

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**July 21, 2024 ~ Sixteenth 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  
415-468-0820 Fax 415-468-1457

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

### **Closed Fridays**

### **Parish Staff**

<b>Patti Spiteri</b>	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
<b>Sandy Mehrwein</b>	Secretary
<b>Fred Spence</b>	Maintenance
<b>Laurie Digneo</b>	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 21, 2024

**Word of God**—Come away and rest a while: In Mark's gospel, to the Apostles who are excited about their accomplishments of preaching and healing, Jesus says: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." This may be a good reminder for us about retreating from the battles of life in order to be recharged. In the midst of frenetic activities of our daily lives, we need to find time for prayer, reflection, rest, and relaxation. We need to take a distance from our work and review our activities to see if our endeavors and preoccupations enhance the quality of life for us, our family, and others. Going to Mass, listening to God's word, being part of a faith community, and reassessing our options and priorities are all part of "coming away and resting a while." This sentiment is echoed in the responsorial psalm 23 which proclaims that the "Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; besides restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul." The second reading from the letter to the Ephesians affirms that Jesus is "our peace...who came and preached peace to you who were off and peace to those who were near..." Our rest, our true peace, our needs for renewal and refreshment are all fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

**From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: What is the virtue of faith?** Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and all that he has revealed to us and that the Church proposes for our belief because God is Truth itself. By faith the human person freely commits himself to God. Therefore, the believer seeks to know and do the will of God because "faith works through charity" (Galatians 5:6). **What is hope?** Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and await from God eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit to merit it and to persevere to the end of our earthly life. **What is charity?** Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment, the fullness of the law. "It is the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14) and the foundation of the other virtues to which it gives life, inspiration, and order. Without charity "I am nothing" and "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

**Divine Office at 8:00 a.m. Every day, Monday through Saturday:** It's also called the Liturgy of the Hours. We pray this morning prayer. It's the prayer of the Church, prayed all over the world. There are 12 to 15 committed people who attend this prayer every day. If you are interested and would like to commit yourself to praying this prayer, you are most welcome to join. The prayer book (Christian Prayer) will be provided for your use.

**Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m.:** Because of the morning prayer at 8:00 a.m., our daily Mass is at 8:30 a.m. Please do come join the daily Mass. As I have said before, attending daily Mass has many advantages spiritually, physically, psychologically, and socially. What is more, research shows that those who attend religious services regularly live longer. So, come join! We'd love to have you!

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Those who are in need of these sacraments, please do let the parish office know. I promise to make the process as easy as possible, while fulfilling all the procedures and requirements the Church expects of us.

**Anointing of the Sick:** When you come to attend the weekend Masses, Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. if anyone is in frail health or getting ready for a medical procedure, please do let me know. If you would like to receive the Anointing, I'd be happy to give you the Anointing of the Sick after the weekend Masses. Also, I'm available at weekday Masses for the Anointing. Of course, I am always ready to visit the sick in their homes and give the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Confessions:** Saturday Confessions are at 4:00 p.m. before the Vigil Mass. Also, on request before the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please do not hesitate to ask for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Think About It:** "It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark" -- Howard Ruff. "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" --- Wayne Gretzky. "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn" --- Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Don't wish it were easier; wish you were better" --- Jim Rohn. "I'll go anywhere so long as it is forward" --- David Livingston. "Change your thoughts and you change your world" --- Norman Vincent Peale. "The best way to predict the future is to invent it" --- Alan Kay.

**Religious Jokes:** 1. Liquid, Fragile or Perishable? When a woman decided to send the old family Bible to her brother in another state, the postal worker asked her if there was anything breakable in the package. "Only the Ten Commandments," she replied. 2. Creation: An atheist scientist came to God and said, "We've figured out how to make a man without you." God said, "OK, let me see you do it." So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't. Get your own dirt!" 3. The Coin Toss: By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long," said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

## Sixteeth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2024

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*



### REST IN THE LORD

For several weeks we have listened to readings that have recounted just how arduous the work of prophets and disciples can be. In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus listens to the reports of those he had sent out "two by two" to minister to the people. After the apostles reported what they had done, Jesus, recognizing their fatigue, says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Perhaps this is what the Lord is telling his disciples in the year 2018 as well. We need to pause on our journey of discipleship and simply rest in the Lord. Sunday Mass provides many opportunities for quiet times, particularly during the periods of silence following the readings. Why not take the time today to allow the saving word of the Lord to penetrate your heart during those silent times? Ask the Lord to renew you in body, mind, and spirit for the arduous work of discipleship.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

**Gospel** — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

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## Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased – (L) Living

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 22</b> † Angelita Castillo and Jesus Castillo (L)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 23</b> † Anna Skropanich Val Viray Jr. (L)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 24</b> † Ivka Skropanich
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 25</b> † Nieves and † Julian Nunag
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 26</b> † Eva Perata
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 27</b> † Angelita Castillo and Jesus Castillo (L)
4:30 pm	† Renzo Fontana † Teresa and † Jim Perata
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>July 28</b> People of the Parish † Felipe Padilla † Joseph, †Tessie, and † Saviour Schembri Italian Catholic Federation



We congratulate Aidris Galiza Adewunmi, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on July 13, 2024.



## On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

### ●AAA 1.5% Donor Thank you Luncheon

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. R.S.V.P. by July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ●Maltese Champagne Bingo

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>



### **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 16<sup>th</sup>

(Reservation required,  
No Day of Ticket Sales)

Jeanette Santos 415-225-5315

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## **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**

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**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](mailto: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.