

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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March 1, 2026 The Second Sunday of Lent



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, San Francisco, CA 94134
Office: 415-468-0820 Fax: 415-468-1457

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Fridays

Parish Staff

Suzanne Brachna Admin Assistant
Sandra Mehrwein Secretary
Fred Spence Maintenance
Laurie Digneo Faith Formation

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

Call the Parish Office for 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: 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.



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2026

February 23, 2026

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioner,

Invitation to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Once again, we are invited to support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, which sustains the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This appeal is especially meaningful to me, as it is my final invitation to you as your pastor.

The AAA assessment for our parish in 2026 is \$34,588.

Top Three Reasons to Support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: First, St. Elizabeth Parish has belonged to the Archdiocese since 1912, including 1962, when our church was built. Second, through Word and Sacrament, ministries, and services, the Archdiocese nourishes our parish life. Third, rooted in a 2,000-year tradition, it unites us with the Church in California and the Universal Church.

Past Successful AAA Campaigns at Our Parish: I remain deeply grateful for your extraordinary generosity over the years. In 2021 and 2022, despite pandemic challenges, our parish completed the AAA campaign within two and a half months. In 2023, 2024, and 2025, we reached our goal in just two months. These accomplishments reflect your faith, generosity, and commitment to the Church's mission. I thank you for your collaboration, encouragement, and friendship to me as your pastor.

Starting Date of the AAA 2026 Campaign: We are officially launching the AAA drive with this letter and with announcements at weekend Masses on February 28 – March 1, 2026.

Ways to Donate: You may donate using the enclosed envelope for prompt processing and acknowledgment or contribute securely online at stelizabethsf.org or sfarchdiocese.org/aaa.

1.5% Circle: Could you prayerfully consider donating 1.5% of our parish AAA goal of \$34,588, which is \$500? Many parishioners have given even more generously in past years, and I hope such generosity continues. I have already submitted my own \$500 gift. If 69 parishioners give at this level, our goal will be reached quickly. 1.5% Circle members, as in previous years, will be invited to a luncheon.

My Retirement: As I prepare to conclude my ministry among you effective July 1, 2026, please know how deeply thankful I am – for your generosity, your faith, and your unwavering support. Serving you has been an honor and a blessing.

God bless you and your families for your joyful and generous support of the mission of the Church.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.
Pastor

Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b



THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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Sunday Collection February 21 - 22, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,545.57
Parish Ministries	\$ 642.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,812.43
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,711.00

Mass Intentions

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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

March 2

† Jaceshon Walden

March 3

† Giuseppe Mazzaferro

March 4

† Maria and

† Giuseppe Moretto

March 5

† Hermie G. Icban

March 6

† Tessie, † Joseph and

† Saviour Schembri

March 7

† Paul Galea

Ana Lopez (L)

March 8

People of the Parish

† JoJo Padua Fabillar

ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

- **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2026**

Launches on March 1st

- **Maltese Society Champagne Bingo**

Sunday, March 8, 2026,

Contact Jeanette Santos 415-225-5315

Tickets/RSVP by March 4th

- **Daylight Savings**

Sunday, March 8, 2026

- **Donating Easter Lilies**

Please bring lilies to morning mass from

8-9 am or the parish office during office hours

8:30 am to 12:30 pm)

- **Easter**

Sunday, April 5, 2026

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 3/1

2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, 3/3

St. Katherine Drexel

Wednesday, 3/4

St. Casimir

Saturday, 3/7

Sts. Perpetua and
Felicity, Martyrs

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL, SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026

Confessions: 4:00 pm Mass 4:30 pm

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 2026

Masses: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 2026

No Morning Mass Morning Prayer at 8:30 am

6:30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 2026

No Morning Mass Morning Prayer at 8:30 am

12:00 – 12:45 pm Stations of the Cross

12:45 – 1:30 pm Reflections on the Cross

1:30 – 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4 2026

No Morning Mass Morning Prayer at 8:30 am

Confessions: 9:00 – 10:00 am

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY APRIL 4 2026

Mass: 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 2026

Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am



St. Elizabeth's Maltese Society Champagne Bingo

Sunday, March 8th

Doors open at 12:00 pm

Lunch Served at 1:00 pm

BINGO begins at 2:00 pm

\$30.00 per person

Ticket includes:

**Lunch, (Pasta with Meat Sauce,
Salad, Bread, Champagne and Dessert and
1 Bingo Packet**

**Reservations required, no day of Ticket
Sales**

For Reservations contact:

Jeanette Santos

415-225-5315

Deadline for reservations

March 4th



Report Abuse or Inappropriate Behavior with a minor or
vulnerable adult **IMMEDIATELY**

For any abuse of a minor, contact:

San Francisco County

Hotline for Child Protective Services

800-856-5553

For any abuse of a vulnerable adult

contact:

San Francisco County

Hotline for Adult Protective Services

415-355-6700

You can also report abuse by contacting the Sheriff's Dept.

415-553-0123

If the abuser is a church minister or employee of the
Archdiocese, also contact:

Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator:

Rocio Rodriguez, 415-614-5506



Northern Ireland Pilgrimage 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.

August 21 – September 1, 2026 – 12 Days

St. Patrick succeeded in bringing Catholicism to Ireland, and in time, the whole country converted from their pagan gods to the one true God. Although a small country, Ireland has played a large role in saving and bringing Christianity throughout the world. During the early Dark Ages, the Irish monasteries preserved Western writings while Europe remained in darkness. But as the Catholic country remained solidly Catholic, the Irish spread the faith to all corners of the world.

Locations: Dublin – Boyne Valley – Monasterboice –

Armagh – Downpatrick – Belfast – Giants Causeway –

Derry – Sligo – Knock – Westport – Ballinubber Abbey

– Connemara – Galway – Aran Islands – Cliffs of

Moher

For more information:

<https://www.206tours.com/cms/frputhota/ireland/>