

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**February 4, 2024 The Fifth 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**

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**

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.



## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

February 4, 2024

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioner,

**Invitation to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA):** It's that time of year when we are invited again to participate in the annual fundraising campaign to assist the Archdiocese of San Francisco in its mission and ministry.

**The AAA assessment for our parish in 2024 is \$32,089.**

**Top Three Reasons to Support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal:** 1. St. Elizabeth parish has been an integral and inseparable part of the Archdiocese since 1912 and through the period in 1962 when the current church building was constructed. 2. In Word and Sacrament, through various ministries and services, the Archdiocese has always supported and nourished our parish. 3. Rooted in a 2000-year-old Catholic tradition and culture, the Archdiocese connects us to the church in California, the United States, and the Universal Church shepherded by the Holy Father Pope Francis.

**Past successful AAA Campaigns at our Parish:** In 2021 and 2022, despite the raging pandemic, our parish successfully completed the AAA campaign within two or three months, thanks to your generosity. In 2023, we completed our goal within two months. I am hoping that this year, we will be able to reach our goal in the first two months (by the end of March), if you are able to support it again promptly and generously.

**Starting Date of the AAA 2024 Campaign:** We are officially launching AAA drive with this letter and the announcements during the weekend Masses of February 03-04, 2024.

**Ways to Donate:** You can use the enclosed envelope, which would be my preference for expedited processing of the check and prompt acknowledgment of your donation in the bulletin. You may also give online by visiting [stelizabethsf.org](http://stelizabethsf.org) or [sfarchdiocese.org/aaa](http://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa).

**1.5% Circle:** Can you personally consider donating 1.5% of the amount we have to raise? It is \$500. Some of you last year donated way more than what I had asked for. I am hoping for such donors to continue at the same level, if possible. I have already sent in my personal AAA check for \$500. If 66 people can donate \$500 each, we will make our goal quickly. As a way of thanking you, as in the past years, I'll be inviting the 1.5% Circle members to a sumptuous luncheon filled with fun, food, and friendship. The names of all donors along with a notation to 1.5% donors will be listed in the weekly paper-bulletins during the entire AAA campaign and in the posted bulletins on our website.

God bless you and your families for joyfully and generously supporting the mission of the Church,

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Father Charles Puthota  
Pastor

### February 4, 2024

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4



#### TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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#### Saturday/Sunday Collection: January 27-28

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,032.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 545.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,423.00

*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

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 5</b> † Pierina and † Emilia Delfino † Teresita Basilio
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 6</b> † Katie Wroten † Lydia Vinluan † Leon Joseph and † Maureen Winant
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 7</b> † Calixta Moster Pilare † Bob Holt
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 8</b> † Earl J. McCarthy
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>February 9</b> † Josephine Winant
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30pm	<b>February 10</b> † Giuseppe Moretto † Paul, † Theresa and † Joe Vella
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>February 11</b> People of the Parish † Timoteo D. Nacor Sr. † Santiago Gayaban Phil and Annabelle Alviar (L)

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 5-11

<b>Monday, 2-5</b>	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday, 2-6</b>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday, 2-7</b>	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday, 2-8</b>	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday, 2-9</b>	Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday, 2-10</b>	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday, 2-11</b>	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 11:1 Mk 1:40-45

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES February 4-10

<b>Sunday, 2-4</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday, 2-5</b>	St. Agatha
<b>Tuesday, 2-6</b>	St. Paul Miki and Companions
<b>Thursday, 2-7</b>	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. J Josephine Bakhita
<b>Saturday, 2-9</b>	St. Scholastica

## On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

### ●Parish Consultors Meeting

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Mass / 9:15 am meeting at Cantwell Hall.

### ●Ash Wednesday

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

### ●President's Day

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Office Closed.

### ●Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> will be credited to 2024.

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

## February through December 2024 Mass Intention dates 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:

**All Masses including the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass, (10:30 am) will be accepting two intentions per Mass. The Sunday 8:30 am Mass is designated for the People of the Parish only.**

**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.**

### **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.**

Requests must be submitted in writing or by email(preferred): [stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## 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, 7 6 please visit

<https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>

## Pray for our Dear Departed



Maria Tina Fontana

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . ."*