

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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May 12, 2024 ~ The Ascension of the Lord



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
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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Fridays

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
May 12, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Ascension Sunday: Jesus was sent by the Father to become human like us and to proclaim the Kingdom and to suffer and die in order to save the human race from sin, death, and evil. This redemptive mission accomplished, Jesus now goes back to the Father. He does not leave us orphans, though. He will send us the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate next Sunday (Pentecost). He has also assured us that he will be with us always, even to the end of time. During Jesus' public ministry, he could not go to every place and every nation. Now he commissions us to go and share the good news with everyone in the world. We are the messengers. Not only are we messengers. We are witnesses. All of us who have experienced Jesus as our way, the truth, and the life, we are to go and witness to others. The witnessing will entail a burning conviction (a personal experience) of Jesus and a persuasive expression of that conviction to others. In our words and deeds, in our values and vision, we are to make Christ known to the world. This is the meaning of the feast of Ascension. This is all the more important because of the widespread secularization of the world. Jesus has passed on the baton to us. We have to carry it to others. The relay race is on. We are to do our part in taking Jesus Christ to our own family and friends, and beyond.

We are "missionary disciples." The "New Evangelization" means that we are called to evangelize our own families and friends and neighborhoods. The angels said at his Ascension: "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Until Jesus comes back to fulfill the destiny of the whole universe, which we call his Second Coming, we have a mission to accomplish as Christians. We have love to share, forgiveness to offer, mercy to show, justice to establish, and dignity to uphold. We have the hungry to feed, naked to clothe, strangers to welcome, prisoners to visit, homeless to shelter. Jesus needs us. We are his eyes and heart, his hands and feet. The message of the Ascension is for us to continue and complete the mission of Christ. Are we ready and willing?

Happy Mother's Day: An Irish proverb says: "A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest." Here's wishing all mothers a happy and blessed Mother's Day! Thank you for making life possible! Thank you for being God's most alluring and irresistible channels of tenderness and gentleness and sweetness. God bless you, Mothers, and always keep you!

First Holy Communion Last Sunday: Six of our parish children made First Holy Communion last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please see the picture in the back of the bulletin. Congratulations to the children and their families! May our Lord Jesus be always close to them and live in their hearts and minds forever! His message to them would be: "Remain in me as I remain in you."

Month of May, Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary:
The Angelus Prayer: The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary..... Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary..... And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us. Hail Mary..... Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mother's Day Humor: 1. A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots. "Carrots are good for your eyes," she says. "How do you know?" the boy asks. The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?" 2. Mother to son: I'm warning you. If you fall out of that tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me! 3. Robbie: Larry's mother had four children. Three were named North, South and West. What was her other child's name? Bobbie: East? Robbie: No. Larry. 4. "Why was the house so neat on Mother's Day? Because Mom spent all day Saturday cleaning it." 5. A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He said, 'Call for backup.' " 6. "Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?" "I don't know, ask your grandma!" 7. "When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you." 8. What did the lazy boy say to his mom on Mother's Day when she was about to do the dishes after dinner? "Relax Mom... you can just do them in the morning." 9. My Mom told me I'd never amount to anything because I procrastinate too much. I said, "Oh, yeah? Just you wait." 10. Why is Mother's Day before Father's Day? So kids can spend their Christmas money on mom.

Happy Mother's Day! Happy Easter Season! Happy Ascension Sunday! God's abundant blessings to everyone at St. Elizabeth Parish!

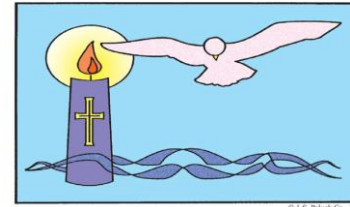
Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

The Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

— Mark 16:16



MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalms — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection: May 4 - 5

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 3,247.00
Faith Formation \$ 758.00
Over/Under \$ 995.00

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Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	May 13 † Roberto Tanquilut
Tuesday 8:30 am	May 14 Good Shepherd Guild Living and Deceased Members and Families May Devera (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 15 † Rene Lobo † Generoso Pilare Gozon
Thursday 8:30 am	May 16 Pura Lippi (L)
Friday 8:30 am	May 17 † Ronald Vannucchi
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30pm	May 18 Sifuentes Family (L) † Mary O'Sullivan † John and † Jeanne Macchello Virgilio and Florencia Cristobal (L)
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	May 19 People of the Parish Virginia Sanchez (L) † George Tolentino Maltese Society

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 5/13	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, 5/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 113:1-8, Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday, 5/15	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, 5/16	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, 5/17	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, 5/18	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, 5/19	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 5/12	The Ascension of the Lord;
	Mother's Day
Monday, 5/13	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday, 5/14	St. Matthias
Wednesday, 5/15	St. Isidore
Saturday, 5/18	St. John 1



**Thank you! Congratulations! We Reached our Goal!
2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

Anonymous	Gemignani, David *	Pasco, Elizabeth
Puthota, Fr. Charles *	Ghiglieri, Norene	Perata, Mary *
Abranches, Sandra *	Gonzalez, Philippe/Jennifer *	Pilare, Corazon *
Alano, Teresita / Adolfo *	Gotauco, Adrian *	Puccinelli, M/M Sergio
Alipio, Marietta *	Gotauco, Tessie *	Pugh, Tom /Jackie *
Alviar, Feliciano / Annabelle *	Grima, John /Carmen	Quiton, Aurora *
Arnold, Sharon *	Guardado, Mary/Jose *	Resurreccion, Lourdes *
Aung, Maureen	Gughemetti, M/M Al	Reyes, Nestor / Rosalie
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Borg, Ron *	Kern, Scott / Rowena *	Sammut, Tony/Mary
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Galimba, Rodrigo / Rachel *		
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* 1.5% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name. (\$500.00 and more)
Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00** ~ Amount collected to date: **\$41,690.00**



Congratulations to the Faith Formation students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5th.

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, Vigil (May 18th) 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 19th

Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

●Memorial Day

Monday, May 27th

Holiday: office closed.

Pray for our Dear Departed



Eva Perata

Phyllis O'Malley

Valentin "Hal" Guzman Mangonon

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