

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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October 8, 2023~Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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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

October 8, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Synod on Synodality: Thy Synod is now meeting this October 4 through 29 in the Vatican. The theme is: Communion, Participation, Mission. Let’s keep the synod meetings in our hearts and prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide all their dialogues and deliberations. We need to explore ways of relating the Church to the world of today and the world to the Church. We are called to proclaim the good news to the world of the 21st century. Tradition and creative fidelity guided by the Spirit of Christ are urgently needed. According to *America* magazine, the synod will have 365 full members, including the Holy Father who is president of the synod. Among the full members are 54 women. The total number of participants at the synod, however, is 464, of whom 81 are women. This number includes experts and fraternal delegates. 61 experts and facilitators will not have a vote at the synod. There will be some participants from other churches. Prior to the Synod, from September 30 through October 03, a retreat for the participants will be conducted by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P. and Sr. Maria Angelini, O.S.B. There will be five official language groups at the synod: 14 small groups in English, 8 in Italian, 7 in Spanish, 5 in French, 1 in Portuguese.

The Sacred Scripture: From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: **Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth?** Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason, it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a “religion of the Book”, but of the Word of God – “not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living” (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux). **How is Sacred Scripture to be read?** Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith themselves. **What is the Canon of Scripture?** The *Canon* of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

October Month Dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary:

Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Word of God: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Bear fruit for the Father: The gospel this Sunday is another parable about the vineyard (last Sunday it’s about two sons called into work in the vineyard; the previous Sunday it was about workers sent into the vineyard at different times of the day with equal pay for all). This Sunday, the landowner sends his servants (prophets) to obtain produce (our good deeds of love and service) from the tenants (the civil and religious leaders). The servants are humiliated, insulted, and killed. He sends finally his own son (Jesus Christ) thinking that they would respect and receive him, but even the son is killed mercilessly. The landowner is heartbroken, but he has tried everything he could. He has no choice now but to turn the vineyard over to new tenants (the church; all those who would accept his son as the Messiah) who will produce fruit for the landowner. The second reading from the letter to the Philippians is one of my favorite readings, where Paul might well be speaking of the fruit that the new tenants will produce for the heavenly Father: “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

A Story to Ponder: An elderly gentleman ran a curio and antique shop in a large city. A tourist once stepped in and got to talking with the old man about the many things that were stacked in that shop. Said the tourist, “What would you say is the strangest, the most mysterious thing you have here?” The old man surveyed the hundreds of curios, antiques, stuffed animals, shrunken heads, mounted fish and birds, archaeological finds, deer heads... then turned to the tourist and said, “The strangest thing in this shop is unquestionably myself.”

Quotable Quotes: 1. "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." --Will Rogers. 2. "Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me; just be my friend." --Albert Camus. 3. "I have a dream." --Martin Luther King Jr. 4. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart." --Helen Keller. 5. "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams.

Humor: 1. Customer: "Do you have alligator shoes?" Clerk: "Yes, sir. What size does your alligator wear?" 2. After the man received his sandwich, he gave the vendor a \$20 bill. The vendor just smiled. The man, infuriated, demanded, "Where is my change?" The vendor replied, "Oh, one with everything, change comes from within." 3. The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at 2 A.M.?" said the officer. "I'm going to a lecture." The man said. "And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked. "My wife," said the man.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023**
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
— *Philippians 4:6*



BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT
Today’s readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah’s song concerning his friend’s vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today’s Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be “put . . . to a wretched death” (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead, he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.
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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).
Psalm — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).
Second Reading — God’s peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).
Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43)
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Saturday/Sunday Collection:
September 30 – October 8

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,819.00
Faith Formation \$ 701.00
Over/Under \$ 1,480.00

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.

MASS INTENTIONS
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	October 9 †Cresencio Alipio Teresita Gotauco (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 10 † Federico B. Santiago † Mary McCarthy
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 11 † Manuel Icban † Florencia De Luna
Thursday 8:30 am	October 12 † Emanuel Scerri and † Maria Vella † Run Gestra
Friday 8:30 am	October 13 Good Shepherd Guild and Family Members Living and Deceased
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	October 14 † Lulu Abranches † Carlos Ramirez Sr. Contessa San Pedro (L)
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	October 15 People of the Parish Maltese Society † Carmela Padilla † Gerald Garibaldi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
October 9th – 15th

Monday:	Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14, 1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
October 8th – 14th

Sunday:	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day;
Wednesday:	Saint John XXIII
Saturday:	St. Callistus I; Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Events on the Horizon

- **Monday, October 9th**
Columbus Day Holiday: office will be closed
- **Sunday, October 15th**
Maltese Society Champagne Bingo
- **Wednesday, November 1st**
All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses are at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm
- **Thursday, November 2nd**
All Souls' Day

Fall 2023 Lay Minister Training

Looking for recertification or refreshing your lay minister's knowledge serving as Readers and Extra-ordinary ministers? The Office of Worship will be offering training for new and experienced Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers over two consecutive Saturdays during the month of October.

- St. Raymond Church 10/7 & 10/14
- Holy Name Church 11/5 & 11/12

This training fulfills the requirement of the Archdiocese to be certified every three years for these ministries.

Registration: \$20.00 pre-registered; or \$25.00 for same-day registrants.

Registration forms are available in the Parish office.



St. Elizabeth's Maltese Society

Champagne Bingo

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Cantwell Hall
490 Goettingen Street

Doors Open at 12:00 pm.

Lunch served at 1:00 pm

Bingo begins at 2:00 pm

\$25 Per Person

Ticket Includes Lunch

(Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread,
Champagne, & Dessert) and BINGO Packet

R. S. V.P. by October 8th

(Reservation Required, no tickets sold at the door)

Raffle Donations Welcome

Please Contact Jeanette Santos

to purchase tickets

415-225-5315



Celebrating the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz
on September 28, 2023.



The Parish office will be closed
on Monday October 9th
for Columbus Day.

The 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 both an event and a process in which the whole People of God are 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.