

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter**



## **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  
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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 Saturday 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 before the desired date.

**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  
May 04, 2025

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Reflections on the Easter Season:** There is a common thread running through the gospel anecdotes these days of Easter: the apostles and others to whom Jesus appears do not easily recognize him. It takes time for them to awaken to the identity of Jesus. Jesus does all sorts of gentle and kind things to encourage them into the reality of his resurrection. Mary Magdalene, for example, thinks that Jesus is a gardener. Others at times think that he is a ghost. The two Emmaus disciples do not recognize him; something keeps their eyes from recognizing him; they finally see him as Jesus only in the breaking of the bread, though their hearts were burning when he interpreted the scriptures. At the resurrection of Jesus, something is the same, something is different. He is a new being. He can appear inside the locked rooms. He has body, but his body is so different that they cannot see him as Jesus immediately: they are startled and terrified. Those who were very close to him go through this situation again and again.

Over 2000 years have passed. What about us? Can we recognize the risen Christ? Something is preventing us from seeing him in our lives. Are we afraid, terrified, and startled like the apostles? Do these fears keep us from recognizing Jesus? Or are we being just plain busy with so many other things that Jesus is unable to rise in our minds and hearts? We have a bigger challenge than the one faced by the early apostles. We have never seen Jesus with our physical eyes. We can feel, touch, recognize, and encounter Jesus only through the spirit. We have to let our minds and hearts find Jesus. It's the inner seeing that can lead us to the risen Christ. It takes quietness and peace --- and delving into our soul and spirit. Are we ready to recognize this person who has fascinated the world for over 20 centuries? Are we ready to look at the Jesus of History and Jesus of Faith and come to a conviction that Jesus who lived a couple of thousands of years ago is truly living now in our lives and in the world? Can we be adventurous enough to try to remove all sorts of obstacles that prevent us from recognizing him, loving him, and following him here and now?

**Farewell and Thank You, Pope Francis:** Let's continue to cherish the sacred memory of Pope Francis. His funeral and burial have been a source of profound inspiration and prayerful reflection for the whole Church and the world. We have indeed lost a pastor loved and admired by the peoples of the world. As we mourn his passing, we are filled with gratitude for God's abundant blessings the Church received through his courageous and faithful leadership. Looking forward to the Conclave starting on May 7, let's keep the Cardinals in our prayers that, guided by the Holy Spirit, they

may be able to choose a worthy successor to St. Peter, according to the heart and mind of Jesus Christ.

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2025:** We reached our goal of \$36,292 in just six weeks, thanks to your generosity. We launched the campaign mid-February and by end of March we completed it. Those of you who are still considering, please do give, if possible, because the surplus gets returned to us by the Archdiocese. Please check your names on the last page of the bulletin for anyone who donated above \$25. If your name is not there, please would you contact the parish office.

**First Communion and Confirmation of Our Students:** This weekend our parish students receive two sacraments. This Saturday, four of our students will be making Confirmation at the Cathedral. On Sunday, five of our parish children will be making First Communion at our 10:30 a.m. Mass. Congratulations in advance to them. We send our wishes and prayers to them and their families.

**Word of God, Third Sunday of Easter:** The Third Sunday of Easter invites us into a quiet sunrise by the sea. Today's Gospel (John 21:1-19) presents a tender scene: the risen Jesus appears to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. The disciples, tired and empty-handed, hear a familiar voice calling from the shore: it's Jesus, alive and waiting. When they listen and trust, the nets overflow — a sign that with Jesus, emptiness turns into abundance.

But the real miracle happens in the heart. Around a simple breakfast, Jesus speaks to Peter, not with anger, but with love. Three times he asks, "Do you love me?" Each question is a healing touch, undoing Peter's past denials. Jesus doesn't dwell on the failure. He invites Peter — and us — into a future built on love, courage, and care: "Feed my sheep." This Gospel reminds us: Jesus meets us in our tiredness, our mistakes, even our silence. His call is gentle but clear: *Love me. Follow me. Care for others.* Easter isn't just a celebration of the empty tomb; it's a fresh start, a new morning, a mission. No matter where we are, or how many times we've fallen, Jesus still stands on the shore of our hearts, calling us to deeper love. Will we recognize him? Will we say yes?

**Easter Humor:** 1. At an Easter brunch, Uncle Bob started talking about how much he loves the season. He said, "You know, Easter is really about renewal, hope, and forgiveness. It's just like when I finally remembered to call Aunt Sally after forgetting her birthday... except this time, I'm actually forgiven!" 2. At Easter breakfast, a little girl asked her father, "Dad, why did Jesus rise from the dead?" Her father thought for a moment and replied, "To prove that death doesn't have the final say." The girl nodded seriously, then said, "So... He was like a spiritual superhero?" "Well, yes, I guess you could say that."

**A joy-filled and Christ-centered Easter Season to you all!**

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

### **Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025**

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."  
— *Revelation 5:12*



#### **LIFELONG SERVICE**

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"—to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.  
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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalms** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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### **Saturday/Sunday Collection April 26 - 27**

**First Collection: \$ 2,666.00**  
**Catholic Home Missions: \$ 701.00**  
**Over/Under \$ 1,965.00**

### **Mass Intentions**

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 5</b> † Maria and † Giuseppe Moretto † Augustine Sanchez Robert Galang (L)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 6</b> † Eva Perata Lourdes Padilla (L)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 7</b> † Reynaldo Terrado † Angelita Alto Castillo
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 8</b> Carmen and Emmanuel Micallef (L) Catalino Tubon (L)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 9</b> Dave and Sandy Mehrwein (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 10</b> † Tessie, † Joe and † Saviour Schembri † Paul, † Theresa and † Joe Vella † Filomena and † Emanuel Scerri
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am	<b>May 11</b> People of the Parish Mother's Day
10:30 am	Mother's Day

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, 5/5	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, 5/6	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 7, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, 5/7	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, 5/8	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, 5/9	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, 5/10	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, 5/11	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday, 5/4	Third Sunday of Easter
Saturday, 5/9	St. Damien de Veuster St. John of Avila

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**Amount Assessed: \$36,292.00 ~ Amount Collected: \$46,704.00**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation was held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to the four faith formation students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### **On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth**

#### **●First Holy Communion**

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass.

#### **●Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses

#### **●Mission Cooperation Weekend**

Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> / Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Second collection is for the  
Apostolic Life Community of Priests

### **Pray for our Dear Departed**



Aldo Frank Didero

Mary Andreatta

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . ."*