

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



## **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
Laurrie 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.



## **From the Pastor's Desktop**

A Message from  
Father Charles Puthota  
March 29, 2026

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:** On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Henry Hart Milman says: "Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin, O'er captive death and conquered sin." Jesus' entry will turn into dark, sad days of excruciating suffering and horrible death. But it will all pale in the resplendent glory that will dawn on Easter. The profound Christian insight is that it's through the cross that we find our glory. Without suffering, there is no love, no redemption, no new life. Suffering is redemptive. Death is the doorway to resurrection. Let's look at the face of Jesus this Holy Week. Let's look into his tender eyes. Let's place our hand on the heart of Christ. Let's seek to enter his mind and heart and be close to his thoughts and feelings.

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA):** Goal: \$34,588. 1.5% is \$500. We have just completed the month-long campaign. So far, we have raised \$29,837. The balance amount to raise is \$4,751. Please give early and generously. See the names of donors in the bulletin. Last week, Elizabeth Pasco spoke at the weekend Masses, encouraging us to give toward the mission of the Archdiocese. I thank all those who have donated to AAA so far. Also, special thanks to those who have given \$500 or more. We still need everyone to participate. Please keep in mind: what AAA stands for is nothing less than the mission of Jesus Christ carried out by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. As disciples and followers of Christ, it's not only our duty but also a joyful privilege to support the mission of Jesus. "Go to all the nations and preach the good news" is the mandate of Christ, which is being carried out in our Archdiocese. Our participation in AAA is a sign of our participation in this noble mission.

**Holy Week: St. Elizabeth Parish Holy Week Schedule is in the Mail:** I mailed last Tuesday, March 24, to each parishioner of St. Elizabeth Parish my Easter letter with the Holy Week schedule. Please see the schedule also in this weekend's bulletin. I invite you wholeheartedly to participate in the holy rituals and services of the Holy Week at our parish. Please do encourage your family and friends too to join us. Do keep in mind the opportunity for Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Lectio Divina (Divine Reading): A Practical Suggestion for the Holy Week:** Can you choose a passion narrative from one of the four gospels? Every gospel, toward the end, has the account of Jesus' suffering and death. You may go to a church or any other calm place or just your living room or kitchen. Turn the TV off. Sit quietly. Read slowly and

prayerfully the passion narrative and be silent for a few minutes after reading it. It will only take about 20 minutes or so to do this. You will not regret spending some quality time on this simple form of prayer, Lectio Divina. If you feel inspired, speak to Jesus in your words. St. Ignatius of Loyola suggests in the "Spiritual Exercises" to stand before the cross and ask: "Lord, what have I done for you? What am I doing for you? What shall I do for you?"

**Morning Prayer:** During the Holy Week, I will be leading the Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Do come and join this Prayer of the Church on these three special days.

**Donating Easter Lilies:** If you are able to donate Easter lilies, you are most welcome to do so. You can bring them to church during the morning Mass times (8:30 a.m. through 9:00 a.m.) or leave them at the Parish Office during office hours (Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.)

## **Good Friday: A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.**

**Pontifical Good Friday Collection:** The offering taken up on Good Friday in all the Catholic parishes around the world is called the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. It goes toward supporting the holy shrines, parishes, and ministries in the Holy Land. The services include the liturgical, ecumenical, communications, educational (Terra Sancta Schools), pastoral, social, & charitable works, all of which in the Holy Land are entrusted to the care of the Franciscans. Christians in the Holy Land rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. In the context of the war going on now, this collection is all the more urgent. Please donate generously.

**Via Dolorosa:** On my four visits to the Holy Land, one of the important things I did along with the pilgrims whom I accompanied was walking the sacred route, Via Dolorosa, which in Latin means "the way of suffering." It's in the Old City of Jerusalem. Tradition has long held that Jesus walked through this very path toward Calvary. This route winds through narrow streets with hundreds of shops on either side. That is why we had to wake up early in the morning by 4:30 a.m. and get to this place and start the Way of the Cross by 5:30 a.m. so that we could complete the prayers by the time the bazaar (shops) opened. Our Way of the Cross along this holy route ended with the Mass I celebrated at the Church of Holy Sepulcher, my most favorite church in the whole wide world because it is the church of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord.

**Good Friday Quote:** God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering. — St. Augustine  
I wish everyone at St. Elizabeth parish a reflective, prayerful, and grace-filled Holy Week,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*



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## SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

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## Sunday Collection

March 21 - 22

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,237.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 786.00
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,977.00</b>

## Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Monday

8:30 am

### Tuesday

8:30 am

### Wednesday

8:30 am

### Thursday

8:30 am

6:30 pm

### Friday

8:30 am

12:00-12:45 pm

12:45 – 1:30 pm

1:30 – 3:00 pm

### Saturday

8:30 am

9:00- 10:00 am

8:00 pm

### Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

### March 30

† Maria Rebagliati

† Aurora T. Mallari

### March 31

Eric Michael Padua (L)

† Teodora David Santos

### April 1

† Alice Joan Brown

### April 2

Morning Prayer

Mass of Lord's Supper

### April 3

Morning Prayer

Stations of the Cross

Reflections of Cross

Good Friday Liturgy

### April 4

Morning Prayer

Confessions

Easter Vigil

### April 5

Easter Sunday

People of the Parish

Easter Sunday

## ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

### • Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2026

Launched on March 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Fifth Week

### • Donating Easter Lilies

Please bring lilies to morning mass from 8-9 am or the parish office 8:30 am to 12 pm

### • Easter

Sunday, April 5, 2026

### • Office Closed

April 6, 2026

### • Cantwell Hall Kitchen Repair Work

April 6 – 17, 2026 -Double door entrance and hall to kitchen will be contained off and inaccessible.

## Pray for our Dear Departed



Bernie De Guzman

"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . ."

## 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Donors

Launched on March 1<sup>st</sup>

All donors \$25.00 and above:

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Amount Assessed: \$34,588.00 Amount Collected: \$29,837.00 Balance: \$ 4,751.00  
(At the end of week 4 of month-long campaign)

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

#### 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



We congratulate MacKenzie Harper Holmes, who was baptized at St. Elizabeth Church on March 21, 2026.