

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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November 17, 2024 ~Thirty Third 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
November 17, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...: November is a tender and emotional month when we think of our dear ones gone to the Lord and pray for them. They loved us; we loved them. What prevents us from continuing to love them? Nothing! Love lives on beyond death. Nothing can separate us from them, not even death. November a month of sadness and memories, but it's also a time of awareness about life beyond our earthly existence when God in Jesus will fulfill our deepest longings for immortality and everlasting life. We are made for eternity and God himself has placed that desire in us. We realize the brevity of our life on earth and rearrange our preoccupations to gain a perspective on things. In view of the end of our journey in this world, we develop a sense of what matters and what does not. We pray for all those going through a purification process, like gold in the fire, that they may attain their final destiny of being with God forever.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

The Word of God, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:
This is the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent begins on December 1. Next Sunday is the last Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As we come closer to the end of the year, spiritually and metaphorically, the end times are given to us for reflection, couched in apocalyptic language. In the first reading, Daniel looks to the end of the world, "a time unsurpassed in distress," but the Archangel Michael will protect God's people. In the Gospel, Mark seems to have Daniel's prophecy in mind as he gives Jesus' teaching on the end of the world. Cataclysmic signs will appear and the Son of Man will come in great power and glory, but no one will know the exact day or hour. In view of the end of everything, we are to be alert, alive, watchful and ready. We are to persevere in faith because God is faithful. God will fulfil the world and bring everything to a final conclusion.

Advent Retreat, Saturday December 07, 2024: The Retreat starts with 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by a light breakfast. I will be giving three talks with 20-minute breaks. The theme is: "The Church We Love and Cherish." It will be a reflection on some aspects of ecclesiology. We will have singing before and after each session. There will be plenty of time to socialize and renew friendships. It will be a joyful, upbeat time as we prepare for the coming of Christ into our lives all over again. After the sessions are over, we will have lunch. Do come join, if you are able to. Please register! Registration fee: \$15. The forms are available in the church and in the parish office.

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28 Mass Collection for the Maryknoll Society: Thanksgiving Day Mass will be, as is the tradition in our parish, at 9:00 a.m. Instead of the donation of canned and other food items, we will be taking up a regular collection. Each year, we send this amount to a different Catholic charitable organization. This year, let us send the amount to the "Maryknoll Priests and Brothers," a Catholic foreign Mission Society of America, who for over 100 years have been doing outstanding missionary work, proclaiming the Gospel and working in support of peace and justice, especially for the poor and marginalized in more than 20 countries around the globe.

Simbang Gabi 2024: At 8:30 a.m. daily Mass from Dec. 16 through Dec. 24. Please do give the organizing team Gloria Trinidad, Beth Pasco, and May Devera all the help and support they deserve. Also, plan on attending this nine-day novena Masses to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

COP29--U.N. Climate Change Conference: This is taking place now in Baku, Azerbaijan, November 11-22, 2024. COP, which stands for Conference of Parties, is the series of formal meetings, where governments assess global efforts to advance the Paris Climate Agreement. It seeks to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels as informed by the latest science. At COPs, world leaders come together to measure progress and negotiate the best ways to address climate change. There are now 198 Parties (197 countries plus the European Union) to the Convention, constituting near universal membership. Pope Francis has said: "I hope that COP29 in Baku will result in the signing of an ambitious agreement that fosters truly inclusive development...The available scientific data no longer allow for delays and clearly show that the preservation of creation is one of the most urgent issues of our time. We must also recognize that this is closely tied to the protection of peace."

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.*

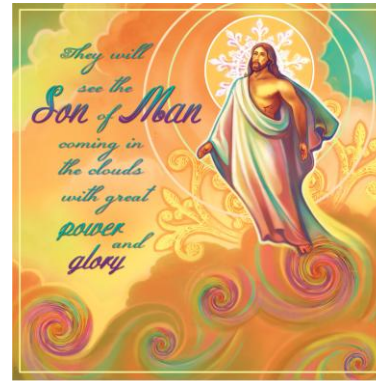
Pearly Gates Humor: A very wealthy man decided to prove the quote, "You can't take it with you", wrong. Before he died, he requested that his gold be buried with him. Sure enough, after his death he found himself in heaven along with his gold. He was so excited that he had actually taken it with him. He went up to St. Peter to enter the gates and exclaimed "Look at this, you can take it with you." Peter looked at the gold in the man's hand and asked "Why would you want to bring pavement with you? Don't you know Heaven is paved with gold?"

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2024

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
— *Mark 13:31*



ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).
Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).
Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).
Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection November 9 - 10

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,397.00
Parish Maintenance \$ 649.00
Over/Under \$ 1,954.00

Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	November 18 † Reynaldo G. Gayaban † Efren J. Songo
Tuesday 8:30 am	November 19 † Bill O'Sullivan † Danilo Morales
Wednesday 8:30 am	November 20 † Salvina Hili † Ricardo Canlas
Thursday 8:30 am	November 21 † Deceased Members of Mary, Mother Most Pure Legion of Mary
Friday 8:30 am	November 22 † Charles Spiteri † Ricardo Canlas
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	November 23 † Maria Caraffi † Arthur Ghiglieri † Giuseppina Rinaldi
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	November 24 People of the Parish † Joe Sapiano † Josefina Ramos Italian Catholic Federation

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 11/18	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, 11/19	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday, 11/20	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday, 11/21	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 19:41-44
Friday, 11/22	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday, 11/23	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday, 11/24	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 11/17	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday, 11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, 11/22	St. Cecilia
Saturday, 11/23	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28th .
Mass at 9:00 am. The office is closed.

●Parish Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 7th .
Starts at the 8:30 am Mass.
Registration forms are available in the back of Church.

●Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th , a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

●Simbang Gabi

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

●New Years Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2025,
a Holy day of Obligation.
Masses are at 8:30am and 10:30 am

●Cantwell Hall floor refinishing

Tuesday, February 18th Cantwell Hall will be closed for 5 weeks.

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

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.**



We congratulate Violet Maria Avila, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on November 9, 2024.



We congratulate Sophia Henrietta Van De Zandt, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on November 9, 2024.