

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**July 20, 2025 Sixteenth 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>Laurrie Digneo</b>	Faith Formation Coordinator

### **Faith Formation**

**Classes are held every Sunday**  
**Beginning with the 8:30 am Mass**  
**Classes to immediately follow in Cantwell Hall**  
**(Please note new day on Sunday)**

**Benediction and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** Wednesdays after the 8:30 am 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

### **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.



**From the Pastor's Desktop**

A Message from  
Father Charles Puthota  
July 20,2025

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Summer Reveries:** I hope you're finding some time this summer to rest and recharge – maybe through travel, a captivating book, an artful film, the company of a dear friend, or the discovery of something new that brings you joy. I've found that stepping outside of routine, even in small ways, can refresh both the mind and heart. So if someone invites you on a little adventure, no matter how modest, say yes! I hope your summer is unfolding beautifully, even if there are the occasional cold or windy days – after all, the seasons of the heart don't always follow the weather outside.

**San Francisco Quotes:** "East is East, and West is San Francisco." – O. Henry "I never dreamed I'd like any city as well as London. San Francisco is exciting, moody, exhilarating. I even love the muted fogs." –Julie Christie. "I left my heart in San Francisco." – Tony Bennet. "San Francisco is perhaps the most European of all American cities" – Cecil Beaton. "If you're alive, you can't be bored in San Francisco. If you're not alive, San Francisco will bring you to life." – William Saroyan "San Francisco is a golden handcuff with the key thrown away." – John Steinbeck.

**The Word of God: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Theme: The Harmony of Contemplation and Action.** In today's Gospel (Luke 10:38-42), we meet two sisters, Martha and Mary. One is busy serving, the other is sitting quietly at the feet of Jesus. Martha represents action – hospitality, service, care. Mary represents contemplation – attentiveness, presence, listening. Jesus does not condemn Martha's work, but gently reminds her that "only one thing is necessary," and Mary has chosen it. This story is not about choosing one over the other, but learning the right balance. Action without contemplation becomes anxious and restless. Contemplation without action becomes passive and self-contained. The Christian life calls us to hold both together – prayer that inspires service, and service rooted in prayer. Martha teaches us to serve Christ in others. Mary teaches us to listen to Christ in stillness. We are called to be both: contemplatives in action. In a world that values doing over being, Jesus reminds us that our best work begins by sitting at His feet.

**What is Catholicism?:** Here's a very insightful summary by Richard McBrien, a well-known theologian and professor. "1. Catholicism is a Christian tradition, a way of life, and a community. 2. The word Catholic, derived from the Greek, means "universal." Its opposite is sectarian rather than Protestant. 3. Many non-Catholic Christians insist on the use of the adjective Roman to describe the Church that is in union with Rome, because they also regard themselves as Catholic. But there are Eastern-rite churches that are in union with Rome, and yet are not of the Roman, or Latin, rite. Therefore,

the adjective Roman would pertain only to a portion of the Church that is in union with Rome, albeit the largest portion by far. 4. Catholicism is, first of all, a way of being human, then a way of being religious, and then a way of being Christian. Catholicism can only be understood within this wider context. 5. Catholicism is characterized by three principles: sacramentality, mediation, and communion. The special configuration of these three principles within Catholicism constitutes its distinctiveness. It is a tradition that sees God in all things (sacramentality), using the human, the material, and the finite (mediation), to bring about the unity of humankind (communion). 6. Other distinctively Catholic principles include its emphasis on tradition, its regard for reason, its analogical imagination, and its universality, including a both/and rather than an either/or approach to Christian faith and practice."

**Tuesday, July 22, Feast of St. Mary Magdalene:** The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene honors the first witness of Christ's resurrection. Once a sinner, she became a devoted follower of Jesus. The Church recognizes her as the "Apostle to the Apostles," symbolizing redemption, faith, and love. Her life inspires deep repentance and discipleship.

**Friday, July 25, Feast of St. James, Apostle:** The Feast honors St. James the Greater, one of Jesus' first apostles and brother of John. A witness to key events in Christ's ministry, he was the first apostle martyred. Revered in Spain, his shrine in Santiago de Compostella is a major pilgrimage destination.

