

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**July 9, 2023 Fourteenth 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 **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 9, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Parish Consultors Meeting (PCM): Over 50 Club:** In this meeting held on June 27, various organizations of the parish reported their history and activities. Over 50 Club has been in our parish for a long time, for over 100 years or so. Initially, there were over 400 members in this organization. Currently, there are about 50 active members. If anyone would like to join, please you are most welcome. They meet on Thursdays for Bingo and fellowship. Once a month they have luncheon. It's always a joy for people to come together and enjoy social life. They also inform the members about the scams and robberies going on and alert them about how to avoid being victims.

**Word of God:** In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus speaks some of the most consoling words: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." We may recall another message printed on the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" There are so many of us who are tired and burdened. We may feel fragmented and distressed. Some of us might feel trapped by circumstances with no way to escape. Life may be at times too burdensome. If we are with Jesus, there is peace and rest, despite storms and high seas. When we remain in Jesus, we can learn from him and grow to be like him, meek and humble. As a carpenter, he made the yokes easy for the animals to pull the load. If we yoke ourselves with him, then any burden we can pull in life. Burdens will still be there, but we'll be given the grace to face them with courage and imagination, with strength and serenity.

**A Slice of Parish History:** On June 7, 1914, old St. Elizabeth Church was formally dedicated by Archbishop Edward Hanna. On Valentines Day in 1972, the old church on the corner of Brussels and Wayland Streets was demolished and replaced by housing.

**Parish Faith Formation:** Come September, the Faith Formation class every Saturday will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. We need students and teachers. Please contact the parish office for any assistance you can offer.

**Devotions:** On Wednesdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we have the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Benediction. Please do join, if you are able. Part of these devotional prayers is the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Legion of Mary meets each Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. 1000 Hail Marys are help on third Saturdays of the month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes:** Please see the last page of the bulletin for more details. October 29 through November 11, I'll be serving as a spiritual director for a pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France. If you are interested, please call the 206 Tours company.

**Humorous Catholic Dictionary:** AMEN - The only part of a prayer that everyone knows. BULLETIN - Your receipt for attending Mass. CHOIR - A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip -sync. HYMN - A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range. RECESSIONAL HYMN - The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left. INCENSE - Holy Smoke! JUSTICE - When kids have kids of their own. RECESSIONAL - The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot. RELICS - People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand. TEN COMMANDMENTS - The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

**Food for Thought: What is success in life?** "To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." - Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882), American Transcendentalist Philosopher, Essayist, & Poet.

**Religious Joke:** A pious man, who had reached the age of 105, suddenly stopped going to synagogue. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the Rabbi went to see him. He found him in excellent health, so the Rabbi asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you at services anymore?" The old man lowered his voice. "I'll tell you, Rabbi," he whispered. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So, I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and I don't want to remind Him!"

Enjoy the blessings of the summer season!

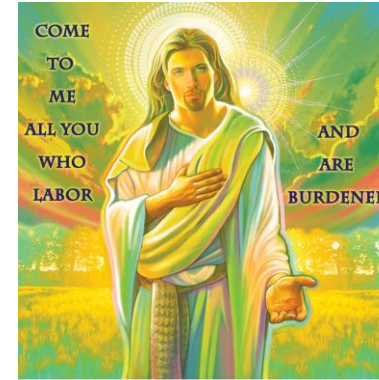
Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 9, 2023**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."  
— *Matthew 11:28*



#### **A HUMBLE KING**

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches "from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!  
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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

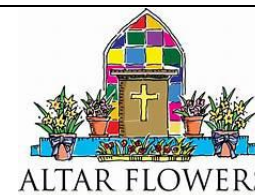
**First Reading** — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

**Gospel** — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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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

#### **July 10**

† Emanuel Scerri and

† Maria Vella

#### **Tuesday**

8:30 am

#### **July 11**

† Michelle Gemignani

#### **Wednesday**

8:30 am

#### **July 12**

† Silvino and † Maria Macaspac

† Aurea Aldon

#### **Thursday**

8:30 am

#### **July 13**

† Ana Skropanich

#### **Friday**

8:30 am

#### **July 14**

† Ivka Skropanic

#### **Saturday**

8:30 am

#### **July 15**

† Edilberto Mandani

4:30 pm

† Arthur Ghiglieri

† George Aquilina

#### **Sunday**

8:30 am

#### **July 16**

People of the Parish

10:30 am

Maltese Society

### **Saturday/Sunday Collection**

**July 1 – July 2**

**Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00**  
**First Collection \$ 2,685.00**  
**Over/Under \$ 2,315.00**

**Peter's Pence \$ 1,146.00**

*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.*

### **Missionary Cooperation Appeal**

The weekend of July 15 and 16 the Conventual Franciscans will be making an appeal for support of Franciscan Vietnam Mission. There will be a second collection next weekend for the benefit of their mission in Vietnam which serves leprosy patients and the poor. If you would like to support this Catholic mission with a check, please make it out to *St. Elizabeth Church*. We thank you for your generosity and prayers. For more information, go to: [franciscanfriars.org/vietnam](http://franciscanfriars.org/vietnam) Thank you!





**It is with great joy we welcome Andrew Correa Casanas into our church and community. Andrew received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Rectory Chapel on July 1, 2023.**

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)



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