

# ***ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH***

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*November 10, 2024 ~Thirty Second 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**

<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  
November 10, 2024

### Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**November, a month of the Faithful Departed:** In the midst of our hectic activities, let's keep those who have died from our families and circles of friends in our hearts and minds and prayers. Our love for them continues and survives death. Our faith informs us of the new life they are given, thanks to the resurrection of our Lord who vanquished sin and death. Our hope impels us to long for union with our dear departed when the time comes, in the Kingdom of God. If our dear ones are buried in a cemetery close by, it would be wonderful to visit their graves and pray. It's been a Catholic way of doing things for a couple of thousand years. As we pray for the dear departed, let's learn to look at death in a realistic, faith-filled, liberating way, so that the inevitability of death can deepen our desire for life and love. Death can enhance our love for life. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

**Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us):** Pope Francis has released this fourth Encyclical that retraces the tradition and relevance of thought on "the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ," calling for a renewal of authentic devotion to avoid forgetting the tenderness of faith, the joy of serving, and the fervor of mission.

**Simbang Gabi 2024:** As is our tradition at our parish, Simbang Gabi devotional novena will be incorporated into the morning 8:30 a.m. Mass from December 16 through December 24. I have requested Gloria Trinidad and her team with May Devera and Beth Pasco to lead all the preparations and arrangements. This team has done a great job the last few cycles of Simbang Gabi at our parish. Please do give them all the support and collaboration. There are two blessings in the Simbang Gabi devotion: 1. We make an ardent spiritual preparation for the nativity of our Lord at Christmas. 2. The novena brings us together as parishioners and friends and helps build up the community of St. Elizabeth.

**Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 7, 2024:** If you are able to, please do come join the retreat that starts at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday December 7, followed by coffee and three sessions and lunch. Theme of the Retreat: The Nature and Mission of the Church. This may be one of the ways to prepare ourselves for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please Register! Registration fee: \$15.

**Painting Project in Cantwell Hall:** This painting work has been completed. The main area of Cantwell Hall, the kitchen, all the rooms, especially those used by our Faith Formation program, the restrooms, and the pipes in the main hall area were included in this painting project. I would like

to thank Ennio Zarich and his son for so kindly supervising the painters as they worked on this project for nearly two months. Now the activities of the parish can resume. The Over 50 Group has been waiting to get back into Cantwell Hall. Alta Vista School too can now use it for their sports on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Thank you for your patience as we go about completing some of these much-needed parish projects.

**Highly Recommending a Book:** The title of this book is "Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church." Published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Cost is: \$16.95. This book is an excellent synthesis of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in concise, question-and-answer form. As you may know, the Catechism consists of four parts. 1. Profession of faith (interpretation of the Creed). 2. Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Sacraments). 3. Life in Christ (Christian morality). 4. Christian prayer. This book is a great way of being in touch with the basic elements and features of Catholic faith. To order, visit [www.store.usccb.org](http://www.store.usccb.org)

**Quotes on Life:** 1. You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West. 2. "Love the life you live. Live the life you love." - Bob Marley. 3. "To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funnybone." - Reba McEntire. 4. "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all." - Oscar Wilde. 5. "In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on." - Robert Frost.

**A Story to Ponder:** When Handel's MESSIAH was first performed in London, the King who was present, was so carried away by religious sentiment during the Alleluia chorus that, against all convention, he stood up in silent respect for the masterpiece he was hearing. When they saw this, all the nobles present followed the example of the King and stood up too. That was the signal, of course, for everyone in the audience to stand up! Since then it is considered de rigueur to stand up each time the Alleluia is sung regardless of one's inner disposition or the quality of the performance.

**Food for Thought:** "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny." - Lao-Tze

**Humor:** Billy Graham tells the story of a coach who arranged a meeting between a ball player and the dean of a college to which the ball player was seeking admission. "If you are able to answer one simple question, you can enter college," said the dean. Then he said, "How much is six and six?" The athlete thought for a minute and answered: "Thirteen." There was silence. Then the coach broke in, "Ah, dean, let him in. He only missed it by two."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 2024

The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
— Psalm 146:7



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### THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

**Gospel** — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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### Saturday/Sunday Collection November 2 - 3

**Weekly Need:** \$ 5,000.00  
**First Collection** \$ 3,085.00  
**Over/Under** \$ 1,915.00

**St. Patrick's Seminary** \$ 676.00  
**All Saints** \$ 2,222.00  
**All Souls** \$ 1,032.00

## Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Monday

8:30 am

### Tuesday

8:30 am

### Wednesday

8:30 am

### Thursday

8:30 am

### Friday

8:30 am

### Saturday

8:30 am

4:30 pm

### Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

### November 11

† Charles Spiteri

### November 12

† Marie L. White

† Elena Vinluan

### November 13

† Vittorio Rossi

### November 14

† Dorothy Dinelli

### November 15

† Bill O'Sullivan

### November 16

† Soledad Tanquilut

† Balbina and † Joe Nebril

† Bill O'Sullivan

### November 17

People of the Parish

† Bill O'Sullivan

† Soledad Dela Cruz

Maltese Society

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 11/11	Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday, 11/12	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday, 11/13	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday, 11/14	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday, 11/15	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday, 11/16	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday, 11/17	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 11/10	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 11/11	St. Martin of Tours
Tuesday, 11/12	St. Josaphat
Wednesday, 11/13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Friday, 11/15	St. Albert the Great
Saturday, 11/16	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

## On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

### ●Veterans Day

Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> . Office closed.

### ●Parish Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Starts at the 8:30 am Mass.

Registration forms are available in back of Church.

### ●Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

### ●Simbang Gabi

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 am Mass.

### ●Cantwell Hall floor refinishing

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Cantwell Hall will be closed for 5 weeks for all activities.

## 2025 Mass Book is now open

Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your Mass requests.

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charles Puthota:

**All Masses including the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass (10:30 am), will be accepting two intentions per Mass. The Sunday 8:30 am Mass is designated for the People of the Parish only.**

**We do not accept individual Mass Intentions for holidays or holy days including the following: Ash Wednesday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Saints All Souls, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.**

**Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.**

Requests must be submitted in writing or by email (preferred): [stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com)

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. **If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.**



Ancient Corinth, Greece



Acropolis, Greece



We congratulate Elijah Deng, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on November 2, 2024.