

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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July 14, 2024 ~ Fifteenth 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
July 14, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Word of God: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the gospel from Mark, we reflect on Jesus sending his apostles out to preach the good news and to do all sorts of good deeds. They are to preach, drive out demons, and anoint people with oil to heal them. There are two things that we could treasure. One, that Jesus is calling us today. We are his apostles today. We are "summoned" by Jesus and sent out. Can we hear the call of Jesus in our current circumstances of family, work, joys, sorrows, our successes, and failures? No matter how holy or not so holy we are, Jesus still needs us. We cannot find an easy excuse by saying, "oh, I'm not at all worthy" or "I'm not at all holy," or "I'm sinful and imperfect." Jesus needs precisely these imperfect, sinful people to become his apostles. Jesus will give us the grace. It is in going out to help and share the new life of Christ that our own lives will take on a new significance and purpose. In the first reading from Amos, the prophet calls himself "a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" Amos realized he was unworthy and reluctant, yet called and graced to do God's work.

The second important insight here is that we share in Jesus' own mission and ministry. It was Jesus who went about preaching, healing, and expelling the evil powers. When he sends us out to do the same good deeds, we are collaborators in his work. We become like Jesus. We then are participating in the Father's mission of loving this world and making this world a place of goodness and love for all human beings, no matter how poor or sinful or disadvantaged. Together with Christ, in being called and sent, we shall help, heal, and transform this world. The planet earth needs healing, doesn't it? Are you ready and willing to be called and sent today?

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth? Because God himself is the author of Sacred Scripture. For this reason, it is said to be inspired and to teach without error those truths which are necessary for our salvation. The Holy Spirit inspired the human authors who wrote what he wanted to teach us. The Christian faith, however, is not a "religion of the Book", but of the Word of God - "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living" (Saint Bernard of Clairvaux). **How is Sacred Scripture to be read?** Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted with the help of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the Magisterium of the Church according to three criteria: 1) it must be read with attention to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture; 2) it must be read within the living Tradition of the Church; 3) it must be read with attention to the analogy of faith, that is, the inner harmony which exists among the truths of the faith

themselves. **What is the Canon of Scripture?** The *Canon* of Scripture is the complete list of the sacred writings which the Church has come to recognize through Apostolic Tradition. The *Canon* consists of 46 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New.

Daily Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. and Daily Morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.: Please do come join the daily prayer (Divine Office; Prayer of the Church) and Mass at our St. Elizabeth Church. For those who are still working, the daily Mass is a source of daily light and strength. If you are retired, putting the daily Mass on your daily schedule might be highly beneficial. As I have said before, attending daily Mass has many advantages spiritually, physically, psychologically, and socially. To top it all, research shows that those who attend religious services regularly live longer. So, come join! We'd love to have you!

A Story to Ponder: The old rabbi had become blind and could neither read nor look at the faces of those who came to visit him. A faith healer said to him, "Entrust yourself to my care and I will heal your blindness." "There will be no need for that," replied the rabbi. "I can see everything that I need to." *Not everyone whose eyes are closed is asleep. And not everyone with open eyes can see.*

A Poem: "I'm nobody! Who are you? / Are you nobody, too? / Then there's a pair of us - don't tell! / They'd advertise - you know! / How dreary to be somebody! / How public like a frog / To tell one's name the livelong day / To an admiring bog!" --- Emily Dickinson.

Insightful Quotes: 1. "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." - Mahatma Gandhi. 2. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars: you have a right to be here. - Max Ehrmann, American writer and poet. 3. Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.-- Maya Angelou, African-American poet and writer. 4. Zen people often talk about "accepting the moment as it is." That's okay, but what we like even better is "caring for the moment" with the same lavish tenderness you'd bestow on a new-born. - Perle Besserman and Manfred Steger in Grassroots Zen.

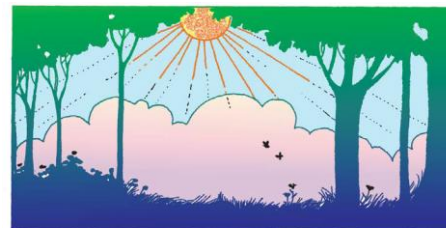
Humor about Gossip: 1. A gossip is one who talks to you about other people. A bore is one who talks to you about himself. A brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself. 2. "Did you hear the one about the little old lady from church? She doesn't repeat gossip --- so you'd better listen the first time!" 3. "Live so that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip." --- Will Rogers.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 14, 2024

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
— Psalm 85:12



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CALLED BY GOD

Today's scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the LORD to the prophet Amos, the "shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out "two by two" (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God "destined us for adoption" (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say yes to the call we hear once again through God's living word. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection July 6 - 7

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,678.00
Faith Formation	\$ 632.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,690.00

Mass Intentions

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Monday 8:30 am	July 15 † Rosita G. Gayaban Tessie Vinluan (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	July 16 † Angelita Castillo and Jesus Castillo (L) † Ermin Hernandez
Wednesday 8:30 am	July 17 Aleja Mandani (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	July 18 † Eva Perata † Jorge Moster Pilare
Friday 8:30 am	July 19 † Angelita Castillo and Jesus Castillo (L)
Saturday 8:30 am	July 20 † Giovanni Rossi † Medardo Perez † Adolph Vannucchi † Prusso Family
4:30 pm	
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	July 21 People of the Parish † Arturo and † Agnie Padilla Maltese Society

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 7/15	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 -11:1
Tuesday, 7/16	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday, 7/17	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday, 7/18	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday, 7/19	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday, 7/20	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday, 7/21	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 7/14	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 7/15	St. Bonaventure
Tuesday, 7/16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday, 7/18	St. Camillus de Lellis
Saturday, 7/20	St. Apollinaris

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

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 · Philippi · 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

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.



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.