

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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November 12, 2023~Thirty-Second 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

November 12 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Remembering the Dear Departed Souls in November:
Prayers for the Departed Souls: Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen. Prayer at Graveside: Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our brother/sister may sleep here in peace until you awaken him/her to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he/she will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Emily Dickinson’s Poem on Death and Immortality:
Because I could not stop for Death – He kindly stopped for me – The Carriage held but just Ourselves – And Immortality. We slowly drove – He knew no haste And I had put away My labor and my leisure too, For His Civility – We passed the School, where Children strove At Recess – in the Ring – We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain – We passed the Setting Sun – Or rather – He passed Us – The Dews drew quivering and Chill – For only Gossamer, my Gown – My Tippet – only Tulle – We paused before a House that seemed A Swelling of the Ground – The Roof was scarcely visible – The Cornice – in the Ground – Since then – ’tis Centuries – and yet Feels shorter than the Day I first surmised the Horses' Heads Were toward Eternity –

Congratulations to Sr. Marguerite Bartling!: She is celebrating 50 years of her Religious Life as a Good Shepherd Sister! We welcome her family, her Provincial Superior, other sisters of her communities, coworkers and collaborators to her Thanksgiving Mass and Reception at St. Elizabeth Parish on November 11. Sr. Marguerite entered the Order in Los Angeles in 1970. She served in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Memphis. For five years she was in-charge of promoting vocations to her Religious Order. She has worked with women and children who were survivors of domestic violence in Chicago for 10 years and now with women who seek long-term recovery from drug and alcohol addiction at Gracenter in San Francisco for nearly 20 years. Internationally, she served as secretary to English-speaking Councilor at the Good Shepherd Generalate in Rome, Italy, for 3 years. May the good Lord bless Sr. Marguerite and her ministry always! Ad multos annos!

Word of God: The Parable of the Ten Virgins: This 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel reading presents the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise and five foolish. As we come closer to the beginning of Advent, we hear more persistently the message of the Lord’s coming and our being ready and prepared for that mystery. We need to be ready, of course, at the end of our lives, but already now it’s important as we live our daily, ordinary lives, engaged in our endeavors and preoccupations. Said Albert Camus, the French philosopher: “I’ll tell you a secret, my friend. Do not wait for the last judgment; it takes place every day.” Being ready, being prepared, being vigilant, as a way of responding to life is necessary. We need the lamps, which might stand for our lives and the oil might represent our faith and inner resources. If our lives have to shine, we need those resources, which have to be nourished and nurtured over a long time. One doesn’t become wise or truthful or virtuous overnight. Those resources cannot be borrowed from others. Either we have them or we don’t. Each one has to work out one’s salvation, find one’s relationship with God and others, find one’s happiness and peace. Each one has to put two and two together! One has to live one’s life. One has to face one’s death. No one can take his or her place. Others might be able to support us but will not replace what we need to do in our response to God’s grace. The closed door in the parable might indicate that we do not have forever to find our way. We do not have infinite time to begin to love God and others. We have to act now! Can’t delay! Can’t procrastinate! As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: “There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat; and we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures.”

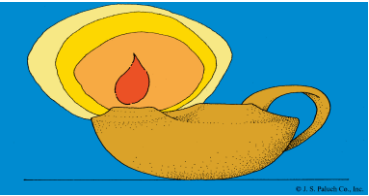
A Story to Ponder: 1. A young composer once came to consult Mozart on how to develop his talent. “I would advise you to start with simple things.” Mozart said. “Songs, for example.” “But you were composing symphonies when you were a child!” the man protested. “True enough. But then I didn’t have to go to anyone for advice on how to develop my talent.”

Religious Humor: The Lord is My Shepherd: A Faith Formation teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter. One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn’t memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, “The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!”

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023**
Stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.
— *Matthew 25:13*



WISDOM
We consider wisdom today. The first reading from the book of Wisdom presents this precious gift as a feminine spirit, a very desirable virtue sought by many and graciously present to all who seek her. In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to illustrate wisdom in a practical, measurable way. The wise will conserve their resources, use them prudently, and mark the passing of time. The foolish, on the other hand, not planning ahead, will be in the dark. Both of these readings tell us how accessible wisdom is to all who simply and honestly seek it. Paul’s words to the Thessalonians are not about wisdom, but describe one result of true wisdom: To the wise person of faith even death holds no terror. Our faith in Jesus’ resurrection tells us we will all one day rise to new life in Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalms — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).
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Saturday/Sunday Collection: November 4 - 5	
Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,834.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,166.00
Saint Patrick Seminary	\$ 959.00
All Saints	\$ 698.00
All Souls	\$1,709.00
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	November 13 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 14 Good Shepherd Guild Members and Families Living/Deceased Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary Mother Most Pure
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 15 Kiara Devera (L) Eric Nacor (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	November 16 † Theresa, † Paul and † Joseph Vella † Balbina and † Jose Nebril
Friday 8:30 am	November 17 † Rinaldo Schenone † Soledad Tanquilut
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	November 18 † Efren J. Songco † Mary Kremsreiter
Sunday 8:30 am	November 19 People of the Parish † Danilo Morales Maltese Society
10:30 am	† Luzviminda Palomo Guevara

READINGS FOR THE WEEK November 13-19	
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES November 12-18	
Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Wednesday:	St. Albert the Great
Thursday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Friday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Saturday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

- **Sunday, November 19th**
Presentation of the Faith Formation
Confirmation Candidates at the 10:30 am
Mass
- **Thursday, November 23rd**
Thanksgiving - Mass at 9:00 am
- **Saturday, December 9th**
Parish Advent Retreat
- **Saturday, Dec. 16th to Sunday Dec. 24th**
Simbang Gabi

All Souls Remembrance

November Month of All Souls

Traditionally, November is the month when we especially remember the souls who have entered eternal life. As we prepare for these remembrances there is a specific way of preparation besides our own prayers and remembrances. You may write their names on one of the All-Souls envelopes. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for remembrances during all the Masses in November.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, November 18th and 19th our special second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

2024 Mass Intentions Now Available!

**Please follow the guidelines below
when sending in your Mass requests.**

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charles Puthota, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to **10 Masses per year. Only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.**

All Masses including the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass will be accepting two intentions per Mass.

We do not accept individual Mass Intentions for holidays or holy days including the following : Ash Wednesday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving , Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.

Due to the volume of requests and limited office hours, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing or by email (preferred): stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.

Please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church and submit your check with your request. Please allow time for processing.



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 see a sacristan before or after mass for more information.