

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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April 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter



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	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
April 19, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

The Easter Season: We are luxuriating in the beauty and power of Easter. The Risen Christ has shown us the way that, despite all sorts of odds in our life, hope springs eternal for new life. We, too, can leave our tombs of sin and guilt, selfishness and self-centeredness, greed and self-gratification, bias and prejudice, grudges and resentment, hatred and bitterness, anger and indifference, anguish and anxiety, complacency and hopelessness--- and come away. We can walk triumphantly with the Risen Lord into the light of life. We are an Easter people! We are a Resurrection people! We are a people of hope and peace and joy! Let's come away from the mood of Lent and the profound sadness of the Good Friday and rejoice with the Lord. He's risen from the dead, alleluia! Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can experience transcendence in our daily lives and help heal, comfort, console, and transform the world, one person at a time, one day at a time, one situation at a time, one relationship at a time, one issue at a time. May the Risen Christ energize us as he did over 2000 years ago --- for love and service.

Inspirational Easter Quotes: "He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity." --- Ralph Waldo Emerson. "We live and die; Christ died and lived!" --- John Stott. "Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals." --- Charles M. Crowe. "Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." --- Floyd W. Tomkins.

Thank You! Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2026 Successfully Completed: We had launched 2026 AAA drive on Sunday March 1 and reached our goal of \$34,588 successfully by Sunday March 29. That is a timeline of only 4 weeks, just a month's time. I would like to thank all those who have donated. Your participation is much appreciated. Please see the names of donors on the last page of the bulletin. To those who have been able to donate 1.5%, which is \$500, my special thanks. Some have donated way more than 1.5%. Thank you for making us reach the goal quickly through your generosity. As promised, I'll be inviting those who have given 1.5% or more to a luncheon in the next few weeks. Those who are still considering donating, please do because whatever surplus amount donated will get returned by the Archdiocese to our parish. Let's keep in mind that AAA is one important way of supporting the Archdiocesan ministries and services, of which we and all the parishes are beneficiaries.

Word of God: Jesus meeting the disciples on the way to Emmaus: The gospel today from Luke 24 is one of the most favorite ones for me in the whole Bible. The two Emmaus disciples are disillusioned and downcast that their messiah had been killed. Jesus joins them---and even pokes a little fun at them. He listens to their sad story. But he also speaks to them about himself by interpreting the scriptures. Their hearts begin to burn. He joins them at the table: Takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. They recognize him instantly, but he disappears. They are filled with energy and awe. Fired up, at that late hour they travel back to Jerusalem to proclaim to others that they had seen him. It was too good a personal experience to keep to themselves. In this story, we can put ourselves, our families, communities, and the Church in the place of these two disciples. The lives of these two disciples parallel ours. We have our disappointments and defeats. He listens to our stories attentively. Do we bother to let him know our longings and struggles? Do we speak to him lovingly and trustingly? As he speaks to us, our hearts burn. Are we even aware of our hearts burning? There are inner stirrings and invitations from the Risen Lord about the new life he is offering us. His presence and grace, his message and meaning lead us to spiritual consolation and affirmation. Do we recognize him on the road, on the main street, in the market place, in the breaking of the bread, in our waking and sleeping moments, in our eating and playing, in our comings and goings, in our entertainments and endeavors, in our work and preoccupations? We are not alone. He is with us, the Risen Christ! Can we able to discern in all our situations and circumstances the ever-present Jesus walking with us, talking with us, and revealing himself to us?

A Wisdom Story: The Burning Lamp: A small lamp said, "My light is too little to matter." A wise person replied, "Even the smallest light drives away darkness." Wisdom: No act of goodness is ever insignificant.

Tax Seasonal Jokes: 1. The IRS suggests filing early to reduce the chances that someone will steal your identity, and file before you. Honestly, if somebody wants my identity so badly that they'll file my tax return for me, go crazy. You can mow my lawn while you're at it too. 2. An IRS agent to a Pastor: This is the IRS. Can you help us? I can. Do you know a Ted Jones? I do. Is he a member of your congregation? He is. Did he donate \$10,000 to the church? He will. 3. For not paying taxes, when they say I'm going to prison, I'll say, "No, prisons cost taxpayers a lot of money. You keep what it would have cost to incarcerate me, and we'll call it even."

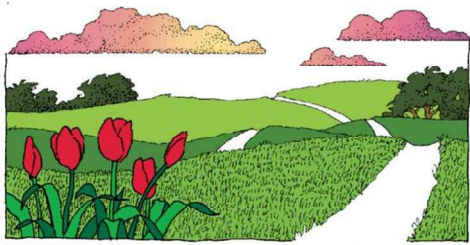
Wishing you and your families all the choicest blessings of the Easter Season.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

You have made known to me
the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy
in your presence. — Acts 2:28



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ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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Sunday Collection April 11 – 12, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$2,957.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 749.00
Over/Under	\$1,294.00

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

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

April 20

Dominic Padua (L)

April 21

† Vittorio Rossi

† Bernie Cacho De Guzman

April 22

† Gerry Sapiano

† Leo Gerardo

April 23

† Emilia J. Songco

April 24

Good Shepherd Guild and its benefactors, living and deceased
† Oscar and † Flo Picazo

April 25

† Aurora T. Mallari

† Sr. Anne Kelley RGS

† Mary Rita Choy

† Luis Fernando Diaz

April 26

People of the Parish

† Anita Weindorf

† Eusebio Fabia, Sr.

