

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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November 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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

Suzanne Brachna	Administrative Assistant
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	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).

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 am Mass.

Legion of Mary Meeting: 3:00 pm Tuesday 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 23, 2025

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Feast of Christ the King: This Sunday is the feast of the majestic King, Christ our Lord. It’s the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It’s our belief that at the end of the world, Christ the King will tie up all the loose ends and bring the whole creation to an end and present it to his heavenly Father. Meanwhile, he is King of our lives today. He rules over us not with power and glamor, but through love and humility, through selflessness and self-effacement. He is the King who washes our feet and dies for us so that we can have life and have it abundantly. His Kingdom fills the whole world. His Kingdom values are often contrary to what the world cherishes. But the deepest longings and desires of our hearts can be found in the values of this universal King, Christ our Lord. Our dreams for love and intimacy, peace and justice, health and happiness—all these are the values of Christ the King as well. We can open our hearts and minds more fully to this King who will dwell in our lives and make us shine with truth and integrity. Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King!

Quotes on Christ the King: "Christ, the King of kings, chose to be called your Brother." - St. Francis of Assisi. "O inconceivable goodness of God, which shields us at every step! I thank You, Jesus, my King, for the countless graces which You have lavished on me."- St. Faustina Kowalska. "Christ is King in the sense that He is the Truth. The Church has no other authority but the Truth. Her strength lies solely in the Truth." - Pope St. John Paul II. "Christ is King now, always, and forever. If we do not make him King of our hearts and thoughts, we will have no part with him in eternity." - Fulton J. Sheen. "Christ is the King; let us put aside all vain things that may distract us and look to Him." - St. Teresa of Avila.

Advent: Coming up next Sunday, November 30: With the feast of Christ the King, we turn our attention next Sunday to the beginning of the season of Advent. What a beautiful season of longing and waiting for the Lord to be born all over again in our lives! Let’s get ready psychologically and spiritually for this intimate and semi-penitential season of Advent which will lead us to the new-born King at Christmas.

Happy Thanksgiving: The fabulous, heartwarming, all American festival of Thanksgiving is round the corner, on Thursday, November 27. People all over the nation are getting ready to travel back home to be with family. Love of family and friends is in the air everywhere. According to AAA, 81.8 million people will be traveling between November 25 and December 1. Approximately 90% of travelers (73.3 million) are expected to drive. About 6 million people are expected to fly. Domestic car rentals are predicted to be 15% cheaper than last year, while round-trip domestic flights will average about \$700. 2.5 million people will travel by bus, train, or cruise. lion) will

fly. All that travel and trouble is to meet family and friends--and give thanks to God and one another. We have much to be thankful for. Gratitude makes us better human beings and Christians. Gratitude makes explicit our human condition and our dependence on God and one another. It helps us appreciate the fact that we are not self-sufficient and that we are interdependent. It energizes us to go out of ourselves to think about others’ needs. With our love and service, we can create better families and communities and help transform the human family. JFK rightly said: “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day Mass and Collection: Thursday November 27, Thanksgiving Day, Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. The collection we will take up at that Mass this year to “Gift of Love,” a shelter run by Mother Teresa Sisters, with a 13-bed residential facility that offers hospice care for homeless men who are at the end of life without family and resources.

Simbang Gabi, 9 Days of Novena Before Christmas, December 16 through 24 at 8:30 a.m. Mass: Please contact Gloria Trinidad (coordinator), May Devera, and Beth Pasco to help make this devotional practice spiritually and socially beneficial.

Advent Retreat on December 06, 2025: Theme: The History of the Church in 3 parts and its implications. We start with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by light breakfast, sessions and lunch. Please sign up sooner than later.

Thanksgiving Humor: 1. Hatched? This guy goes to his doctor. "Doctor, help me! I can't stop acting like a turkey!" "I see," said the doctor. "How long have you had this problem?" "Let me think a second. Mom laid the egg in 1954....." 2. Baby Bruno was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal. "What are you doing?" Bruno asked. "Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey," his grandmother replied. "That's cool!" Bruno said. "Are you going to hang it next to the deer?" 3. A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead. 4. Grandfather Turkey: Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy."

Happy Thanksgiving! "The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving." - H.U. Westermayer. Let our sense of gratitude overflow to our families, friends, and to all those who are in need.

