

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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January 14, 2024 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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)

Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., *Pastor*

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

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

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

January 14, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Conference, November 30 to December 12, 2023: The followers of Christ are called to do everything to protect and preserve the planet earth and be wise and prudent stewards of the planet earth. The COP28 (Conference of the Parties) met and deliberated in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), from November 30 through December 12. COP28 was the first international conference in which any explicit reference to moving away from fossil fuels has made it into the final decision text. Pope Francis has been passionate about the stand the Catholic Church and the whole world need to take--and the radical changes needed to avert the disaster and preserve our common home. He was to address this conference but was unable to because of illness. His message, however, was read by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Parolin. The Holy Father in that wide-ranging statement called for an end to coal, oil and gas and the necessity of lifestyle changes to save the planet. He said, "the destruction of the environment is an offence against God.... With the money spent on arms and other military expenditures, let's establish a global fund that can end hunger, carry out works for the sustainable development of the poorer countries and combat climate change." He also asked for debt forgiveness of poorer countries hit by climate change. The United States Catholic bishops too have called for international climate policies that promote justice.

This is the crisis: the world is getting warmer because of emissions of fossil fuels used by us, like gas, oil, and coal. Consequently, extreme weather events are happening, including heatwaves, floods, forest fires, water shortages, drought, crop failures, ecosystem collapse. The past decade has been the warmest on record and so the nations agree that urgent action is needed. When you have the time, please do read up on technical terms like "Net Zero," "1.5 degrees Celsius target," and "Greenhouse gases." Knowledge is power!

Word of God: January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday the Word of God invites us to the deepening of a personal relationship with God. In the first reading from the first book of Samuel, we read the memorable story of God speaking to the little boy Samuel. At the suggestion of the prophet Eli, the boy now is able to perceive that it is God himself who is speaking to him. So he says to God: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." God speaks to each one of us in unique and special ways. We are not all lumped together in an impersonal way. God loves each one of us as if

we were each the only one that existed. Uniquely loved, we are called to form communities of love and service. The gospel reading too invites us to a personal relationship with Jesus. The disciples say to him: "Where do you live?" Jesus says to them: "Come and see." We have to come and see for ourselves and experience Jesus in our lives. Without the experience of Jesus, Christianity is mostly a theoretical construct. With the experience of Jesus at the heart of Christianity, our faith comes alive because we have seen and heard the Lord for ourselves. Are we ready for a personal experience of Jesus in our lives? Do we let our liturgical, pious, devotional activities all lead us to a personal experience of Jesus? Do we allow our daily activities of relationships, work, play, service, joys, struggles, etc. to bring us into a personal encounter with Christ?

New Year Jokes: 1. A woman took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?" He replied, "Aha, you'll know tonight!" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present. Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams." 2. A man who had too much to drink decides to walk home on New Year's Eve. A police officer stopped the man and asked where he was going. "I'm on my way to a lecture," the man replied. The cop scoffed, "Who gives lectures on New Year's Eve?" The man answered: "My wife."

New Year Quotes: "For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning." — T.S. Eliot. "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." — Edith Lovejoy Pierce "May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!" — Joey Adams. "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." — Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Come, gentlemen, I hope we shall drink down all unkindness." — William Shakespeare. "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." — Albert Einstein.

Think About It: A spiritual master was asked: "How does one find God in action?" He replied: "By loving the action wholeheartedly, regardless of the fruit it brings." When this proved somewhat difficult for the disciples, he told them of a man who bought a painting for a million dollars, then framed the cancelled check. "What he really loved was not art, but status," said the Master.

Humor: During a Sunday service, the pastor asked the congregation for their intentions. There were the usual requests to pray for sick people and the acknowledgments for those who helped when a parishioner died. The somber mood was broken when the last intention was heard. A woman stood up and said, "My granddaughter turned 16 this week and received her driver's license. Let us pray for us all."

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024**
Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



THE LAMB OF GOD
"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).
Psalms — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40: 2,4,7-8,8-9-10).
Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).
Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).
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**Saturday/Sunday Collection:
January 6-7**

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,278.00
Faith Formation	\$ 556.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,166.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if your put your envelope number in the memo section of the check. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	January 15 Carol Defoe (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	January 16 † Stella and † Isaac John Ignacio Madriaga Jr. (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	January 17 † Filomena Farrugia Janice Peck (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	January 18 † Francisca Monsanto Kevin Padua (L)
Friday 8:30 am	January 19 † Rodrigo Monsanto
Saturday 8:30 am	January 20 † Lorenza Tanquilut † Lydia Monsanto † Filomena and † Emanuel Scerri
4:30pm	January 21 People of the Parish † Jesus "Jesse" Quinonez † James O'Sullivan Italian Catholic Federation

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
January 15-21**

Monday, 1-15	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, 1-16	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, 1-17	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, 1-18	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:7-12
Friday, 1-19	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, 1-20	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday, 1-21	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
January 14-20**

Sunday, 1-14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 1-17	St. Anthony
Saturday 1-20	St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

● Office Closed

Monday, January 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

● Parish Consultors Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th 9:15 am Cantwell Hall.

● Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th, Masses at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

● Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 2nd.

End of Year Statements

We are preparing to close the books on 2023. Please contact the parish office in writing or email if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using Sunday Envelopes.

Please note that any donations received after December 31st will be credited to 2024.

We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers.



St. Elizabeth's Maltese Society St. Paul of the Shipwreck Festa Sunday, February 4, 2024

Mass: 10:30AM

St. Elizabeth Church

(459 Somerset Street, San Francisco, 94134)

Festa: Cantwell Hall

(490 Goettingen Street, San Francisco, 94134)

No Host Cocktails: 12:00PM

Lunch: 12:30PM

Menu:

Salad, Pasta, Half Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables,
Bread & Butter, Dessert

Tickets:

Adults \$30/ Children: \$15 (12 years and younger)

Reservations:

Jeanette Santos 415-225-5315

Mary Sammut: 415-467-1686

No Tickets Sold at the Door
Raffle Donations Welcome

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

**In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San
Francisco, Case No. 23-30564**

**Notice of Deadline for Filing
Claims: February 20, 2024**

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents,

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https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCA_SF,

or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****