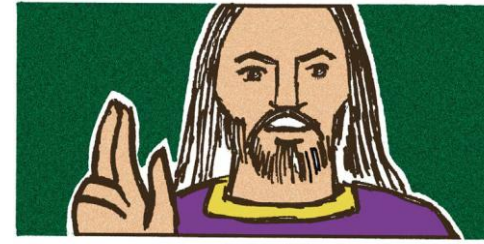
**Faith Formation Program:** "Go to all the nations and proclaim the good news" is Jesus' command. In Faith Formation we proclaim the good news to the children and through them to their families. Please do register as early as possible for 2025-26 school year. We also need new Faith Formation teachers. Contact Laurrie Digneo, our coordinator of Faith Formation. We would very much like to grow the numbers of our students. Please help by persuading your families to become part of our Faith Formation program. We are eager to prepare them for the First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and help inspire and orient them toward a life of faith and service according to the mind and heart of Christ. **Wisdom Story: The Empty Boat:** A man rows his boat in the fog. Suddenly, another boat crashes into him. He yells, full of rage – until he sees the boat is empty. There is no one to blame. Then he realizes: When we think someone is "there" to hurt us, we feel anger. But when there's no one to blame, we simply adjust and move on. Wisdom: Most of our suffering comes from our reactions, not events themselves.

**Pun Fun:** 1. Talk is cheap? Have you ever talked to a lawyer? 2. Why did the gym close down? It just didn't work out! 3. How do poets say hello? Hey, haven't we metaphor? 4. Why is it annoying to eat next to basketball players? They dribble all the time. 5. What breed of dog can jump higher than buildings? Any dog, because buildings can't jump. 6. How many times can you subtract 10 from 100? Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90. 7. Why aren't koalas actual bears? They don't meet the koalafications.

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. — *Colossians 1:28b*



**A MINDSET OF SERVICE**

There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, *How am I present to God and others in my life?*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

**Psalm** — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

**Gospel** — Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

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**Saturday/Sunday Collection  
July 12 - 13**

**Weekly Need:** \$ 5,000.00  
**First Collection** \$ 2,134.50  
**Over/Under** \$ 2,865.50  
  
**Parish Maintenance** \$ 521.00

**Mass Intentions**  
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 21</b> † Arturo and † Aguié Padilla † Dorie San Pedro
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 22</b> Holly Chan (L) Maria Teresita Ladero (L)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 23</b> John and Nicole Soares (L) † Benito Vinluan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 24</b> † Victor Da Silva
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>July 25</b> † Nieves and † Julian Nunag
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>July 26</b> Sandra Abranches (L) † Aurora T. Mallari
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>July 27</b> People of the Parish † John Farrell † Asuncion Rufo † Patria Castro Baluyot

**On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth**

● **Cantwell Hall**  
On Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> the hall will reopen.  
● **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, A Holy Day of Obligation.  
Masses will be at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday, 7/20	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 7/21	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Tuesday, 7/22	St. Mary Magdalene
Wed., 7/23	St. Bridget
Thursday, 7/24	St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Friday, 7/25	St. James
Saturday, 7/26	Ss. Joachim and Anne



Zocalo Square & Metropolitan Cathedral, Mexico City

## Mexico Pilgrimage Our Lady of Guadalupe Spiritual Director: **Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**

November 13 – 18, 2025

### Shrine of Guadalupe - Mexico City - Puebla

On this six-day Catholic pilgrimage you will bask in the beauty of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the foot of the hill where Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego. You will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass and pray at one of the holiest sites in the Western Hemisphere! You will visit other sites in Mexico City like the tomb of Blessed Miguel Pro and see the extraordinary Mesoamerican pyramids in the city of San Juan Teotihuacan. You will also spend a day in beautiful Puebla to see the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio, Santo Domingo Church, and local markets famous for their colorful pottery. Join us and soak in the stunning culture and faith surrounding the most well-known Marian apparition!



With Filipino Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Apostolic nuncio to European Union, at the Golden Jubilee celebration of Fr. Eugene Tungol at Epiphany Church on June 30



## Faith Formation

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION  
IS OPEN FOR 2025-2026**

Registration forms may be requested by calling  
Laurie Digneo at 415-672-4903  
email: [sophielady7@aol.com](mailto:sophielady7@aol.com).  
Forms can also be picked up at  
the parish office or at the Church.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per child.

### **Faith Formation Teachers needed**

We need teachers for the 2025-2026 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 Laurie Digneo.

## **Pray for our Dear Departed**



Gerald Mark Barbieri

Leandra Solis

*“Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . .”*