Happy Thanksgiving! God bless America from sea to shining sea!

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 2025

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
— *Psalm 122:1*



OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today’s feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it’s like to belong to God’s kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke’s Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, “You shall shepherd my people Israel” (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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Sunday Collection

November 15 – 16

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,159.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,202.00
Monthly Online(Vanco)	\$ 1,608.00
Campaign for	
Human Development	\$ 748.00

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

9:00 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

November 24

† Joe Sapiano

November 25

† Leonora Muanag

† Maria Garcia

November 26

† Illuminada Pamisa

† Portia and

† Virgilio Manacap

November 27

Thanksgiving

November 28

Buds Manalo (L)

November 29

†Cecelia Beltran

† Gerry Sapiano

November 30

People of the Parish

Garibaldi Family

Living and deceased

ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

●Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 27th

Mass at 9:00 am

Collection will go to Mother Teresa Sisters.
Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

●1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2026

●Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 6th, sign-up forms are available in the church and parish office.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 11/23

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Monday, 11/24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac
And Companions

Tuesday, 11/25

St. Catherine of
Alexandria

Thursday, 11/27

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, 11/29

Blessed Virgin Mary

2026 Mass Book Is 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.

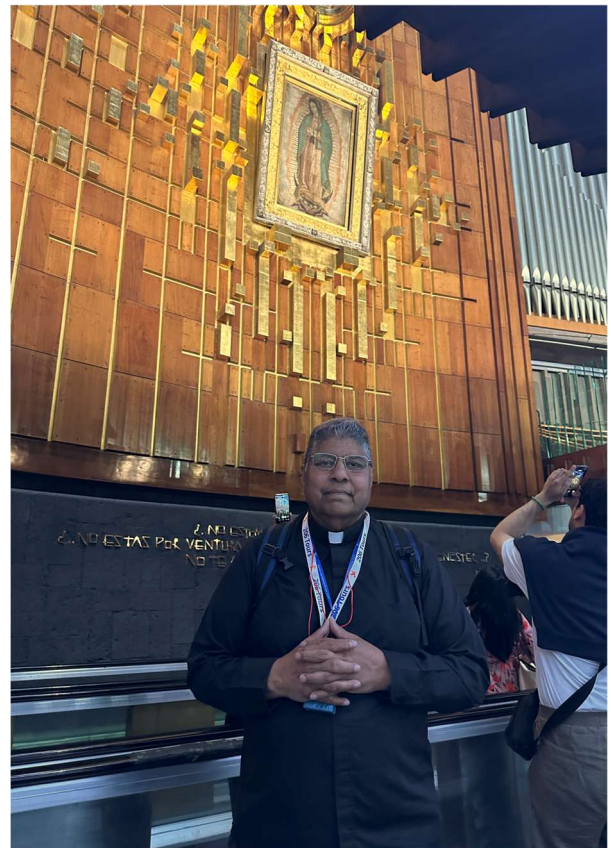
We do not accept individual Mass Intentions for holidays or holy days including the following:

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.

Requests must be submitted in writing or by email (preferred): stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

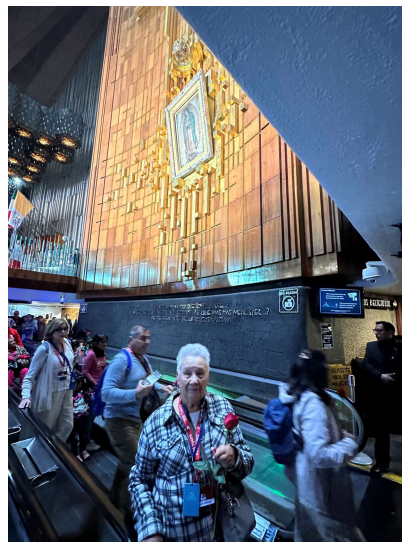
Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. **If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.**



The miraculous image of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
in the
Basilica in Mexico City
On the pilgrimage
Nov. 13-18, 2025



Virginia Sanchez and Fr.
Charles' sister Josephine in
Mexico City



Virginia Sanchez with the
miraculous image of Our Lady
of Guadalupe



At breakfast in Mexico City
hotel with Virginia Sanchez