

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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June 16, 2024 ~ Eleventh 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 16, 2024

this flock at St. Elizabeth parish. You help make my ministry at St. Elizabeth joyful, fruitful, and hope-filled. Thank you!

Word of God this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time--- The Kingdom of God: As you know, Jesus is a fantastic storyteller. In today's gospel, he tells two stories --- parables -- - about the Kingdom of God. The first one is that the Kingdom of God is like a seed sown in the ground. The seed has its own inner dynamism to germinate, grow to become a plant, and reach the stage of harvest. It can be externally aided through water, manure, etc., but no one can interfere with the seed's inner instinct for life and fruitfulness. Have you heard the statement, for example, that no one can make you happy or unhappy? Happiness is an inside job! It's something within us. It's we who have to make the option for happiness and no one can actually help, except in a very external sense. This would apply to love, service, forgiveness, generosity, humility, kindness, etc. No one else can live your or my life. We have the God-given inner grace and strength. We have to take responsibility for our own life and live it in a fruitful and faithful way.

The second parable is about how the Kingdom could start out like the smallest mustard seed but grow to be a large mustard plant. The Kingdom of God keeps growing and developing quietly and steadily and will come to its fruition. Small things matter. Small gestures of love and caring are vital. It's like John the Baptist making that little movement in his mother's womb toward Christ. Just a little dance! We cannot do everything, but we can do something. We cannot all do extraordinary things, but we can do ordinary things in extraordinary ways. We cannot all do big things, but we can do small things in a big way. We can put love and joy into the little ordinary things of daily life. We can put our heart and soul into things. It's what St. Therese of Lisieux would call "the little way." It's doing all the little things with great love and faith. Each of us may be just like a little flower, but we can still give glory to God because God's gaze falls on the little flowers as well.

Father's Day Jokes: 1. Dad: You'll never amount to anything because you procrastinate. Son: Oh yeah? Just you wait! 2. "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his father replied. After dinner the father inquired, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone." 3. Science teacher: When is the boiling point reached? Science student: When my father sees my report card!

Happy Father's Day!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Father's Day: It is a day of gratitude and love. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers! For some of us, our fathers are with us and what a blessing it is for us to love and cherish them --- and take care of them! For some others, our fathers are gone to their eternal reward. My father Isaac returned to God end of December in 2017. Time flies so fast. I'm still grieving, and I know you who have lost your fathers, no matter how long ago, still grieve and miss them. We celebrate our fathers and shall always cherish them when we still have them with us and keep their sacred memory when they are gone. In all our fathers, we cannot but see God Himself. Isn't it beautiful that God himself is our Father? Jesus called God his Abba (Father) and taught us to pray to "our Father" and relate to Him as His children. Our Father loves us with an everlasting love and unconditionally. He makes the rain fall on the good and the bad and lets the sun shine on the good and the bad. Such is his abiding and awesome love. Because we are all the children of the one Father, we become intimately connected with one another as sisters and brothers. How could we then not take care of one another in our need? How could we let anyone in this human family be deprived of basic needs and necessities? Let us make sure that the Father's blessings flow to the whole of human family abundantly and ceaselessly, especially to all the fathers on this fitting day when we honor them.

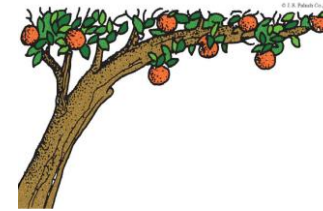
A Father's Day Prayer: Lord, I am grateful for all the sacrifices my Dad has made for me throughout my life. Thank You for his unwavering love and support, even when it wasn't easy. May he know the depth of my appreciation for everything he's done. Keep him always in your love and care. Amen.

Father's Day Quotes: "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection." -- Sigmund Freud. "Every son quotes his father, in words and in deeds." -- Terri Guillemets. "A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father." -- Gabriel Garcia Marquez. "It is a wise father that knows his own child." -- William Shakespeare. "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." -- George Herbert. "The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get." -- Tim Russert. "A father doesn't tell you that he loves you. He shows you." -- Dimitri the Stoneheart.

Thank you: Around my 68th birthday on June 11, I was so privileged to receive much encouragement, prayers, affirmation, support, cards of wishes, and gifts from many of you. You have been so kind and thoughtful. I am deeply grateful and honored to have your friendship and collaboration. It's a privilege to be called to be the shepherd of

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 16, 2024

They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.
—Psalm 92:14



THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today's Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to something else. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God's essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners. In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God's kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master's hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Gospel — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:35-41)

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Saturday/Sunday Collection June 15 - 16

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,799.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 604.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,597.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without a parishioner envelope, 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 17 † Marietta B. Nacor † Krista Budesa
Tuesday 8:30 am	June 18 † Eva Perata
Wednesday 8:30 am	June 19 † Renzo Fontana
Thursday 8:30 am	June 20 † Ligaya Gementera
Friday 8:30 am	June 21 † Maria Tina Fontana
Saturday 8:30 am	June 22 † Steve Loveseth † Josie De Vera
4:30 pm	† Eva Perata
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	June 23 People of the Parish † Aurora T. Mallari Italian Catholic Federation

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6/17	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday, 6/18	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
Wed., 6/19	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20- 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, 6/20	Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday, 6/21	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday, 6/22	2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday, 6/23	Jb 38:1, 8-11, Ps 107: 23-26 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 6/16	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day
Wednesday, 6/19	St. Romuald
Friday, 6/21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Saturday, 6/22	St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More



**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 *
Aung, Maureen	Guardado, Mary/Jose *	Reyes, Nestor / Rosalie
Bansuelo, Luz	Gughemetti, M/M Al	Rivera, Rodolfo / Maria
Barba, Gilbert / Alicia *	Hendricks, M/M Michael	Romias, Editha
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Borg, Ron *	John, Richard *	Ruiz-Mendez, Ines *
Brady, Peter / Dolores *	Kern, Scott / Rowena *	Sammut, Tony/Mary
Bugante, M/M Rolando	Lampa, Lourdes	San Diego, M/M Gavin *
Canlas, M/M Benito	Landstorfer, Franz / Patricia	San Pedro, Contessa
Cantu, M/M Peter *	Landstorfer, John *	Sanchez, Virginia *
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Dominguez, Blanca	Nacor, Eriberto	Valledor, Julie
Falzon, Mary	Ngo, M/M Hung	Velasco, Pauline
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Galimba, Rodrigo / Rachel *		

* 1.5% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name. (\$500.00 and more)
Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00** ~ Amount collected to date: **\$43,193.00**

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
IS OPEN FOR 2024-2025**

Registration forms may be requested by calling Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903 email: sophielady7@aol.com. Forms can also be picked up at the parish office or at the Church.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per child.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

We need teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. If you enjoy working with children and have a general knowledge of the Catholic religion, we would love to have you be part of the Faith Formation program. If interested, please contact Laurrie Digneo.

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●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.

Pray for our Dear Departed



Renzo Fontana
Maria Tina Fontana

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