

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*June 25, 2023 Twelfth 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>Laurrie 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 25, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Summer Cold Weather in San Francisco:** As you know, June 21 is the summer solstice, the longest day and shortest night in the Northern Hemisphere. Stonehenge in Southwest England was built around 2500 BC to mark the occasion of yearly summer and winter solstices. It is officially the first day of summer. The summer season is upon us! In San Francisco, though, June, July, and August tend to see a lot of fog. No wonder, Mark Twain said: "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco." The Bay Area is tucked right between the Pacific Ocean and the Central Valley. To the east of San Francisco, heat in the valley creates thinner air and low pressure. The valley becomes like a vacuum that wants to be filled by the heavier marine layer. It pulls that layer over San Francisco, which makes the city cooler than other parts of California or the United States in the summer. Either that, or God left the refrigerator door open!

**A Beautiful Prayer:** I quoted this prayer in one of my daily Masses recently. At the request of a parishioner who found this prayer comforting and inspirational, I'm providing it here. Enjoy! *I asked God for health that I might do great things, but I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy, but I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of people, but I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am, among all people, most richly blessed.*

**Word of God—12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Through all our trials, despite all our sufferings and agonies, we shall prevail because God is upholding us, protecting us, and guiding us because of his love and providence. This theme comes through the readings this Sunday. In the first reading from Jeremiah, the prophet is anguished about the opposition and treachery he faces but he places his trust in God "for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked." In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures us that we should not be afraid because we are "worth more than many sparrows." Not a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. All the hairs of our heads are counted. Let's put our hands in the hand of God and pick our way forward without fear but full of faith, trust, and confidence.

**From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:** **Why does man have a desire for God?** God himself, in creating man in his own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which

he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity. **How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason?** Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

**Recommending a Piece of Classical Music:** Here's a hauntingly beautiful piece of music, one of my favorite ones. Music like this can bring beauty into our life and also help calm the mind and relax the nerves. Enjoy! YouTube would be one of the places where you can easily find it. **Il Carnevale di Venezia** ("The Carnival of Venice") is based on a Neapolitan folk tune called "O Mamma, Mamma Cara" and popularized by the Italian violinist and composer Niccolo Paganini, who wrote twenty variations on the original tune. He titled it "Il Carnevale Di Venezia," Op. 10. In 1829, he wrote to a friend, "The variations I've composed on the graceful Neapolitan ditty, 'O Mamma, Mamma Cara,' outshine everything. I can't describe it." As I listen to Paganini's masterpiece, one of the things that fascinates me is that one piece of music could be looked at and rendered in 20 different ways. It speaks not only for the creativity of Paganini but also for the insight that reality is complex, multifarious, and multi-dimensional. There is not just one way of looking at life. We could cultivate a sense of awe at people, events, and life in general because everyone and everything has rich and complex existence.

**A Story to Think About: Stand Up and Be Counted:** When Krushchev pronounced his famous denunciation of Stalin, someone in the Congress Hall is reported to have said, "Where were you. Comrade Krushchev, when all those innocent people were being slaughtered?" Krushchev paused, looked round the Hall, and said, "Will the person who said that kindly stand up!" Tension mounted in the Hall. No one moved. Said Krushchev, "Well, whoever you are, you have your answer now. I was in exactly the same position then as you find yourself in now."

**Humor:** 1. Delivering a speech at a banquet on the night of his arrival in a large city, a visiting priest told several anecdotes he expected to repeat at meetings the next day. Because he wanted to use the jokes again, he requested the reporters to omit them from any accounts they might turn in to their newspapers. A cub reporter, in commenting on the speech, ended his piece with the following: "The priest told a number of stories that cannot be published." 2. Q: Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years? A: Even then men wouldn't ask for directions! 3. Doctor: "Your recovery was a miracle!" Patient: "Praise God. Now I don't have to pay you!"

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### June 25, 2023

Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the life of the poor.  
— *Jeremiah 20:13*



How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

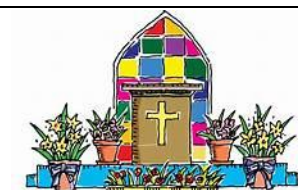
**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in donating flowers for the high altar in celebration of a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, and more, please see the sign-up sheet in the front of church. Please contact Sharon Soares, head sacristan, for more information.

### 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 26

† Ivka Skropanic

#### June 27

† Olivia Abranches

† Azucena Siy Leigh

#### June 28

† Tony and † Josie Sorich

#### June 29

† John Budesza

#### June 30

Lusiana Padilla (L)

#### July 1

† Catherine Marcos

† Maria Luisa Padilla

† Jeanne Macchello

#### July 2

People of the Parish

Tom and Jacalyn Pugh (L)

† Froreino Gemignani

### Saturday/Sunday Collection

June 17– June 18

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,303.00</b>
<b>Church Environment</b>	<b>\$ 528.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,169.00</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.*

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our sisters and brothers on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html)





**It is with great joy we welcome Natalie Lorena Gamez and Ahinoa Gamez into our church and community. Natalie Lorena and Ahinoa received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on June 17, 2023**



A Memorial Mass was held for  
Jane Cunningham  
at St. Elizabeth Church  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*“Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord...”*



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