

# ***ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH***

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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***April 12, 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday***



## **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**

Suzanne Brachna	Administrative Assistant
Sandra Mehrwein	Secretary
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  
April 12, 2026

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

**Musings on the Easter Season:** Jesus Christ is alive and active in our lives. This is what Easter simply means. It’s true he was killed in a horrible way--- crucified on a cross. But on the third day, even as he had promised, he rose from the dead. His Father who had let his own son suffer and die, did not abandon him, but raised him to new life. Our lives are understood in the light of the resurrection of Christ. All our predicaments and perils do not have the power to destroy us, even though it might at times appear that way. Thanks to the risen Christ, we shall overcome. We shall have hope. We shall receive the power and strength. We can experience the process of dying and rising to a new life. What God has done throughout the history of the human race and what God has done through the Salvation History spelled out in the Bible-- all this we can view from the most efficacious vantage point of the resurrection of Jesus. As someone has said: “The gospels do not explain the resurrection of Jesus; the resurrection explains the gospels.” If we can keep dying to self and our unreasonable and uncharitable convictions, prejudices, preconceived notions, and conditioned, predetermined ways of living our lives, and if we keep rising to lifegiving, loving, self-giving ways, that is when the dynamics of Easter are really at work in our lives. We are an Easter people! Let the spirit of Easter make a difference in our lives.

**Easter Quotes:** “Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” —Pope John Paul II. “I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun – not because I can see it, but by it, I can see everything else.” —C.S. Lewis. “We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence.” — Pope Francis. “Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.” —Fulton J. Sheen. “Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” —Martin Luther.

**Word of God:** During the season of Easter, we’ll be reading the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles authored by Luke. This book is one of my favorites in the whole Bible. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of what happened after Jesus ascended to heaven, having accomplished his mission on earth, about how the Spirit of Christ anointed and empowered the apostles to preach and practice the resurrection faith fearlessly and courageously. In today’s first reading, we see that the early Christians lived a communal life, sharing everything they had. That spirit of sharing our lives and resources is something the world is desperately in need of. We have adequate resources in the world for all to enjoy the basic necessities, only not enough of the spirit of generosity. The gospel tells the story of the “doubting Thomas.” He seeks rational, scientific proof to put his faith in the risen Christ. He represents the modern person

looking for empirical evidence, but faith goes beyond such proofs, even as love does. “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.” The risen Christ shepherds us from the rational to the realm of faith in God’s love and presence. As we all know, the deepest and most precious things in life are things we cannot see and touch. Are we ready for the faith the Easter Lord wants us to profess and practice?

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2026:** We’ve Reached the Goal---Congratulations and Thanks!: Please see the names of donors and the amount details on the last page of the bulletin. Those who are still considering, please give; the surplus gets returned to our parish for our own parish ministries and services. In the time span of four weeks, we made the goal of \$34,588. We started 2026 AAA campaign on Sunday, March 1 and by Sunday, March 29 we arrived at our goal. I would like to thank all those who have donated generously toward AAA 2026. Also, special thanks to all those who donated 1.5% (\$500 and more) so thoughtfully and kindly, which made it easier for us to reach our goal swiftly. Now that we have completed this goal quickly within four weeks, you shall not hear from me about it again except to thank the donors and celebrate this achievement. I shall be in touch with you about the luncheon, as promised, for those who have donated 1.5% or more as a way of expressing my deep gratitude.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Second Sunday of Easter is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Polish Saint Faustina’s visions about Jesus’ appearances to her have led to this special devotion. Let the prayer “Jesus, I trust in You” and the deep conviction of God’s infinite love and mercy revealed in Jesus guide us through the journey of life as we go about fulfilling God’s plan and purpose for our lives.

**A Wisdom Story: The Bamboo Tree:** A farmer watered a bamboo seed every day. For years, nothing appeared. Then suddenly, in a short time, it shot up high into the sky.  
**Wisdom:** Growth is often invisible before it becomes visible; patience is essential.

**Humor:** 1. A teacher asked, “What happened on Easter morning?” A student replied, “Jesus rose from the dead.” “Correct. And what does that mean for us?” The student thought hard and said, “It means even when things look finished... God isn’t finished yet!” The class smiled. 2. A priest asked the children, “Why do we say ‘Alleluia’ so much at Easter?” One boy answered, “Because we couldn’t say it during Lent, so now we’re making up for lost time!” The priest smiled, “Exactly!”

Wishing you and your families all the blessings of the Risen Christ,

Your Friend and Pastor,

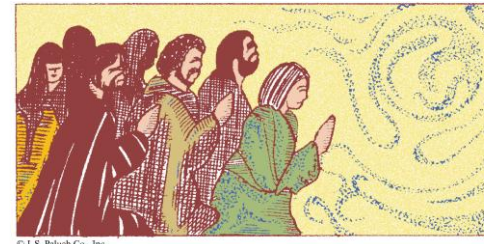
Father Charles Puthota

**Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**April 12, 2026**

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

— John 20:29b



**A SEASON OF JOY**

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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**ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH**

● **Cantwell Hall Kitchen Repair Work**

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

● **Father Charles Retirement**

July 1, 2026

**Mass Intentions**

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

**Monday**

8:30 am

**April 13**

† Fred Perata  
John Grasso (L)

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**April 14**

The Budesa Family

Living and Deceased

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**April 15**

† Joseph John Crow  
† Robert Vasquez

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**April 16**

Jose Padilla Jr. (L)

**Friday**

8:30 am

**April 17**

† Giovanni Rossi

**Saturday**

8:30 am

**April 18**

Sant, Benedetti & Cairns Families

4:30 pm

† Paul, † Theresa &  
† Joseph Vella  
† Filomena & † Emanuel Scerri

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**April 19**

People of the Parish  
Maltese Society

10:30 am

**Sunday Collection**

**April 4 -5**

**Holy Thursday**

**\$ 1,052.00**

**Holy Saturday**

**\$ 884.07**

**Easter Sunday**

**\$ 5,499.00**

**Good Friday/  
Holy Land**

**\$ 2,214.00**

**Northern Ireland Pilgrimage 2026**

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

August 21 – September 1, 2026 – 12 Days

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## 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Donors

Launched on March 1<sup>st</sup> completed on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

All donors \$25.00 and above:

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**Amount Assessed: \$34,588.00    Amount Collected: \$ 38,662.00**

