

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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July 7, 2024 ~ Fourteenth 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

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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
July 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Hope your Independence Day celebrations went well! God Bless America! May America be---and become---a blessing to the whole world! Every nation in the world looks up to America for truth, justice, peace, respect, dignity, and for the highest values of democracy! May this nation fulfill its destiny by being a light to the nations and by sharing generously its blessings with all nations, especially those in most need!

Word of God, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time--Listening to Jesus the Prophet: The gospel today is about how the prophet is rejected in his own town, by his own people. Jesus goes back to Nazareth and preaches at the synagogue. They are astonished, but at the same time, they take offense at him. That he is one of his own kith and kin prevents them from being open to the astonishing and liberating message that Jesus was sharing with them. Jesus says to them: "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." Jesus was "amazed at their lack of faith." Could we learn to open our minds and hearts to Jesus, setting aside our biases, prejudices, and preconceived notions? Is it possible that some of our beliefs about politics and economics may be in the way of our listening to Jesus with courage and openness? Is it possible that if we take Jesus seriously, we may have to change our entrenched views on some things in life? Jesus does not speak an agreeable message but a prophetic message. His message is often countercultural. Jesus challenges our cherished notions and hardened beliefs about the nation and the world, about life and love. Also, there is an invitation in the gospel that we need to listen to the prophets in our own homes, communities, parishes, and the world. Their messages may not be palatable, but God is speaking through them to renew, to reform, to rethink, and to remake ourselves and the world.

News from the Vatican: Pope Francis will take his usual July break from most of his activities, according to the Prefecture of the Papal Household. As he has for years, the Holy Father will suspend General Audiences, as well as most activities and other meetings, during July to allow for a period of rest.... However, as he has always done in the past, the Pope will continue to pray the Angelus on Sunday at noon with the faithful in St. Peter's Square.... The Pope's General Audiences will resume on Wednesday, August 7. The General Audiences in August are often held in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall due to the intense Roman heat.

The following month, the Holy Father is scheduled to make two Apostolic Journeys, the first being to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore on September 2-13, and the next being later in the month, to Belgium and Luxembourg, on September 26-29.

The Holy Father has appointed His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for the Evangelization, as his Special Envoy to the National Eucharistic Congress in the United States of America. The Congress will be celebrated in Indianapolis from 17 July to 21 July 2024.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: What does it mean in practice for a person to believe in God? It means to adhere to God himself, entrusting oneself to him and giving assent to all the truths which God has revealed because God is Truth. It means to believe in one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What are the characteristics of faith? Faith is the supernatural virtue which is *necessary* for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a *human act*, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also *certain* because it is founded on the Word of God; it *works* "through charity" (*Galatians* 5:6); and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, *even now*, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

A Story to Ponder: There was once a man who was busy building a home for himself. He wanted it to be the nicest, warmest, coziest home in the world. Someone came to him to ask for help because the world was on fire. But it was his home he was interested in, not the world. When he finally built his home, he found he did not have a planet to put it in.

Quotable Quotes: "The power of imagination makes us infinite" --- John Muir. "The best way out is always through" --- Robert Frost. "The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts." --- Bertrand Russell. "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra" --- Jimmy Johnson. "Don't count the days, make the days count" --- Muhammad Ali. "Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail" --- Charles Kettering. "The best dreams happen when you are awake" --- Cherie Gilderbloom.

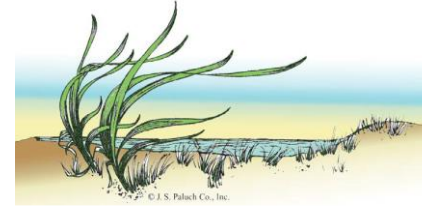
Humor: 1. Q: Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years? A: Even then men wouldn't ask for directions! 2. Doctor: "Your recovery was a miracle!" Patient: "PRAISE GOD. Now I don't have to pay you!" 3. Delivering a speech at a banquet on the night of his arrival in a large city, a visiting priest told several anecdotes he expected to repeat at meetings the next day. Because he wanted to use the jokes again, he requested the reporters to omit them from any accounts they might turn into their newspapers. A cub reporter, in commenting on the speech, ended his piece with the following: "The priest told a number of stories that cannot be published."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 2024

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9



OBSTACLES

The prophet Ezekiel, Saint Paul, and the Lord Jesus share something in common in today's scripture readings. They all experience obstacles to their ministry. Ezekiel is summoned to prophesy to the Israelites, who are "[h]ard of face and obstinate of heart" (Ezekiel 2:4). Saint Paul recounts how he has been given a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). The Lord Jesus is unable to perform many signs in his native place. The Gospel tells us that "[he] was amazed at their lack of faith" (Mark 6:6). We too sometimes encounter obstacles as we travel along the journey of faith. So often we experience weakness on this journey. Let the words of the Lord to Saint Paul encourage us today: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection June 29 - 30

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection: \$ 2,799.00
Over/Under: \$ 2,201.00

Peter's Pence: \$ 730.00

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

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Monday
8:30 am

July 8
Good Shepherd Guild Living and Deceased Members and Families
Eulalia Obusan Pagao (L)

Tuesday
8:30 am

July 9
† Angelita Castillo
Jesus Castillo (L)

Wednesday
8:30 am

July 10
† Adelina, † Antonio, † John and † Dorothy Novello
† Rodrigo Monsanto

Thursday
8:30 am

July 11
† Michelle Gemignani

Friday
8:30 am

July 12
† Filomena and † Emanuel Scerri
† Silvano and † Maria Macaspac

Saturday
8:30 am

July 13
† Angelito Castillo
Jesus Castillo (L)

4:30 pm

† Arthur Ghiglieri
† George Aquilina

Sunday
8:30 am

July 14
People of the Parish
† Jose Tanquilut Castro
† Maria Tina Fontana

10:30 am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 7/8 Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, 7/9 Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wed., 7/10 Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thurs, 7/11 Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday, 7/12 Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Sat., 7/13 Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday, 7/14 Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 7/7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 7/9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Thursday, 7/11 St. Benedict
Saturday, 7/13 St. Henry

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●AAA 1.5% Donor Thank you Luncheon

Sunday, August 4th. R.S.V.P. by July 22nd.

●Maltese Champagne Bingo

Sunday, August 25th



**St. Elizabeth Maltese Society
Champagne Bingo
Sunday, August 25, 2024
Cantwell Hall**

Doors open at 12:00 pm
Lunch served at 1:00 pm
Bingo begins at 2:00 pm

\$25.00 per person
Ticket includes Lunch (Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread, Champagne and dessert and 1 Bingo packet
R.S.V.P. by August 16th
(Reservation required,
No Day of Ticket Sales)
Jeanette Santos 415-225-5315
Mary Sammut 415-467-1686



We congratulate Joseph Blake Flores, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on June 29th, 2024.

**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 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.**

**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.

Annual registration fees are \$50.00 per child.

Pray for our Dear Departed



Sesta Tosti

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