

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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July 30, 2023 Seventeenth 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 30, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

the Parish Consultors Meeting held on June 27, among other groups, the "Morning Worshipers" group reported about their gathering together for the Divine Office every day at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass. They participate in the Wednesday Benediction and devotions after the Mass. On Thursdays they do the choir practice in preparation for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Their singing at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass is much appreciated. They also take care of the interior decoration of the church and the flower arrangements for various seasons and through the Ordinary Time. I'm grateful that you are also a fine group of friends in the Lord, gathering together again and again for social events among yourselves. Thank you, Morning Worshipers, for all the engagement in the life of the parish on a daily basis, for your dedication and faith, and for all the gifts and talents you place in God's service for the people of God.

Synod on Synodality October 2021 to October 2024 – Communion, Participation, and Mission: What is a synod? A synod in the Catholic Church is both an event and a process where clergy, religious, and laity gather to discern important matters of the faith. It is a journey of search rooted in the Holy Spirit. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the life of the Church. The current synod is called "Synod on Synodality." It's a synod that would explore the very processes of synod and examine how as the People of God we are journeying together. Pope Francis says: "Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit." You might want to be informed more about this Synod by going online and doing your own research. Do check out the Synod website <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Word of God: God would give anything to Solomon, but he asks only for an "understanding heart," translated as a "discerning heart." How can a heart understand? We usually think of the heart as a feeling place. That's the insight: we need a heart like Solomon's that not only feels but also understands. We need to think and feel in a wholesome, balanced way so that we could live a life of happiness, despite all sorts of troubles in life. This leads us to the gospel where we are able to apply the discerning heart to figure out what our true treasures are. If we know what our "buried treasure" is, what our "pearl of great price" is, we would then be able to go after them. Are these treasures intrinsic or extrinsic? If they are extrinsic, they would express themselves in our search for wealth, fame, position, power, and pleasure. If they are intrinsic, we would be guided to deep, intimate, fulfilling relationships, with God and others, where we would learn to love God and people.

If we are able to discern these things, we would truly be on the right path to contentment and happiness. If not, we would be drifting and sliding and slipping and sleepwalking through life. Jesus' wisdom can truly challenge us and lead us to the deeper springs of abundant life.

St. Ignatius of Loyola: Prayer for Generosity: July 31st is the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. We could meditate on one of his well-known prayers: "Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve: to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed to wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your most holy will. Amen."

A Quotable Quote: "An egotist is someone who is always me-deep in conversation" --George Goldtrap.

A Story to Ponder: An old woman observed how, with scientific precision, her rooster would begin to crow just before the sun rose each day. She therefore came to the conclusion that the crowing of her rooster caused the sun to rise. So when her rooster suddenly died she hastened to replace it with another lest the sun fail to rise the following morning. One day she fell out with her neighbors and threatened to move out of the village with her sister several miles away. When her rooster started to crow next day and, a little later, the sun began to rise serenely above the horizon, she was confirmed in what she had known all along: the sun was now rising here and her village was in darkness. Well, they had asked for it! It did cause her to wonder, though, that her former neighbors never came to beg her to return to the village with her rooster. She just put it down to their stubbornness and stupidity. (TSOTB, ADM)

I Left My Heart in San Francisco--Celebrating our City of San Francisco with Tony Bennett: As you know, Tony Bennett passed away in New York, NY, last week on July 21, 2023 at age 96. He brought much joy and beauty to the world through his gift of singing. His famous song "I left my heart in San Francisco" goes like this: "The loveliness of Paris seems somehow sadly gay / The glory that was Rome is of another day / I've been terribly alone and forgotten in Manhattan / I'm going home to my city by the Bay / I left my heart in San Francisco / High on a hill, it calls to me / To be where little cable cars climb halfway to the stars / The morning fog may chill the air, I don't care / My love waits there in San Francisco / Above the blue and windy sea / When I come home to you, San Francisco / Your golden sun will shine for me / When I come home to you, San Francisco / Your golden sun will shine for me." (song writers: George Cory and Douglass Cross).

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

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July 30, 2023

All things work for good
for those who love God.
— Romans 8:28a



LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 31 through August 6

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;
Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am **July 31** † Juana Tamondong
Tuesday 8:30 am **August 1** † Andy Sanchez
Wednesday 8:30 am **August 2** † Marcos V. Valledor
† Renato Macaspac
Thursday 8:30 am **August 3** Good Shepherd Guild members and their families living and deceased
Friday 8:30 am **August 4** Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 8:30 am **August 5** † Juanita D. Mendoza and † Cenen J. Songco † Catherine Marcos † Robert Theis
4:30 pm **August 6** People of the Parish
8:30 am † Filomena Scerri
10:30 am

Saturday/Sunday Collection July 22 – July 23

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,009.00
Parish Ministries \$ 540.00
Over/Under \$ 2,451.00

*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.*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday July 30:
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday July 31:
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tuesday August 1:
St. Alphonsus Liguori
Wednesday August 2:
St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Friday August 4:
St. John Vianney; First Friday
Saturday August 5:
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major;
First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Please note: Every Class begins with 8:30 am Mass

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: _____