

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**June 2, 2024 ~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**



## **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 Fridays**

### **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.



## From the Pastor's Desktop

A Message from Father Charles Puthota  
June 2, 2024

### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Corpus Christi:** This Sunday is the Feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Keep in mind, it's not called the Feast of the Soul of Christ or the Spirit of Christ. It's the Body and Blood of Christ. It's the feast of the flesh and blood of Christ. We are intimately connected with the flesh and blood of Christ. Through the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus took on our human nature, our flesh and blood. In the Eucharist, he gives us his flesh and blood. That's how close we are to him. In the Eucharist, he enters our flesh and blood, and we enter his flesh and blood. We---Jesus and us---become inseparable. As Paul says, "It's no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me." When we share the Eucharist, we become intimate with Christ and with one another. When we become one with others in the Eucharist, the social and communitarian implications for what we can do for one another are crystal clear. We will love, respect, and care for one another. We'll rearrange our relationships; we'll ensure that no one goes without food, clothing, shelter, justice, dignity, peace, and prosperity, not just in our neighborhood, but all over the world.

In John's gospel, chapter 6 is devoted to the theme of Jesus being the bread of life. We might want to go to that chapter and do a "lectio divina," prayerfully reflecting on the multiplication of loaves and Jesus' long discourse. Even as bread is essential for the survival of body, Jesus is essential for our life. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus is the Bread for the world as well. We can do that by sharing our blessings with others. As Julius Nyerere, the late President of Tanzania and an ardent Catholic, said: "It's not that we do not have enough for everyone; it's that we do not have people who share." Ultimately, as Jesus shares his own life with others in the Eucharist, we are called to share our lives, all that we are and do, with others. Eucharist is also Thanksgiving; it's the memory of Jesus; it's the source of eternal life; it's the sign of the unity of the human family; it's what transforms us into the Body of Christ, the community of believers. If the Eucharist is all this multi-dimensional reality and mystery, with what kind of reverence and anticipation should we be approaching it, knowing that in the Eucharist there's the assurance of our being united irrevocably with Christ and with all others?

**Eucharist: From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:** What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church? It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life

and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life. What are the names for this sacrament? The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different names which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and Holy Communion.

**Friday, June 7: Feast of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;**  
**Saturday, June 8: Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** We come to the hearts of Jesus and Mary, filled with sacrificial and redemptive love for us, inviting our hearts to be on fire for God's love and love of neighbor.

**Quotes on the Eucharist:** 1. "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." - St. Maximilian Kolbe. 2. "How I loved the feasts!... I especially loved the processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God!... I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred Monstrance..." - from St. Therese's Autobiography: Story of A Soul. 3. We cannot separate our lives from the Eucharist; the moment we do, something breaks. People ask, "Where do the sisters get the joy and energy to do what they are doing?" The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, "Come to Me." He is hungry for souls. Nowhere does the Gospel say: "Go away," but always "Come to Me. -- Mother Theresa.

**Humor:** 1. A pastor always used the phrase, "It might be worse," when some calamity would come his way. One day a friend said to him, "I've something to tell you, and you won't be able to use your favorite phrase. I dreamt last night that I died and went to hell." "It might be worse," said the preacher. The friend came unglued: "Man alive, how could it be worse?" To which the pastor replied: "It might be true." 2. A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a babysitter."

Wishing you and your families God's continued blessings every day, every moment of your lives,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 2, 2024

The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
— Psalm 116:13



#### PRECIOUS BLOOD

On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

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#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

**Psalm** — I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

**Gospel** — This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

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#### Saturday/Sunday Collection: May 25 -26

