

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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June 23, 2024 ~ Twelfth 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 23, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Word of God: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Let's give thanks to God: The refrain from our responsorial psalm this Sunday is: "Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting." How various and abundant are God's blessings! His most amazing blessing is love. It's everlasting and eternal. His love is absolute, radical, and unconditional. His love is constant and abundant. So let's give thanks to God. In giving thanks, we acknowledge God as God and ourselves as creatures dependent on God. In giving thanks, we learn not to take God's blessings for granted. In giving thanks, we grow in sharing his blessings with others generously. In giving thanks, we become positive and upbeat and cease to be sullen, cynical, and discontented. So let's give thanks with all our hearts and minds. As in the first reading from Job, he is the one who has created everything and set their boundaries powerfully and providentially. In the second reading from Second Corinthians, we read that the love of Christ impels us. It's God's awesome love revealed in Jesus' love that led him to sacrifice himself. In our thanksgiving, let's be impelled by the love of Christ to be good and kind. Let the old things pass away. Behold, new things have come. We are a new creation in Christ. In the gospel from Mark, Jesus calms our storms and winds so that we could feel the assurance of his presence with us always, even to the end of time, no matter how insurmountable our troubles may seem. So let's give thanks to God in Christ who loves and graces us with blessings awesome and unimaginable.

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24): John the Baptist's birth is celebrated on June 24 and his Martyrdom commemorated on August 29. Blessed Virgin Mary is the only other saint whose birth (September 8) and her Assumption (August 15) are both celebrated. The date of June 24 is chosen to be exactly six months before Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Jesus himself paid the greatest tribute to John the Baptist: "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there is none greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11). Even when he was in his mother Elizabeth's womb, he leaped for joy at the presence of Jesus still in his mother Mary's womb. Thus, he represents the whole human race making the movement, the journey, the leaping, the dancing, toward Jesus throughout history. He baptized Jesus in the midst of the Trinitarian revelation. Last of the prophets of Israel, he was the first to testify to Jesus, as he prepared the way for him and pointed him out when he came, saying "Behold the lamb of God." He gave his life in witness to truth. May we too, like John the Baptist, have the wisdom to prepare the way for Jesus in our times and circumstances, point him out to one another, and stand up truth, peace, and justice.

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29): At St. Peter's Square, huge statues of these two giants of saints are looking over the millions of visiting pilgrims who come from around the world. Peter who was given the keys of the Kingdom and Paul the mission to be the apostle to the gentiles. Peter's mission as the first pope and shepherd and Paul's ministry in propagating the risen Christ outside the borders of the Jewish lands have become the models of the Church, which is to preserve the mission and the tradition of the Church and to push constantly the frontiers of missionary activity. Peter denied Jesus three times and the tiple profession of his love for Jesus was all that Jesus asked for. Paul persecuted Jesus and his followers but he was to be transformed into the greatest promoter of Jesus and his Church. Both the saints gave their lives for Christ in witness to the fullness of life we are all called to embrace.

Poetic Quotes: "Hope is the thing with feathers, That perches in the soul, And sings the tune without the words, And never stops at all."---Emily Dickinson. "The caged bird sings / with a fearful trill / of things unknown / but longed for still /and his tune is heard / on the distant hill / for the caged bird / sings of freedom."---Maya Angelou. "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - / I took the one less traveled by, / And that has made all the difference." ---Robert Frost. "I love thee with the breath, smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death."---Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Humor: Top Ten Reasons Eve Was Created: 10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions. 9. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote. 8. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him. 7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor, dentist or haircut appointment for himself. 6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb. 5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing. 4. As the Keeper of the Garden, since he didn't have metal sheds or greenhouses, Adam would never remember where he left his tools. 3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden. 2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!" And the #1 reason why God created Eve: 1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that!"

Wishing you a summer season filled with joy, gratitude, and faith,

Your Friend and Pastor, Father Charles Puthota

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 23, 2024

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever! ---Psalm 107:1



TRUSTING IN GOD'S POWER

The readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B show us God's power and our need to trust Him. In the first reading, God reminds Job of His control over the sea. He set boundaries for the waters and commands the waves. This shows God's authority over creation. Even the mighty sea, which can be so powerful and frightening, obeys God's commands. We can trust that God is in control of everything in our lives too. In the Gospel, we see Jesus calming the storm. The disciples are afraid, but Jesus shows His power over the wind and sea. He asks them why they are afraid and questions their faith.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - [Job 38:1, 8-11](#): The Lord tells Job how He set boundaries for the sea, controlling its limits and waves. Responsorial Psalm - [Psalm 107](#): God shows his power and love by calming the storm and bringing sailors to safety. We should praise him for his kindness and wonders. Second Reading - [2 Corinthians 5:14-17](#): Christ's love leads us to live for him, not for ourselves. In Christ, we become a new creation, leaving the old behind. Gospel - [Mark 4:35-41](#): Jesus calms a storm after his disciples wake him in fear. He questions their faith, and they are amazed that even the wind and sea obey him. (Young Catholics---Catholic Resources)

Saturday/Sunday Collection June 15 - 16

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,414.00
Church Environment \$ 606.00
Over/Under \$ 1,980.00
If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system.

Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased - (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	June 24 † Joseph, † Tessie and † Saviour Schembri
Tuesday 8:30 am	June 25 † Joe Sapiano Luz Colorina (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	June 26 Mary Nhi Truong and Family (L) † Regino Hernandez and † Thomas Hernandez
Thursday 8:30 am	June 27 † Angelita Castillo Jesus Castillo (L)
Friday 8:30 am	June 28 † Tony and † Josie Sorich
Saturday 8:30 am	June 29 † Angelita Castillo Jesus Castillo (L)
4:30 pm	† Eva Perata Lily Cabaccang (L)
Sunday 8:30 am	June 30 People of the Parish
10:30 am	† Eva Perata Lusiana Padilla (L)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6/24	Is 49:1-6, Ps 139:1-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80
Tuesday, 6/25	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed., 6/26	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday, 6/27	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday, 6/28	375:2 Kgs 25:1-2, Ps 137:1-6, Mt 8:1-4
Saturday, 6/29	591: Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-9, 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18, Mt 16:13-19
Sunday, 6/30	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 6/23	The 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 6/24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Thursday 6/27	St. Cyril of Alexandria
Friday, 6/28	St. Irenaeus
Saturday, 6/29	Ss. Peter and Paul

**Greece & Medjugorje Pilgrimage
In the Footsteps of St. Paul with Greek Isles
Cruise!**

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**
October 4 – 18, 2024



**Thessaloniki · Phillippi · Kavala · Kalambaka ·
Delphi · Corinth · Athens · Kusadasi· Ephesus (M
ary's House) · Patmos · Santorini · Medjugorje**

For eleven days you will follow the footsteps of St. Paul and experience beautiful sites throughout Greece. Visit Philippi where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first Church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens where he spoke to the Athenians, Corinth and the site of St. Paul's trials by Gallio, and more! You will even visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption according to Catholic Doctrine. A popular Pilgrimage site, this Shrine has even received several papal visits and blessings. On your 3-day cruise you will discover the captivating and beautiful Greek Islands like Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini.

**For more information and pricing please
contact:**

Jon at 206 Tours at 1-800-206-8687.



We congratulate Sasha Addo, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on June 15, 2024. Sasha is pictured with her parents, Richard and Tonya Addo and her godparents, Prince Addo and Marie Delice-Sheppard.

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

Registration forms may be requested by
calling

Laurie 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 Laurie Digneo.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margin of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●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.

●Independence Day

Thursday, July 4th parish office is closed.