

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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April 26, 2026 Fourth 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 26, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Thank You, Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Donors! We have successfully completed the 2026 AAA campaign. I am so grateful and delighted that we have been able to do it within a period of four weeks, from March 1 through March 29. Special thanks to those who donated 1.5% (\$500 and more)! Please see the names of all donors for 2026 on the last page of the bulletin. Let's keep supporting the Archdiocese through our prayers, participation, time, talent, and treasure.

Easter Season, Different from Christmas Season: Having completed the long Lenten preparations, we arrived at the glorious season of Easter. The difference between Christmas and Easter is: this season of Easter provides the quiet and meditative atmosphere that we need. At Christmas time, we have all sorts of social obligations that can lead us to a hectic, even harried, time. Easter is a time to go deeper into ourselves and commune with the Risen Christ, who has been through a lot, but has overcome death and darkness. He has defeated evil in the world. He is taking away our sin and guilt. While Christmas time tends to take us out into many external things, Easter time has the power to take us into our heart and soul and help us explore what the Risen Christ might mean for us and our families today. We too can overcome. We too can hope. We too have a reason to live and love, to serve and share. Theologically and scripturally speaking, it was in the light of Easter that people looked at Christmas. It was from the vantage point of Jesus' resurrection that people viewed the birth, teachings, and the ministry of Jesus. It was the faith at the resurrection of Christ that led people like the gospel writers to "construct" the life of Christ starting from his birth. The gospels are not biographies or historical documents even though they contain the facts of the historical Jesus, but they are primarily about faith and how we might encounter the Risen Christ and come to new life. Jesus of Faith was the impetus for people to look at the Jesus of History. Hence the saying: "The gospels do not explain the Resurrection of Jesus; rather the Resurrection of Jesus explains the gospels."

Easter Quotes: "Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." — N.T. Wright. "Love paid a price so hope could become a reality." — Susan Gaddis. "If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!" — Clarence W. Hall.

Word of God: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as the "Good Shepherd Sunday." God shepherding his people in the Old Testament and Jesus being leading us in as the good shepherd in the New Testament is the theme of the Word of God this Sunday of Easter. The Responsorial Psalm 23 is probably the best known psalm and a favorite one at funerals. Not only through the pilgrimage of life, but also through death into eternal life does God in Jesus Christ shepherd us. All we have to do is to allow the good shepherd to lead, guide, and protect us. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter shepherds those gathered at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They are "cut to the heart" and ask Peter "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter says: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..." That is the way Peter himself is guided and shepherded by the Risen Lord and Peter in turn is shepherds the gathering who will become the first of those converted to Jesus. In the Second Reading from the First Letter of Peter, he says memorably: "By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." The gospel reading gives us the account of Jesus calling himself the "gate to the sheep" and immediately following this Sunday's passage in John 10, Jesus would call himself, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Let's pray about how we could allow Jesus on a daily basis to shepherd us. "Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life..."

This Good Shepherd Sunday, A Prayer for Vocations:

We reflect on and pray for vocations. The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. Here's a prayer we might want to use: "God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

A Wisdom Story: The Mirror Shop: A dog entered a shop full of mirrors. Seeing many reflections, it barked angrily, and the reflections barked back. Frightened, it ran away. Another dog entered wagging its tail, and saw friendly dogs all around. **Wisdom:** The world reflects the attitude we bring to it.

Adam and Eve Humor: 1. Eve: Adam, do you love me? Adam: Who else? 2. At what time of the day was Adam born? A little before Eve. 3. Teacher: Why was Adam a famous runner? Student: Because he was first in the human race. 4. What a good thing Adam had---when he said something, he knew nobody had said it before.

Enjoy the spiritual blessings of the Easter Season, as he "easters" in us,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1



CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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Sunday Collection April 11 – 12, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$2,690.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 820.00
Over/Under	\$1,490.00

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday

8:30 am

April 27

† Maria & † Giuseppe Moretto

† Giovanni Rebagliati

Tuesday

8:30 am

April 28

Craig Trinidad (L)

Wednesday

8:30 am

April 29

† Charley Borg

Thursday

8:30 am

April 30

Teresita Madriaga (L)

Friday

8:30 am

May 1

† Jonathan Castillo

Saturday

8:30 am

May 2

† Catalino Cerezo Emmanuel & Carmen

4:30 pm

Micallef (L)

Sunday

8:30 am

May 3

People of the Parish

10:30 am

† Vincent Gagliardo Sr.

† Teodora David Santos

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday, 4/28

St. Peter Chanel,
St. Louis Grignon de
Montfort

Wednesday, 4/29

St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday, 4/30

St. Pius V

Friday, 5/1

St. Joseph

Saturday, 5/2

St. Athanasius

ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

● Confirmation

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

● Faith Formation

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

Sunday, May 17th Presentation of Confirmandi and
First Holy Communion class 8:30 am Mass

● 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

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

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