

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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February 11, 2024 The Sixth 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

February 11, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2024: Please give early and generously: This is the second week of a month-long campaign. See names of donors in the bulletin. The amount to raise is \$32,089. 1.5% Donation is \$500. Please see in the bulletin the names of those who have donated so far to AAA 2024. The asterisk indicates the 1.5% donors. Last weekend (February 03-04) we launched this annual appeal, a monthlong drive. I preached at the three weekend Masses, connecting the Word of God about the Mission of Jesus Christ and that of St. Paul with the mission of what we do at our parish and in the Archdiocese. The reason for this campaign is simple: the Archdiocese is entrusted with the mission to preach the good news and to provide all necessary ministries and services to the parishes within the Archdiocese. Without our assistance, at the Archdiocesan level they could not be doing what they are called to do. So we feel privileged to help and collaborate in their work. Also, let us keep in mind that we are not apart from the Archdiocese. We, our parish and all other parishes, make up the Archdiocese. When we strengthen the Archdiocese, we are actually strengthening our own St. Elizabeth Parish. So please give generously and early so that we can complete this campaign within a month. Would it be possible for you to belong to “1.5% Circle” by donating \$500 or more toward AAA? Some of you have given in the past way more than 1.5%. Your spirit of stewardship and generous donations are much appreciated. Please would you keep St. Elizabeth Parish and the Archdiocese as your Number One charity to support because we are an integral and inseparable part of these faith-based, nonprofit communities that stand for God’s blessings now and for eternity.

Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday is on February 14. We could start the anticipation of this holy, penitential season by thinking about our plans for prayer and penance. We could actually think about the three aspects of our existence: Body, Mind, and Spirit. What is it that the Lord is calling us to be? What are the things we could do to nourish and protect the health of our body, mind, and spirit?

Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross in Lent: Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Starting on February 16, on Fridays, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, there will be Stations of the Cross. Please do come join these spiritual devotions. If possible, catch a daily Mass during the Lenten season. It may be inconvenient, but that’s the whole point: we would do well to do some inconvenient things during Lent in order for us to reflect and pray more deeply about such things as life, love, faith, and health.

March 02, Saturday: Lenten Retreat, starts with 8:30 a.m. Mass: I’ll be preaching a half-a-day retreat with reflections on “spirituality and some practices,” a kind of Part Two to the Advent retreat I gave. Please do sign up for registration and come to 8:30 a.m. Mass on March 02, followed by some light food and three sessions of reflections and lunch.

St. Paul of the Shipwreck Event: Last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Maltese Society gathered together. In my homily, I spoke about the mission of St. Paul as central to the expansion of the early church beyond the Jewish borders to spread into the gentile world. Also, about how St. Paul who was shipwrecked on the Maltese island brought the Christian faith to the nation. After the Mass, there was a nice reception downstairs in the parish hall which was attended by about 150 people. I would like to thank the organizers of the Maltese Society, especially Jeanette Santos, Emmanuel Micallef, Emma Magarrell, and their team for the successful event.

First Reconciliation of Five Children: Last Saturday five of our Faith Formation children made their first Reconciliation. Please see the picture on the last page of the bulletin. Congratulations to the children and their families! There was a nice get together for them in the parish hall after the Reconciliation. We shall now look forward to their First Communion on Sunday, May 05 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The Word of God this Sunday: In the Gospel, there is a consoling story of the leper being healed by Jesus. The urgency with which Jesus heals this man indicates that Jesus makes haste to bring God’s blessings to us. Love is urgent for everyone, and Jesus cannot wait for us to experience wellness and wholeness. The healed man, it is said, “began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad...” In other words, he began to proclaim the good news to others immediately. We are wounded healers, healed healers. We are called, too, to be the messengers of the good news to our family, friends, and the whole world. This can be done with words, but more through our values and deeds of service and compassion to others.

Quotable Quote: “Everything you can imagine is real.” --- Pablo Picasso.

Valentine’s Day Humor: 1. Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? A. No, they had an apple! 2. How did the telephone propose to its girlfriend? He gave her a ring. 3. You are like dandruff because I just cannot get you out of my head no matter how hard I try. 4. "What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine’s Day?" "I’m stuck on you!" 5. "I thought I won the argument with my wife as to how to arrange the dining room furniture. But when I got home the tables were turned." 6. I once fell in love with someone who only knew 4 vowels. They didn’t know I existed." 7. What did the calculator say to the pencil?" "You can count on me." 8. "What did the light bulb say to the other light bulb?" "You light my world up." 9. "How can you get arrested on Valentine's Day?" "For stealing someone's heart." 10. "What did one cat say to the other cat on Valentine's Day?" "You're purr-fect for me."

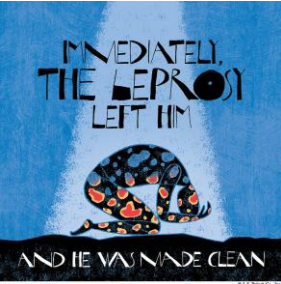
Wishing you a holy and blessed Season of Lent,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31



GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark’s Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great “secret” revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus “humbled” himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today’s healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God’s reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).
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Saturday/Sunday Collection:
February 3-4

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,684.00
Faith Formation	\$ 606.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,710.00

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

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

6:00 pm

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

4:30pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

February 12

† Lolita Madriaga

Sharon Soares (L)

February 13

† Joseph, †Tessie and † Saviour

Schembri

† Ponchito Aguiluz

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

February 15

Good Shepherd Guild Living and

Deceased Members and Families

Richard and Mary Con Padua (L)

February 16

† Herbert Fabia

† Jesse Valoria

February 17

Chris Berliner (L)

† Ray Garibaldi

† Andrew and † Mary Lou Sanchez

February 18

People of the Parish

† Lolita Madriaga

† Nieves David

Maltese Society

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
February 12-18

Monday 2-12

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday 2-13

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 2-14

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 2-15

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 2-16

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 2-17

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 2-18

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
February 11-17

Sunday 2 -11
Wednesday 2-14

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Saturday 2-17

The Seven Holy Founders of order the Servite Order

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

● Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

February 11 ~ Week two

● Parish Consultors Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th ~ 8:30 am Mass,
9:15 am meeting in Cantwell Hall.

● Ash Wednesday

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

● President's Day

Monday, February 19th, Office Closed.

● Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 2nd.

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign launched on February 3-4

Theme:

"Love your neighbor as yourself"

Matthew 22:29

Supporters

Puthota, Fr. Charles *

Barba, Gilbert & Alicia *

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McCarthy, Phil *

Micallef, Emmanuel and Carmen *

Padua, Richard and Maria *

Sanchez, Virginia *

Sifuentes, Teresa

* 1.5% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name. (\$500.00 and more)
If contributing by check directly to St. Elizabeth please make your check payable to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.



LENTEN REMINDERS AND REGULATIONS:

The following regulations are in place
for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

During Lent, every Friday the 8:30 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Abstinence : Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted.

In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.



First Reconciliation at
St. Elizabeth Church
February 3, 2024