

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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May 11, 2025 Fourth 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

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 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 11, 2025

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Eastering in Jesus: The British Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins in his poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland" says: "Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-crested east." Hopkins is convinced that the meaning of Easter is that the risen Christ keeps doing his "eastering" in our lives. Easter, therefore, can be seen as a verb rather than a noun. Easter is not so much an individual act but a continuous process of what the risen Christ can do in our lives. He can give us a healing and forgiving love. Again and again, when he enters the locked doors, he does not criticize or reprove the disciples for having abandoned or denied or betrayed him, but all he offers is: "Peace be with you." That is how Jesus easters in us. His Easter presence is transformative. We can be turned from fear to courage; from sinfulness to grace; from anxiety to peace. Jesus wants to easter in us this Easter season. Shall we have the love and faith to let him do just that?

Mourning the Passing of Beloved Pope Francis and Awaiting the New Pope: May the good Lord welcome Pope Francis into the eternal reward for faithfully shepherding the Church and the world for 12 years. Let's keep the Conclave starting on Wednesday, May 7 in our prayers. It is quite possible that we may have the new Pope elected by this weekend with the glorious announcement "Habemus Papam" ("We have a pope!").

Mother's Day: On the occasion of Mother's Day, may I have the honor of wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers at St. Elizabeth parish a Happy and Enjoyable Mother's Day? Thank you for being mothers. Thanks to you, we understand what it is to love, nurture, share, and be selfless. Below is something for laughing out loud!

Mother's Day Lessons: My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning." My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why." My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me." My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear; in case you're in an accident." My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about." My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!" My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone." My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it." My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!" My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out." My mother taught me about BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!" My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do." My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home." My

mother taught me about RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!" My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way." My mother taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?" My mother taught me HUMOUR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me." My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up." My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father." My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?" My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand." And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: See the pictures on the last page. Congratulations, wishes, and prayers for our students and their families.

Word of God, the Fourth Sunday of Easter: It is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We are reminded of the tender and faithful care of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. In the Gospel of John (10:27-30), Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." This is not just about hearing with our ears, but listening with our hearts. In a noisy world filled with competing voices — fear, pride, distraction, greed — the voice of Christ remains steady, calling us to trust, to follow, and to rest in his promise: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." We are not anonymous followers; we are known and loved personally by Jesus. He does not abandon us in danger. He lays down his life for us and protects us with divine strength, saying, "No one can take them out of my hand." This Sunday invites us to renew our trust in the Shepherd who walks with us through every valley. Let us open our ears and hearts, follow him with confidence, and reflect his shepherd-like care to others — especially the lost, the weary, and the forgotten. Are we listening for the Shepherd's voice in our daily life?

Easter Humor: 1. During an Easter Sunday homily, the priest said, "The resurrection of Christ is the ultimate victory over sin and death!" One little boy whispered to his mom, "So, Jesus won the greatest game of hide and seek ever?" The mom smiled and said, "Exactly. He's still winning." 2. A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "Why is the resurrection so important?" One child raised his hand and said, "Because it's like when you get an F on a test, and then Jesus shows up and says, 'You get a do-over!'" The teacher smiled, "That's a great way to put it!"

Wishing you the continued blessings of the Easter Season, which simply could mean a deep, abiding sense of the intimate presence of the Risen Christ in our lives, in the Church, and the world!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b



SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection

May 3 – 4

Weekly Need: \$5,000.00
First Collection: \$2,576.00
Faith Formation \$ 744.00
Over/Under \$1,680.00

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

May 12

Virginia Sanchez (L)

† Filomena Farrugia

May 13

† Roberto Tanquilut

Dean Alipio (L)

May 14

† Rev. David Farrugia, O.P.

May 15

† Flora Margucci

May 16

† Betty Villamil

May 17

† Jesusa de Vera

† Mangion Family

† Ronald Vannucchi

May 18

People of the Parish

† Mary O'Sullivan

Maltese Society

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

● Faith Formation Mass

Sunday, May 18th at 10:30 am

● Mission Cooperation Weekend

Saturday May 24th / Sunday, May 25th

Second collection is for the
Apostolic Life Community of Priests.

● Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th, the parish office will be closed.



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We congratulate Xavian Praise Tagle, who was baptized at St. Elizabeth Church on May 3, 2025.



Confirmation Saturday, May 3, 2025



First Holy Communion, Sunday May 4, 2025