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: \_\_\_\_\_