

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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July 2, 2023 Thirteenth 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

Patti Spiteri	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
Sandy Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	Faith Formation Coordinator

Mass Schedule

Saturday **4:30 pm**
Sunday **8:30 am and 10:30 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

July 2, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Independence Day: "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand" --- Harry S. Truman. "Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists" -- - Franklin D. Roosevelt. "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. ... America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement" --- Alexis de Tocqueville. "From every mountain side, let freedom ring" --- Samuel F. Smith. "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in" --- Theodore Roosevelt

Happy Independence Day! God bless America!

As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day on Fourth of July and enjoy the weekend with barbecues, parades, and parties, let's be filled with happiness and pride. Each year, around Independence Day, thousands of new citizens are added to the United States. When I became a citizen years ago, I saw for myself how all these people from over 100 different countries were all excited and eager to become American citizens. There was a great sense of elation and jubilation in everyone. Before the oath was administered, people in the hall were asked to stand country by country and introduced to everyone else. People exhibited great pride in belonging to their respective countries. But they were at the same time eager and excited to become the citizens of this nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave. When the oath was administered, all these people from different corners of the world were merged into the heart and soul of this nation. The joy of these new citizens was deep and intense. They were waving the American flags boisterously; many were shedding tears. It was a sight to behold. It was a powerful demonstration of what the United States stands for: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

There is something beautiful and powerful that this nation has to offer to people from all over the world. What is it that makes this nation so attractive to other nations? What is this thing that we call the "American Dream"? What is the "Spirit of America"? Obviously, it's not just the material prosperity. This country offers everyone possibilities and opportunities to strive, progress, and excel. This Independence Day, we could all resolve---those born here and the naturalized citizens---not to take the blessings of this nation for granted. There's so much more to do in terms of protecting the institutions of democracy, forming a more perfect union, taking care of those who are in need, ensuring blessings based on liberty and justice for all, promoting peace around the world, and caring for the planet earth, our common home. Let's join the 332 million others (as of 2021) in the U.S. as we sing and pray: "America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!..."

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!... America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine!"

Parish Consultors Meeting (PCM): On Tuesday June 27, I had called for this meeting, attended by 28 people from various organizations of the parish. The purpose of the meeting was to share about each group/organization's work in the parish and thus inform and encourage one another. I too as pastor communicated to the group about the various happenings in our parish, such as the spiritual, liturgical, and pastoral, social activities. Also, regarding the various infra-structure, maintenance related matters. The meeting was followed by a delicious catered luncheon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and employees of the parish for your dedicated service to God and to God's people. Thank you! Salamat! Gracias! Grazie! Grazzi! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 28.

Word of God: This 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Word of God invites us to themes of cost of discipleship, carrying of the cross, and hospitality. In the first reading from 2 Kings, a woman of influence at Shunem gives hospitality to prophet Elisha by feeding him and setting up a room on the roof for the prophet to stay on his visits. The woman was childless and the prophet now promises that "you will be fondling a baby son this time next year." Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew highlights hospitality: "Whoever received you receives me...." Hospitality is a virtue that is needed desperately in the church and the world--to make everyone feel welcome and cared for. Jesus also speaks of clarifying our priorities in discipleship. In our love for Jesus and our following of him, everything is relativized. All our relationships and loyalties are to be pursued in such a way that our following of Jesus is only nourished and promoted.

A Slice of St. Elizabeth Parish History: On March 17, 1907, St. Elizabeth parish was established as a mission church. In 1912, St. Elizabeth Church was officially established as a parish. As the population of the faithful continued to grow, a larger church was built on the corner of Berlin and Wayland Streets. The new church could seat 400 people and cost \$6,000 to build. At the start of World War I (1914-1918), Berlin Street was renamed Brussels Street. On June 7, 1914, the church was formally dedicated by Archbishop Edward Hanna.

Humor: 1. Golfer: "What's your handicap?" Second golfer: "Honesty." 2. "Don't worry," a patient told his psychiatrist. "I'll pay every cent I owe or my name isn't Alexander the Great!" 3. Q. Why is psychoanalysis a lot quicker for men than for women? A. When it's time to go back to their childhood, they're already there. 4. Psychiatrist to patient: "You have nothing to worry about---anyone who can pay my bills is certainly not a failure." 5. John, having completed a course of analysis with his psychiatrist, to friend: "I always thought I was indecisive." Friend: "And now?" John: "I'm not sure."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

— Romans 6:11



THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

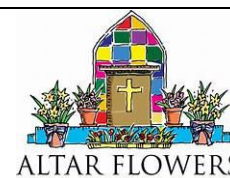
First Reading — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

Psalm — For ever

I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

Gospel — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



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

July 3

† Adelina, †Antonio, †John and † Dorothy Novello

July 4

People of St. Elizabeth's

July 5

† Stephanie D. Songco

July 6

† Pablo Gomez and Family
† Jeanne Macchello

July 7

Herminia de los Reyes (L)

July 8

Mary Lou Sanchez (L)

† Filomena Scerri

July 9

People of the Parish
Good Shepherd Guild Members
Living and Deceased and Families

Saturday/Sunday Collection

June 24 – June 25

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,245.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 661.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,094.00

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.



The Parish office will be closed on **TUESDAY** July 4th in observance of the Fourth of July.

Faith Formation

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



Thank you to: Richard and Maria Padua, Sharon Soares, Richard John, and David Gemignani for their donation of the orchids on the altar.



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: _____