

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord**



**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

August 6, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Parish Consultors Meeting (PCM): Sacristans, the Choirs, Ushers, EMs, Lectors:** In the PCM meeting held on June 27, reports were shared from various groups about their work in the parish. I'd like to thank the sacristans Sharon Soares, Phil McCarthy, Richard John, and David Gemignani for their dedicated and generous service at the liturgical celebrations and for taking care of the safety and security of the church. Also, my thanks to the Paduas and Belma for the interior environment in the Church for various seasons and for tending the plants and the flowers. To the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass choir, you do a fabulous job of helping us pray! Your friendships among yourselves are also inspirational. I appreciate your dedicated service to God and His people, Sunday after Sunday. Also to the Men's Choir that sings on the Fourth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass, my many thanks. Keep up the good work! Thanks also to the many lectors, EMs, and Ushers who do a great job of proclaiming the Word of God, for sharing the Body of Christ, and for showing exceptional hospitality to those who come into our church.

**World Youth Day (WYD):** The 37<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day is taking place from August 1 through August 6 in Lisbon, Portugal. It's a global gathering of young people who are eager to deepen their faith experience in the universality of the Catholic Church and commit their lives to Christ alongside hundreds of thousands of like-minded peers. Pope Francis will be present and participate in many of the events as part of the Holy Father's Apostolic journey to Portugal. The theme of this WYD is "Mary arose and went with haste." Let's keep the young people in our prayers. They are vital for the future of the Church and the world. As the numbers of "nones" (those not affiliated with any organized religion) are increasing in the Christian churches it's a matter of great concern about how to pass on faith to the next generation and how to be an authentic and energetic voice of the Church to the world. Without the youth of today engaged in the life of the Church, we would find it difficult to be the "church in the modern world" tomorrow.

**Word of God this Sunday August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:** This is one of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary (along with Baptism of the Lord, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, and Institution of the Eucharist). Jesus is transfigured up on a high mountain before his apostles Peter, James, and John. Moses and Elijah, the law giver and prophet, join Jesus. Jesus' face "shone like the sun" and his clothes "became white as light." Peter is in a trance and would like to erect three tents. A cloud overshadowed them. A voice is heard from heaven that says: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." As they descend the mountain, Jesus

instructs them not to tell anyone about it until his resurrection. This event in the life of Jesus is another moment of epiphany, an event of revelation, a crystallization of his sense of mission, a time of anointing, a glimpse of his glory, a time of clarity, a moment of affirmation. We are all called to transcendence as well. To be able to discover our true identity as the children of God and as disciples of Jesus would be the first step in going about fulfilling our mission and calling. By listening to Jesus in a continuous way, we could become the beloved children of the Father. Transfiguration and transformation are the processes that Jesus is inviting us to, if we but participate in the mission of Christ, to continue his work and complete it.

**Characteristics of Being Catholic:** In his book Practice Makes Catholic, Joe Paprocki lists five identifying markers of a Catholic. Here they are: 1. **A sense of sacramentality** – the depth and meaning of rituals and symbols as a way of knowing God and honoring God's presence in our lives. 2. **A commitment to community** – understanding what it means to be community in today's culture and how to intentionally connect individuals and families to the Catholic community. 3. **Respect for human life** – Gospel values are grounded in connecting how we think about the value of each person and treat one another with the understanding that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. 4. **Reverence for sacred scripture and sacred tradition** – Meditating on the Bible and being diligent on knowing the core teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church: only then being able to put these teachings in action within the world we encounter. 5. **Attitude of faith and hope** – the movement from despair to comfort found in God's love.

**Think About It:** "How shall I attain eternal life?" "Eternal life is now. Come into the present." "But I'm in the present now, am I not?" "No" "Why not?" "Because you haven't dropped your past." "Why should I drop my past? Not all of it is bad." "The past is to be dropped not because it's bad but because it is dead." (ADM)

**Inspirational Quote:** "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." --- Maya Angelou

**Humor:** 1. One Sunday in church a little boy took off his tie and put it into the offering basket. "What are you doing?" asked his mother. "What the minister said," answered the little boy. "He told us to give our ties and offerings." 2. You know when you're getting old when you walk into a record store and everything you like has been marked down to \$1.99. 3. The diner was furious when his steak arrived too rare. "Waiter," he barked, "didn't you hear me say 'well done'?" "I can't thank you enough, sir," replied the waiter. "I hardly ever get a compliment."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2023

The heavens proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

— *Psalm 97:6*



### EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation

### Saturday/Sunday Collection: July 29– July 30

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,820.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 568.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,612.00

*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.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 7 through August 13

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

August 6 through August 13

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Monday: Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan  
Tuesday: St. Dominic  
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)  
Thursday: St. Lawrence  
Friday: St. Clare  
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

### MASS INTENTIONS

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 7</b> † Victor Da Silva † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri, † Tessy Lencioni
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 8</b> † Cenen J. Songco
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 9</b> † Emanuel Scerri † Maria Vella
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 10</b> † Prudencio and † Lilia Caldito Cipriano Perez (L)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 11</b> Souls in Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>August 12</b> † Catherine Marcos † Edilberto P. Mandani
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>August 13</b> People of the Parish † Bruna De Rosa † Simon Martinez

## Parish Events on the Horizon

- **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

AAA Thank you luncheon

- **Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

- **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Labor Day holiday office will be closed

- **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Faith Formation begins

## Synod on Synodality

October 2021-October 2024

**Theme: Communion, Participation, Mission**

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 milestones 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." For more information: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>



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