

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**August 25, 2024 ~ Twenty First 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  
August 24, 2024

### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Word of God, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The Word of God is the last of the five consecutive Sundays on the meaning and significance of the Eucharist. We have also been reflecting again on the "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" responsorial psalm 34. In the second reading, Paul sets up the intimate relationship between husbands and wives as the metaphor for the inseparable and everlasting relationship between Jesus and the Church. Jesus' flesh and blood references in the eucharistic discourse in John 6 lead us to the mystery of Jesus remaining in us and we in him. Jesus and we cling to each other. The Church is the mystery where that clinging and remaining and abiding takes place constantly and continuously between Jesus and us. Many are unable to enter this life of union with Jesus in the Eucharist. They choose to return to "their former way of life" and they decide not to accompany Jesus any longer. Jesus wonders if the apostles also are leaving, but Peter in his inimitable style and spirit speaks out: "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." Peter's declaration is similar to his at Caesarea Philippi when he answers Jesus question, "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus' words of eternal life, inviting us to feed on him in the Eucharist to have abundant life are reverberating in our hearts and minds. Let's not return to our "former way of life," but stay with Jesus and walk with him in the new life that he offers us. We are a new creation in Jesus. With him we are called to belong to a "new heaven and a new earth."

**From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):** What is the Good News for humanity? It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the "Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), who died and rose from the dead. In the time of King Herod and the Emperor Caesar Augustus, God fulfilled the promises that he made to Abraham and his descendants. He sent "his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). How is the Good News spread? From the very beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead all to faith in him. Even today, from the loving knowledge of Christ there springs up in the believer the desire to evangelize and catechize, that is, to reveal in the Person of Christ the entire design of God and to put humanity in communion with him. "And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord." What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"? Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name "Jesus" means "God saves". The name expresses his identity and his mission "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that "there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved" (Acts 4:12).

**Inspirational Quotes on Education:** "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."--- Nelson Mandela. "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."--- Martin Luther King, Jr. "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."---John Dewey. "My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy; that some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors."---Maya Angelou.

**The Angelus Prayer:** The Angelus, a prayer with roots back to the 13th century, is a Marian devotion that is traditionally recited three times a day, usually at 9, noon, and 6. Each recitation includes three Hail Marys with antiphons and responses in between each.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary . . .  
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done to me according to thy word. Hail Mary. . .  
V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary. . .  
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**A Story to Think About:** A guru (holy man) asked his disciples how they could tell when the night had ended and the day begun. One said, "When you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a cow or a horse "No." said the guru. "When you look at a tree in the distance and can tell if it is a neem tree or a mango tree." "Wrong again." said the guru. "Well then, what is it?" asked the disciples. "When you look into the face of any man and recognize your brother in him; when you look into the face of any woman and recognize in her your sister. If you cannot do this, no matter what time it is by the sun it is still night."

**School Jokes:** Best wishes to and blessings on all school children who have begun a whole new school year. Here's some school humor: 1. Math teacher: A man from Los Angeles drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour and a man from New York drove toward Los Angeles at 150 m.p.h. Where did they meet? Johnny: In jail! 2. Teacher: Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed? Tommy: Yes, ma'am. At the bottom. 3. Jordan: My teacher says I have to write more clearly. Mom: That's a good idea, Jordan. Jordan: No, it's not. Then she'll know I can't spell. 4. Luke comes home from his first day of school, and his mother asks, "What did you learn today?" "Not enough," Luke replies. "They said I have to go back tomorrow."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2024

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

— *Joshua 24:15b*



### HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.  
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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).  
**Psalms** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).  
**Second Reading** — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).  
**Gospel** — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).  
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### Saturday/Sunday Collection August 17 - 18

**Weekly Need:** \$ 5,000.00  
**First Collection:** \$ 2,181.00  
**Church Environment:** \$ 618.00  
**Over/Under Assumption:** \$ 2,201.00  
\$ 729.00

*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 26**  
† Wilfredo B. Nacor and  
† Noemi B. Nacor  
† Fabian Canlas and  
† Jesus Canlas

**Tuesday**  
8:30 am

**August 27**  
† Renee Lobo

**Wednesday**  
8:30 am

**August 28**  
† Rebecca Tanquilut  
Tim Durkee (L)

**Thursday**  
8:30 am

**August 29**  
† Giovanni Rebagliati  
Luciana Padilla (L)

**Friday**  
8:30 am

**August 30**  
† Aurora T. Mallari

**Saturday**  
8:30 am

**August 31**  
† Wenselao Oropeza

4:30 pm  
**Sunday**

**September 1**

8:30 am  
10:30 am

People of the Parish  
Edgard Gonzalez and Family (L)  
Beatriz Pineda (L)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 8/26 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12;  
Ps 96:1-5;  
Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday, 8/27 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17;  
Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday, 8/28 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 1  
28:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday 8/29: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7;  
Mk 6:17-29  
Friday, 8/30 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2,  
4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday, 8/31 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:  
12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday, 9/1 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas  
1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8,  
14-15, 21-23

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 8/25 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday, 8/27 St. Monica  
Wednesday, 8/28 St. Augustine  
Thursday, 8/29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

## On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

### ● Labor Day

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Office Closed

### ● Faith Formation

Start date September 7<sup>th</sup>



Celebrating Father Charles' 35<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary with the morning worshipers and the office staff.



## 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.**

## 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 at 415-672-4903

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms are being accepted for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation program.

Registration forms are still available in the Church and, in the parish office.

For additional information please contact Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903