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.

● Confirmation

Saturday, April 25 at St. Mary's Cathedral
10:00 am

● Faith Formation

First Holy Communion Sunday, May 3rd
10:30 am Mass

Sunday, May 17th at 8:30 am Mass

Presentation of Confirmandi and First Holy Communion class.

● AAA Thank you Luncheon

Save the date: Sunday, May 31st

AAA 1.5% donor (\$500 and more)

Invitations will be mailed shortly.

● Father Charles' Retirement

July 1, 2026

2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Donors

Launched on March 1st completed on March 31st, 2026

All donors \$25.00 and above:

CONGRATULATIONS, WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL!!!

Abranches, Sandra *
Ah Moo, Gina Malvar
Aguiluz, Teresita
Alano, Adolfo / Teresita *
Alipio, Marietta *
Alviar, Feliciano/Annabelle *
Arnold, Sharon *
Barbieri, Mr & Mrs. Mark *
Borg, Ron *
Brady, Peter/Dolores *
Camingue, Mr.& Mrs. Michael
Canlas, Benito/Lolita
Cash, Mr. & Mrs. Randyll *
Centeno, Mr. & Mrs. Mario
Clement, Edward/Lucille *
Crow, Lilia *
Cutler, Patty
de los Reyes, Herminia *
De Vera Acosta, Mr.&Mrs. Neri
Demafeliz, Orlando *
Devera, Vito / May *
Digneo, Mario / Laurrie
Feliciano, Lester / Lola
Ferguson, Donna
Frediani, Donald L. *
Gaddini, Ronald/Linda
Gagliardo, Grace
Galang, Jesusa
Galea, Mr. & Mrs. Nazareno
Galimba, Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigo *
Galiza, Herminio/Delia
Garibaldi, Marie

Gee, Mr. & Mrs. *
Gemignani, David *
Ghiglieri, David *
Ghiglieri, Norene *
Gloria, Mr. & Mrs. Aristeo B. *
Gonzalez, Philippe/Jennifer *
Gotaucó, Adrian *
Gotaucó, Teresita *
Grasso, John
Grima, Mr. & Mrs. John
Guardado, Mr.&Mrs. Jose*
Gughemetti, Mr. & Mrs. Albert
Holmes, Gregory / Clara *
Imbellino, Robert *
Kern, Scott / Rowena *
Lopez, Maggie
Madruga, Ignacio Jr./Teresita *
Malvar, Mr. & Mrs. Enrique
Manalo, Mr. & Mrs. Gildo *
Mandani, Edilberto / Aleja
McCarthy, Phillip *
Mendoza, Mr. & Mrs. Ivan
Micallef, Emmanuel / Carmen *
Miller, Beatrice
Munoz, Ricardo and Patsy
Myo Aung, Maureen P.
Ngo, Hung / Hieu Vo *
O'Sullivan, Claire *
Olson, Andrea
Orton, Thomas / Carmen *
Padua, Richard / Maria *
Pasco, Elizabeth *

Pascual, Florante
Peneyra, Cipriano / Olimpia *
Perata, Mary *
Perez, Cipriano *
Pilare, Corazon *
Portillo, Mario *
Puccinelli, Mr. & Mrs. Sergio
Pugh, Thomas / Jacalyn
Puthota, Fr. Charles *
Quizon, Remedios
Ramachandran, Eleanor
Resurreccion, Lourdes *
Rivera, Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo
Roja, Michael / Gina
Romias, Editha
Ruiz, Mr. & Mrs. Efrain *
Sammut, Anthony / Mary
San Diego Family *
Sanchez, Virginia *
Sifuentes, Teresa *
Sisters of the Good Shepherd *
Soares, Sharon *
Sunga, Maria *
Tablante, Eric
Tablante, Victor / Patricia *
Tanquilut, Mr. & Mrs. Jose *
Tolentino, Ledivina
Trinidad, Gloria *
Vinluan, Tessie *
Walsh, Deborah *
Walsh, Michael *

*1.5 % Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name (\$500.00 and more). If contributing by check directly to St. Elizabeth, please make your check payable to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

Amount Assessed: \$34,588.00 Amount Collected: \$40,162.00



We congratulate Aries Alexander Austria who was baptized at St. Elizabeth Church on April 11, 2026.



Northern Ireland Pilgrimage 2026

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

August 21 – September 1, 2026 – 12 Days

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