

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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July 23, 2023 Sixteenth 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
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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 23, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Parish Consultors Meeting---Legion of Mary: On June 27, at the Parish Consultors Meeting, several groups of the parish reported their events and activities. Among them, Legion of Mary mentioned that they meet every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the church. There are at this moment only 7 active members, and 2 of them may not be able to continue. Acies (Renewal and consecration) Mass and get-together were held in March 2023 with the Legion members from other parishes as well. I as pastor have invited them again for the next year's Acies Mass and social event. If anyone would like to join the Legion of Mary, please do contact Marybeth Pasco or the parish office. Their coming together for prayer and pastoral and charitable works are much appreciated always.

Synod on Synodality---October 2021 to October 2024---Theme: Communion, Participation, Mission: The Synod on Synodality is a three-year process of listening and dialogue that began with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021. The synodal process will conclude in 2024. Each individual diocese in the whole world has gone through a process of preparation for the Synod. The Synod is not an event but a process in which the whole People of God is called to walk to gather together toward what the Holy Spirit helps it to discern as being the Lord's will for his Church. Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the path that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live **communion**, to achieve **participation**, and to open Herself to **mission**." The 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be held in two sessions. The first one from October 4 to 29, 2023. The second session will be in October 2024. Let's keep the Synod in our prayers.

Word of God---Parables of the Kingdom of God: The Gospel reading this 16th Sunday of the Year is about the three parables of the Kingdom of God: the wheat and the weeds, the mustard, and the yeast. Through the good and the bad, through the smallness of things, through the hidden transforming power, God's Kingdom keeps growing slowly and steadily in us and in the world. Are

we ready to be a part of his Kingdom as the authentic and dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ?

Quotable Shakespearean Quotes: 1. "To be, or not to be: that is the question." Hamlet, Act III, Scene I. 2. "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." As You Like It, Act II, Scene VII. 3. "A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" Richard III, Act V, Scene IV. 4. "We are such stuff as dreams are made on." The Tempest, Act IV, Scene I. 5. "The course of true love never did run smooth." A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act I, Scene I. 6. "If music be the food of love, play on." Twelfth Night, Act I, Scene I. 7. "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears." Julius Caesar, Act III, Scene II. 8. "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more." Henry V, Act III, Scene I. 9. "To thine own self be true." Hamlet, Act I, Scene III. 10. "Parting is such sweet sorrow." Romeo and Juliet, Act II, Scene II.

A Story to Think About: A large truck was moving through a railway underpass when it got wedged in between the road and the girders overhead. All the efforts of experts to extricate it proved useless and traffic was stalled for miles on both sides of the underpass. A little boy kept trying to get the attention of the foreman but was always pushed away. Finally, in sheer exasperation, the foreman said, "I suppose you've come to tell us how to do this job?" "Yes," said the kid. "I suggest you let some air out of the tyres." To everyone's surprise and relief, it solved the problem immediately. *Moral: In the layman's mind there are many possibilities. In the expert's mind there are few.*

Humor: 1. Q: What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? A: I don't know and I don't care. 2. "Our Economics professor talks to himself. Does yours?" "Yes, but he doesn't realize it. He thinks we're listening." 3. Q: What do you need to make a small fortune on Wall Street? A: A large fortune. 4. A bank in NY City is now making it possible to buy and sell stock using their ATM machines. This is great---it gives muggers a chance to diversify their portfolios. 5. Sign in store window: "Any faulty merchandise will be cheerfully replaced with merchandise of equal quality." 6. "I think it's wrong," says comedian Steven Wright, "that only one company makes the game Monopoly." 7. Q: How many bullies does it take to change a light bulb? A: Four. Do you have a problem with that? 8. Sign seen in a veterinarian's office: The doctor is in. Sit. Stay. 9. Did you hear about the cat that gave birth in a Singapore street? It got fined for littering. 10. "My mother always told me I wouldn't amount to anything because I procrastinate," says comedian Judy Tenuta. "I told her, 'Just wait.' "

Your Friend and Pastor,

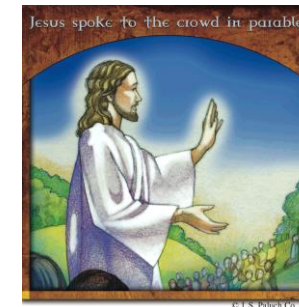
Father Charles Puthota

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

Those who are just must be kind.

— Wisdom 12:19



THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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Thank You from the Franciscan Vietnam Mission

The Conventual Franciscans of California offer their sincerest thanks to the parish community of St. Elizabeth for its generous support of the Franciscan Vietnam Mission in the mission appeal of July 15 and 16: "May God reward you with many blessings and may the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ be ever proclaimed throughout the world."

MASS INTENTIONS

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	July 24 † Liliana Skorpanic
Tuesday 8:30 am	July 25 † Nieves and † Julian Nunag
Wednesday 8:30 am	July 26 † Sister Delia Sarabia
Thursday 8:30 am	July 27 Souls in Purgatory
Friday 8:30 am	July 28 † Theresa and † Jim Perata
Saturday 8:30 am	July 29 † Dick Visperas † Heidi Stolte
4:30 pm	† Martha Puthota
Sunday 8:30 am	July 30 People of the Parish † Elma and † Felimon Palero
10:30 am	† Nilda Benalizo

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Sunday July 23	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday July 24	St. Sharbel Makhluf
Tuesday July 25	St. James
Wednesday July 26	Ss. Joachim and Anne
Saturday July 29	St. Martha

Saturday/Sunday Collection

July 15 – July 16

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,866.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,134.00

Missionary Cooperation Plan **\$1,788.00**

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.

Parish Events on the Horizon

- **Sunday, August 6th**

AAA Thank you luncheon

- **Tuesday, August 15th**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A holy day of obligation

Masses are at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

- **Monday, September 4th**

Labor Day holiday office will be closed

- **Saturday, September 9th**

Faith Formation begins

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

Synod on Synodality

October 2021-October 2024

Theme: Communion, Participation, Mission

Let us keep the Synod in our Prayers



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: _____