

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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November 19, 2023~Thirty-Third 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

November 19, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Happy Thanksgiving: Yet another Thanksgiving is around the corner, on Thursday, November 23. This is a fabulous, heartwarming, all-American festival of Thanksgiving. It’s turkey time! People all over the nation are getting ready to travel back home to be with family. The spirit of family is in the air everywhere. According to AAA, 55.4 million people will travel 50 miles or more from home this Thanksgiving, with 49.1 million driving, 4.7 million flying and 1.55 million traveling by bus, train or cruise ship. The air travel is expected to be up by 6.6% over last year. This year is also projected to be the busiest air travel in nearly two decades as travel continues to rebound after the pandemic. Thanksgiving travel period is a five-day period from Wednesday Nov. 22 to Sunday Nov. 26. All that travel and trouble millions of people are prepared to undertake because they would like to be with family and friends--and give thanks to God and one another. We have much to be thankful for. 1. Gratitude makes us better human beings and Christians. 2. Gratitude makes explicit our human condition and our dependence on God and one another. It helps us be deeply aware that we are not self-sufficient and that we are interdependent. 3. It energizes us to go out of ourselves to others and think about others’ needs. 4. Gratitude also helps us to look at the positive things in life and attain a sense of contentment without complaining about things that we do not have. 5. Thanksgiving consists in doing things rather than in saying things. With our love and service, we can create better families and communities and transform the human family. JFK rightly said: “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Happy Thanksgiving!

Collection on Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. will go to Catholic Extension: “Catholic Extension: is a Catholic non-profit organization that helps ensure that all American Catholics can practice their faith within vibrant faith communities. They help build up these communities in America’s poorest regions and help connect poor and remote Catholic communities with essential financial support, educational partnerships, and infrastructure. Catholic Extension stands in solidarity with people of faith in poor and remote areas across the United States. They help develop leaders, build churches, strengthen ministries, reach out to the poor and vulnerable, educate seminarians, and engage the young people. For more information, go to catholicextension.org

November, a Month to Cherish the Dear Departed: We are still in the month of November, as we remember all those who have died, especially from among our family and friends. Keeping death in the midst of life is one of the greatest insights and practices because it would lead us to have perspective on all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do. Jesus himself during his public ministry kept death close to him. His ministry took on a perspective, depth, and urgency because of his profound awareness of his own impending death. Jesus’ autobiographical parable was: “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit” (Jn. 12:24). In other parables, such as the rich fool (Lk 12:16-21), Jesus invites us to make present-day choices in view of the inevitability of death. “You cannot take it with you” is the well-known saying. You’ll never see a U-Haul behind a hearse! Pope Francis has said that his grandmother would say that a burial shroud doesn’t have pockets.

A Poem to honor death and celebrate life: “Death” by Rainer Maria Rilke: “Before us great Death stands/ Our fate held close within his quiet hands./ When with proud joy we lift Life’s red wine / To drink deep of the mystic shining cup /And ecstasy through all our being leaps— / Death bows his head and weeps.”

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:
What is the unity that exists between the Old and the New Testaments? Scripture is one insofar as the Word of God is one. God’s plan of salvation is one, and the divine inspiration of both Testaments is one. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other.
What role does Sacred Scripture play in the life of the Church? Sacred Scripture gives support and vigor to the life of the Church. For the children of the Church, it is a confirmation of the faith, food for the soul and the fount of the spiritual life. Sacred Scripture is the soul of theology and of pastoral preaching. The Psalmist says that it is “a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (*Psalm* 119:105). The Church, therefore, exhorts all to read Sacred Scripture frequently because “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” (Saint Jerome).

The Word of God---33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Gospel is about the parable of the Talents. God has given us everything. He has endowed each of us with unique gifts and talents. We can’t bury them. We receive them gratefully from God, grow them joyfully over a lifetime by investing in them, and generously put them at the service of others. This is simply stewardship. There is an old saying: “What I am is God’s gift to me. What I become is my gift to God.”

Next Sunday, November 26 is Christ the King: Let Christ the King rule over our lives supremely.

Sunday December 3 is First Sunday of Advent: Let’s get psychologically and spiritually ready for this beautiful season leading up to Christmas.

Think About It: “I long to find some solid ground, some firm foundation for my life.” “Look at it like this,” said the Master. “What is the solid ground of the bird migrating across continents? What is the firm foundation of the fish carried by the river to the sea?”

Thanksgiving Humor: 1. Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy." 2. Hatched?: This guy goes to his doctor. "Doctor, help me! I can't stop acting like a turkey!" "I see," said the doctor. "How long have you had this problem?" "Let me think a second. Mom laid the egg in 1954..... 3. Knock, knock! Who is there? Arthur. Arthur who? Arthur any Thanksgiving leftovers?

Happy Thanksgiving! God bless America! From sea to shining sea!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD.

— *Psalm 128:1a*



SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week’s scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?
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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 or [14-15, 19-21]).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection:
November 11 - 12

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,643.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 661.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,696.00

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

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

9:00 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

November 20

† Salvina Hili

† Anita Ferroggiaro

November 21

† Tina, † Pierina and † Emilia Delfino

November 22

† Giuseppina Rinaldi

† John Benedetti and

† Fred Cairns

November 23

Thanksgiving

November 24

† Joe Sapiano

† Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri

November 25

† Lulu Abranches

† Arthur Ghiglieri

November 26

People of the Parish`

Italian Catholic Federation

† Maria Grelli

† Kathy Fazio

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
November 20-26

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17: 5-6, 8,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10-12, Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
November 19-25

Sunday:	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Cecilia
Thursday:	St. Clement I, St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro Thanksgiving Day
Friday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria

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

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at:

www.usccb.org/cchd

Sister Marguerite Bartling's Golden Jubilee Celebration of Religious Life on November 11, 2023

