

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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August 18, 2024 ~ Twentieth 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
August 18, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Thank-You Luncheon: Sunday August 4, we had 55 people attending the thank-you luncheon at our own Cantwell Hall. People gathered after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There was a great spirit of friendship and gratitude. It was an occasion to celebrate our successful completion of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, thanks to everyone's participation, including those who donated 1.5% or more. For the fourth consecutive year we have not only reached our goal but have gone over the goal by a few thousand dollars. As you know well, all the surplus money is returned to our parish for what we need to do at the parish level. At the luncheon on August 4, I spoke to thank the generous donors for supporting the parish on a weekly basis, but also for looking beyond the parish borders to assist, through the AAA, the Archdiocese in their mission and ministry. My thanks are due to Ron Borg for saying a few inspiring words of encouragement about our AAA achievement over the past four years. I also would like to thank all those who worked to make this celebration a success, especially David Gemignani and Phil McCarthy. The office staff Sandy Mehrwein and Patti Spiteri have been diligent throughout the AAA period, processing and forwarding the donations to the Archdiocese and posting the updated names of donors in the bulletin. The raffle with gift card prizes kept everyone interested till the end. The food was delicious and enjoyable. Thank you, the AAA donors, and God bless your generosity.

My 35th Priestly Ordination Anniversary – August 19: Please see a picture on the last page from my priestly Ordination on August 19, 1989. I have now been a priest for 35 years, 13 of those as a Jesuit priest and 22 of those as a priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. I was not fortunate enough to have my mother Martha alive at my Ordination. My father Isaac went home to God in 2017. Please keep me and my family in your prayers. Service to God and His people continues. I'm deeply grateful for all your affection and inspiration, for your support and encouragement, your goodwill and friendship. The Opening Prayer in the Roman Missal for the Priestly Ordination Anniversary captures my sentiments joyfully and gratefully: "Holy Father, who, by no merit of my own, chose me for communion with the eternal priesthood of your Christ and for the ministry of your Church, grant that I may be an ardent yet gentle preacher of the Gospel and a faithful steward of your mysteries."

New Fence at Cantwell Hall Parking Lot Completed: After several months of the process of permits from the city, having crossed several hurdles and obstacles, with all our meticulous planning and organizing, we have finally realized the goal of having a fence installed for the parking lot in front of

Cantwell Hall. The purpose of this fence is to safeguard our parish property for the parking needs of parishioners when we gather for our religious and social events. It would also prevent some people from using that space for unauthorized gatherings at night. Many parishioners have expressed happiness and satisfaction at the final result and the quality of the fence. I hope and pray that we may be able to use this new secured parking lot with a solid fence around it in a way that helps us to participate in the parish services and events. The ultimate goal, of course, is for us through all our facilities to give glory to God and build up the community of believers right within our own parish setting.

Word of God, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: In the Book of Proverbs, Wisdom spreads a banquet: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; to the one who lacks understanding, Come, eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding." The invitation is to participate in God's wisdom and choose a way of life in consonance with God's will and purpose for us. Paul in Ephesians exhorts us to "watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." In the gospel, Jesus is the wisdom of God hidden for ages but now revealed to us. Jesus speaks his wisdom about offering his own body and blood as food for eternal life. Some people cannot accept this teaching and decide to leave Jesus. Jesus wonders if his apostles are also going to go away. However, Peter declares: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Do we find in Jesus our wisdom and our food? Is he truly the bread of life for us? Are we wise enough to consider life with Christ most essential and central to us?

Quotable Quotes: 1. When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for the stars. 2. No one is too old for fairytales. 3. Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? -Rumi. 4. Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody. 5. Commonsense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden. 6. It is up to you to see the beauty in everyday things. 7. Life is a journey, not a race. 8. Broken crayons still color. 9. One day or day one. You decide. 10. Appreciate good people. They are hard to come by.

Pearly Gates Humor: 1. A man walks up to the pearly gates. Saint Peter asks, "How did you get here?" The man answers, "Flu." 2. A guy ends up at the pearly gates and St Peter welcomes him by congratulating him for being the first man to live to 350 years of age. The guy is confused, I think you have got the wrong guy, I never lived that long. St Peter replies, Yeah, it's you, we worked it out from your IT contracting time sheets. 3. What the lifelong atheist said when he reached the Pearly Gates: "I'll be damned!"

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2024

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. — John 6:53



THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection August 10 - 11

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 1,898.00
Faith Formation \$ 507.00
Over/Under \$ 2,595.00

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	August 19 Father Charles Puthota (L) † George Topasna
Tuesday 8:30 am	August 20 † Tina Delfino
Wednesday 8:30 am	August 21 Marilyn and Cesar Amorado (L) Roberto San Pedro (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	August 22 Mary Con Padua (L)
Friday 8:30 am	August 23 † Franz Cristiani Mary Con Padua (L)
Saturday 8:30 am	August 24 † Froreino and † Delia Gemignani
4:30 pm	† Giuseppe and † Pierina Benedetti
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	August 25 People of the Parish † Danny Garibaldi † Liliana Skropanich Italian Catholic Federation

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 8/19	Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday, 8/20	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday 8/21	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday, 8/22	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday, 8/23	Ez 37:1-14, Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday, 8/24	Rv 21:9b-14, Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18, Jn 1:45-51
Sunday, 8/25	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 8/18	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 8/19	St. John Eudes
Tuesday, 8/20	St. Bernard
Wednesday, 8/21	St. Pius X
Thursday, 8/22	The Queenship of the BVM
Friday, 8/23	St. Rose of Lima
Saturday, 8/24	St. Bartholomew

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●Fr. Charles' 35th Ordination Anniversary

Monday, August 19th

●Maltese Champagne Bingo

Sunday, August 25th

●Labor Day

Monday, September 2nd, Office Closed

●Faith Formation

Start date September 7th

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
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35 years ago, on August 19, 1989, at my priestly Ordination ceremony, my sister-in law Vijayakumari Mallavarapu receives me with "Aarthi"-- a traditional ritual of welcome with lamps and flowers.

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 (Mary'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 Darlene C. Pimentel who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on August 10, 2024.



Congratulations to Mary Perata who celebrated her 100th Birthday! St. Elizabeth's "Over 50" hosted a birthday celebration for Mary on Thursday, August 8th, 2024.