

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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June 9, 2024 ~ Tenth 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
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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
June 9, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

A Spiritual Reflection

I ASKED FOR BUT.....

I asked for health, that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy; I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of people; I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. I got nothing I asked for, but everything I hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all people most richly blessed. Author Unknown

Reflection: Desire is a fire. We seek things and go after them. Dreaming of these, we move heaven and earth to acquire them. We pray for them and wish that these desires would become a reality. When we do not get them, we may get angry, disappointed, frustrated, and depressed. Sometimes we might not even know what to ask for. We end up asking for the wrong things, things that do not necessarily lead to our happiness and fulfillment. We cling to people and things so passionately that we are unable to bring a balanced perspective (translation: common sense!) to life. Passion and desire, our cravings and clingings, our attachments and obsessions, blind us to the fundamental things that can pave the way for peace and harmony. Consequently, there is a possibility that we are not free in our inner selves. We are bound and chained and fettered and enslaved --- with the result that we are unable to make free choices that God wants us to make. We may profess to be free in a free country, but we may be shackled -- in the spiritual sense.

We look upon Jesus and realize that he is a supremely free person because his desires are not geared toward what he wants to do, but rather what his Father wants him to do. As St. Paul says, Jesus did not cling to his position with God, but emptied himself and became obedient to God until death, death on the cross (Phil. 2:6-8). He did not cling to people and things in a way that hindered his happiness, which was to do his Father's will. Even when he struggled with temptation in the desert, at

Gethsemane, and other occasions, he did not yield to it but rather surrendered to his Father's plan: "Not mine but your will be done." He taught that those bound in blind attachments would find it very hard to enter the realm of God ("It would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God"). He preached simplicity and poverty ("Blessed are the poor" in Luke; "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in Matthew) as well as practiced them. "Foxes have their holes, birds their nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Jesus is our supreme model in the way we relate to one another and in our use of the material things. He is the Way.

Jesus has shown us that the ways of God are different from ours. Jesus, the Son of God, the King of the universe, was born in obscurity and died a humiliating death. Yet God exalted him above everything. We tend to put our trust in wealth, position, power, glamor, prosperity, praise, and the like, but God calls us to a different set of values. Hence St. Paul's eloquent words: "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God" (I Cor 1:27-30). Paul again exhorts us about inner, spiritual freedom: "For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery" (Gal 5:1).

Action: Become deeply aware of your attachments. As you search and thirst for the things of this world, place these thirsts as part of the greatest thirst you have for God. See in each of your quests the Quest you have for God. Since nothing in the world can satisfy you entirely, let the small thirsts lead you to the great thirst for God. By thus connecting these two different thirsts, your longing for success and prosperity would find its direction and guidance from God and take you to Him. Whatever leads you to God is to be discerned and embraced; whatever does not lead you to God is to be questioned and avoided. "Our hearts are made for You, O God, and they will not rest until they rest in You" (St. Augustine).

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

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June 9, 2024

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
—Psalm 130:1



PROMISES

Today's liturgy is full of promises. The reading from Genesis promises a final triumph over the power of sin and a return to a new creation. The reading from Second Corinthians promises that all who follow Christ will have to struggle. It also promises, however, that we can persevere if we but recognize that Christ is within us, renewing us daily, and giving us the courage and the strength we need to endure. The Gospel promises that doing God's will makes us "family" with Jesus, who forgives all sin and triumphs over evil.

Today might be a good day for us to make some promises as well. We can promise to stop kidding ourselves about our own tendencies to selfishness and sin. We can promise ourselves to believe—really believe—that while we are not sinless, we are forgiven. We can promise ourselves to combat evil and sin by acting as sisters and brothers not only to the Lord, but to one another as well.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — After Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit, the LORD God puts enmity between the serpent and the woman (Genesis 3:9-15).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — We have an eternal dwelling from God, not made with hands (2 Corinthians 4:13 — 5:1).

Gospel — "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:20-35).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection

June 1 - 2

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,312.00
Faith Formation \$ 688.50
Over/Under \$ 1,999.50

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Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday

8:30 am

June 10

† Caterina Cerruti

† Eva Perata

† Manolito Amorado

Tuesday

8:30 am

June 11

Father Charles Puthota (L)

Wednesday

8:30 am

June 12

† Adolph Vannucchi

Thursday

8:30 am

June 13

Mary Nhi Truong Family (L)

Friday

8:30 am

June 14

† Frances and † Anna Cairns

Saturday

8:30 am

June 15

Mary Nhi Truong Family (L)

4:30 pm

† Helen Guintu

Sunday

8:30 am

June 16

People of the Parish

Father's Day

Father's Day

Maltese Society

10:30 am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6/10

1 Kgs 17:1-6, Ps 121:1b-8, Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, 6/11

580 Acts 11:21b-26, Ps 98:1-6 360: Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday, 6/12

1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, 6/13

1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

Friday, 6/14

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday, 6/15

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday, 6/16

Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 6/9

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, 6/11

St. Barnabas

Thursday, 6/13

St. Anthony of Padua

Saturday, 6/15

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Anonymous	Gemignani, David *	Pasco, Elizabeth
Puthota, Fr. Charles *	Galiza, M/M Herminio	Perata, Mary *
Abranches, Sandra *	Ghiglieri, Norene	Pilare, Corazon *
Alano, Teresita / Adolfo *	Gonzalez, Philippe/Jennifer *	Puccinelli, M/M Sergio
Alipio, Marietta *	Gotauco, Adrian *	Pugh, Tom /Jackie *
Alviar, Feliciano / Annabelle *	Gotauco, Tessie *	Quiton, Aurora *
Arnold, Sharon *	Grima, John /Carmen	Resurreccion, Lourdes *
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Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00** ~ Amount collected to date: **\$43,193.00**

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN**

Registration is being accepted for the
2024-2025
Faith Formation Program

Registration forms may be requested
by calling Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-
4903 or email: sophielady7@aol.com.
Forms can also be picked up at the
Rectory office or at the Church.
Registration Fees are \$50.00 per child.

Classes Begin September 7th.

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●Father Charles Birthday

Tuesday, June 11th

●Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

●Office Closed

Wednesday June 19th

Juneteenth Holiday

●AAA 1.5% Donor

Thank you Luncheon

Sunday, August 4th More information
to follow.

●Maltese Champagne Bingo

Sunday, August 25th Save the Date!
More information to follow.

