

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**August 3, 2025 Eighteenth 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  
August 3, 2025

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Word of God: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Today’s Gospel from Luke 12:13-21 reminds us of a powerful truth: life does not consist in possessions. Jesus tells the parable of a rich man who built bigger barns to store his abundant harvest, believing he could then “rest, eat, drink, and be merry.” But God calls him a fool, saying, “This very night your life will be demanded of you.” This parable challenges the illusion of security in material wealth. The man wasn’t disappointed for being successful, but for being self-centered and shortsighted. He thought only of himself – his comfort, his wealth, his future. Nowhere does he thank God, consider others, or think beyond this world. Jesus warns us to guard against greed in all its forms. Our lives are not measured by what we own, but by how we live – our faith, our generosity, our love for others. The rich man stored up treasures for himself but was “not rich toward God.” What does it mean to be rich toward God? It means living with eternity in mind. It means recognizing that everything we have is a gift to be shared, not hoarded. It means valuing people over possessions, and placing our trust in God, not in wealth. As we reflect on this Gospel, let’s ask: what truly matters in my life? Am I building barns – or building the Kingdom? Let us pray for hearts free from greed and full of gratitude, so we may grow rich in what matters to God.

**From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCCC):** The Church: **What does the word Church mean?** The word *Church* refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. **Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church?** In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the *people of God*. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family).

**Faith Formation Classes will Meet on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Mass:** After elaborate consultations with the families and teachers, I have decided to move Saturday Faith Formation to Sundays. Come September, the children and families will join the 8:30 a.m. Mass and at the end of the Mass will go to Cantwell Hall for their classes. It would be a joy to have them regularly at the Sunday Masses.

**Monday August 04, Feast of St. John Vianney:** The Feast of St. John Vianney honors the patron saint of parish priests. Known as the Curé of Ars, he devoted his life to prayer, confession, and pastoral care in the small French village of Ars. Renowned for his deep humility and holiness, he brought countless souls back to God. His feast day invites reflection on the vital role of priests and the power of grace through dedication and sacrifice.

**Tuesday, August 05: Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major:** This basilica, the first in the West dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, stands in Rome as a symbol of devotion to Our Lady. Tradition links its founding to a miraculous summer snowfall in the 4th century. The feast honors Mary’s role in salvation history and celebrates her maternal protection over the Church and all the faithful.

**Wednesday, August 06, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:** This Feast commemorates the moment Jesus revealed His divine glory to Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. During this event, His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him, representing the Law and the Prophets, while a voice from the cloud declared, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." The Transfiguration offers a glimpse of Christ’s glory and foreshadows His Resurrection. It strengthens our faith, reminding us of God’s presence and the promise of eternal life.

**Friday, August 08, Feast of St. Dominic:** The Feast honors the founder of the Order of Preachers, known as the Dominicans. Born in Spain, Dominic devoted his life to preaching the Gospel and combating heresy through truth, humility, and prayer. He emphasized education and the power of the Rosary. His order played a vital role in shaping the intellectual and spiritual life of the Church. St. Dominic’s legacy continues through the preaching and teaching of his followers.

**A Wisdom Story: The Rich Man and the Rabbi:** A wealthy businessman visited a wise old rabbi. The rabbi’s home was a simple room filled with books, a table, and a bench. “Where is your furniture?” asked the businessman. The rabbi replied, “Where is yours?” “I’m just passing through,” said the man. “So am I,” said the rabbi. **Moral:** Earthly possessions are temporary; invest in what lasts – character, compassion, and faith.

**Catholic Humor:** 1. **Parking at Church:** A man is late for Mass and can't find a parking spot. He prays: “Lord, if you find me a parking space, I promise I’ll go to church every Sunday and give up beer.” Just then, a spot miraculously opens up. He says, “Never mind, Lord – I found one!” 2. **The Catholic GPS:** You missed the church entrance. Catholic GPS: “Recalculating... say 3 Hail Marys and turn around.” 3. **The Pope’s Driver:** The Pope says to his driver, “You always get to drive. Let me try!” They switch, and the Pope speeds down the highway. A cop pulls them over, looks inside, and radios headquarters: “I don’t know who I pulled over, but the Pope is his chauffeur!”

Your Friend and Pastor,  
Father Charles Puthota

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 3, 2025**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
— *Psalm 90:12*



**USING OUR TIME WISELY**

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won’t waste a single one. We wouldn’t feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today’s readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — For though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

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**Saturday/Sunday Collection  
July 26 - 27**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,725.07</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 2,274.93</b>
<b>Parish Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 625.00</b>

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

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 4</b> † Eduardo Tanquilut † Angela Fazio
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 5</b> † Juanita D. Mendoza † Cenen J. Songco
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 6</b> Good Shepherd Guild and their families both living and deceased
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 7</b> Eric Nacor (L)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>August 8</b> † Aurora T. Mallari
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>August 9</b> † Monica Padilla † Rafael Madina
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>August 10</b> People of the Parish † Alice Soriano † Prudencio and † Lily Caldito † Lorenza Tanquilut

**ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH**

- **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.
- **Maltese Champagne Bingo**  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday, 8/3	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 8/4	St. John Vianney
Tuesday, 8/5	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Wednesday, 8/6	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday, 8/7	St. Sixtus II, St. Cajetan
Friday, 8/8	St. Dominic
Saturday, 8/9	St. Teresa Benedicta



## 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!

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in donating flowers for the high altar in celebration of a special occasion, birthday, anniversary and more, please see the sign-up sheet in the front of church. Please see a sacristan before or after mass for more information.

### Pray for our Dear Departed



Margie Belluomini

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



We congratulate Cayden Rodrigo Valencia and Ryland Craig Valencia, who were baptized at St. Elizabeth Church on July 26, 2025.



### *Faith Formation* **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION** **IS OPEN FOR 2025-2026**

Registration forms may be requested by calling Laurrie 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 Laurrie Digneo.