

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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June 30, 2024 ~ Thirteenth 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 30, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Independence Day: French Aristocrat, diplomat, and historian, Alexis de Tocqueville, who travelled in America in the early 1831 said: "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. ... America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement." The goodness of America is a shining light to the whole world. As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day on Fourth of July and enjoy the weekend with barbecues, parades, and parties, I recall the day some years ago when I took the oath to become a citizen of this country. I was filled with happiness and pride. My friend, Nita Ricotta, accompanied me to this ceremony held in a theater in Oakland. The place was filled with a few thousand people. I discovered how these people from over 100 different countries were all excited and eager to become American citizens. There was a great sense of elation and jubilation in everyone. Before the oath was administered, people in the hall were asked to stand country by country and introduced to everyone else. People exhibited great pride in belonging to those different countries. But they were at the same time eager and excited to become the citizens of this nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave. When the oath was administered, all these people from different corners of the world were merged into the heart and soul of this nation. The joy of these new citizens was deep and intense. They were waving the American flags boisterously; many were shedding tears. It was a sight to behold. It was a powerful demonstration of what this nation stands for: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

There is something beautiful and powerful that this nation has to offer to people all over the world. What is it that makes this nation so attractive to other nations? What is this thing that we call the "American Dream"? Obviously, it's just not the material things. This country offers everyone possibilities and opportunities to strive, progress, and excel. This Independence Day, we could all resolve---natives and the naturalized citizens--- not to take the blessings of this nation for granted. Let's join the 341.8 million others in the U.S. as we sing and pray: "America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!... America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!... America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine!"

Quotes on America: "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand" --- Harry S. Truman. "Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists" -- - Franklin D. Roosevelt. "From every mountain side, let freedom ring" --- Samuel F. Smith. "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in" --- Theodore Roosevelt

Word of God: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The gospel is a "sandwich" account of two healings. The first one about Jairus' daughter is interrupted by the woman afflicted with hemorrhages. Jesus gives healing and new life. God's power goes out of Jesus to bring about the healing and restoration of life. God in Jesus Christ wants us to have health, happiness, long life, and eternal life. The first reading from Wisdom extols that "God formed man to be imperishable, the image of his own nature he made him." Through sin and evil we have been affected badly, but God always is willing to restore us to our fullness of glory. It is his will that we reflect the image and likeness of God our Father.

Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, Wednesday July 3: The so-called "doubting Thomas" was also the one who made one of the greatest statements of faith when he surrendered to Jesus, proclaiming him "my Lord and my God." I owe my personal faith to St. Thomas who is believed to have travelled all the way to India to preach the good news and to give his life as witness to Christ. Thomas was a person full of courage. When Jesus suggested that they go to Bethany, after Lazarus' death, a move that would have trapped him into the den of his enemies, Thomas said "Let's also go to die with him." (Jn 11:16b). When Thomas asks Jesus, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" it elicits a memorable definition of Jesus' identity: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:5-6). Thomas represents the modern person of science seeking proofs and empirical evidence. The reason he demanded it was that he may have been hurt and let down by the death of Jesus, something that was too hard for him to accept. He may not have been willing to accept the news of the resurrection easily so as not to be taken for a ride. But all that changed when Jesus played along with his need for him to put his finger and hand into the wounds of Jesus. By Jesus' wounds, Thomas was healed. In the sufferings of Jesus, ongoing in the world of today, we might quite possibly recognize Jesus and come to faith in him. May the feast of St. Thomas inspire us to be able to bear witness to Christ with courage and generosity.

Humor: 1. After a morning worship service, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told her Pastor how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you won't be quiet, the Pastor is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!" It worked. 2. During a state visit to Great Britain, President Ronald Reagan went horseback riding with Queen Elizabeth. At one point, one of the horses passed gas quite loudly. The queen apologized, saying, "There are some things even royalty can't control." Reagan replied, "I'm glad you told me, or I would have thought it was the horse."

Happy Independence Day!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 30, 2024

You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.
— *Psalm 30:13*



O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through earthquakes and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection

June 22 -23

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,081.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 631.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,288.00

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

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

July 1

† Renee Lobo

July 2

Mary Nhi Truong Family (L)

July 3

Richard Padua (L)

† Paul, † Theresa and

† Joe Vella

† Keith Rea

July 4

† Robert Magarrell

July 5

† Froreino Gemignani

† Stephanie D. Songco

July 6

† Angelita Castillo

Jesus Castillo (L)

† Maria Tina Fontana

† Morqucci Romano

July 7

People of the Parish

† Joseph, †Tessie

† Saviour Schembri

† Aurora T. Mallari

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 7/1	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday, 7/2	378: Am3:1-8, 4:11-12, Ps 5:4b-8, Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, 7/3	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Thursday 7/4	Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday, 7/5	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday, 7/6	Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday, 7/7	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 6/30	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday, 7/3	St. Thomas
Thursday, 7/4	Independence Day
Friday, 7/5	St. Elizabeth of Portugal; St. Anthony Zaccaria
Saturday, 7/6	St. Maria Goretti

**St. Elizabeth Church
Income/Expense
Regular Operating Income and Expenses
July 2022 - June 2023**

Income

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Surplus	\$	3,789.00
1 st Collections	\$	148,225.68
Sacramental Offerings	\$	13,680.00
2 nd Collections	\$	28,929.00
Gifts, Donations & Grants	\$	11,090.00
Rental Property Income	\$	505,276.54
Votive Candles	\$	8,258.00
Interest Income from Savings	\$	46,103.46

Total Income/Gross Profit **\$ 765,351.68**

Expenses

Employment Costs/Benefits	\$	150,774.69
Property Cost/Utilities	\$	270,899.79
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	\$	8,365.40
General and Administrative	\$	50,233.33
Insurance Premium Gen Liability	\$	85,725.00
Other Operating Expenses	\$	58,530.77
Archdiocesan Investment Tax	\$	58,135.50

Total Expenses **\$ 682,664.48**

Net Operating Income **\$ 82,687.20**

Bequeathment-estate of parishioner \$ 1,013,809.60

Total Net Income Fiscal Year 2022-2023
\$ 1,096,496.80

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

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**
October 4 – 20, 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 Phillippi 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.**

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●Independence Day

Thursday, July 4th parish office is closed

●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.



**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.