**Weekly Need:** \$ 5,000.00  
**First Collection** \$ 1,624.00  
**Over/Under** \$ 3,376.00

**Missionary Cooperation** \$ 1,385.00

**If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you 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

**June 3**

Belma Enriquez (L)  
† Filomena and Emanuel Scerri  
† Helen Natividad

**Tuesday**  
8:30 am

**June 4**

Kathleen Galang (L)  
Good Shepherd Guild Living and Deceased member & families

**Wednesday**  
8:30 am

**June 5**

† Paul Gemignani  
† Oscar Mallari

**Thursday**  
8:30 am

**June 6**

† Renee Lobo  
† Cornelio and † Jovita Alipio

**Friday**  
8:30 am

**June 7**

† Manuel Martinez  
† Pablo Gomez

**Saturday**  
8:30 am  
4:30 pm

**June 8**

† Apolonia Lampa  
† Vitorio Rossi

**Sunday**  
8:30 am  
10:30 am

**June 9**

People of the Parish  
† Ronald Vannucchi  
† Daniel Guerrero

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6/3 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16;  
Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday, 6/4 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10,  
14, 16; Mk 12:13-17  
Wed., 6/5 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;  
Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday, 6/6 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Mk 12:28b-34  
Friday, 6/7 Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6;  
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37  
Sat., 6/8 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71, Lk 2:41-51  
Sunday, 6/9 Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8;  
2 Cor 4:13 — 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 6/2 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Monday, 6/3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions  
Wed., 6/5 St. Boniface  
Thursday, 6/6 St. Norbert, Bishop  
Friday, 6/7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Sat., 6/8 The Immaculate Heart BVM

**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
Bansuelo, Luz	Hendricks, M/M Michael	Rivera, Rodolfo / Maria
Barba, Gilbert / Alicia *	Holmes, Gregory / Clara *	Romias, Editha
Barbieri, M/M Mark *	Imbellino, Bob *	Rossi, Elisabetta *
Bensi, M/M Mark	John, Richard *	Ruiz, Efrain*
Borg, Ron *	Kern, Scott / Rowena *	Ruiz-Mendez, Ines *
Brady, Peter / Dolores *	Lampa, Lourdes	Sammut, Tony/Mary
Bugante, M/M Rolando	Landstorfer, Franz / Patricia	San Diego, M/M Gavin *
Canlas, M/M Benito	Landstorfer, John *	San Pedro, Contessa
Cantu, M/M Peter *	Loza, Fernando / Natalie	Sanchez, Virginia *
Chang, Mario / Patricia	Madriaga, Ignacio *	Sifuentes, Teresa *
Cagalingan, Prudencio/Carol *	Mambretti, Diana	Sisters of the Good Shepherd *
Casazza, Anna	Manalo, M/M Gildo	Soares, Sharon *
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de los Reyes, Herminia *	Micallef, Emmanuel /Carmen *	Tanquilut, M/M Jose
Del Rosario, Adelaide	Moretto, Ilia *	Thierry, Annie
DeVera, May / Vito *	Munoz, M/M Ricardo	Tolentino, Ledivinia *
De Vera Acosta M/M Neri	Nacor, Eriberto	Trinidad, Gloria *
Falzon, Mary	Ngo, M/M Hung	Valledor, Julie
Farrugia, Charles	O'Sullivan, Claire / James *	Velasco, Pauline
Feliciana, Lester / Jean	Orton, Thomas / Carmen *	Vinluan, Tessie *
Ferguson, Donna	Ouano, Carmelita	Visperas, Nona
Frediani, Donald *	Padua, Richard /Maria *	Walsh, Michael *
Gagliardo, Grace	Pascual, Florante *	Welsh, Dolores *
Galea, Nazareno/Leona	Perez, M/M Cipriano *	Zarich, Ennio / Marianne
Galimba, Rodrigo / Rachel *		
Galiza, M/M Herminio		

\* 1.5% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name. (\$500.00 and more)  
Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00** ~ Amount collected to date: **\$42,539.00**



We congratulate Elias Soler De Leon, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth**

**●Father Charles Birthday**

Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

**●Father's Day**

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

**●AAA 1.5% Donor Thank you luncheon**

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> More information to follow.

**Pray for our Dear Departed**



Robert Salas

*“Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . .”*