

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



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
May 10, 2026

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Season of Easter: These days of Easter, the gospel anecdotes about the risen Christ have one thing in common: the apostles and others to whom Jesus appears do not easily recognize Jesus. It takes time for them to awaken into the identity of Jesus. Jesus does all sorts of gentle and kind things to encourage them into the reality of his resurrection. Mary Magdalene, for example, thinks that Jesus is a gardener. Others at times think that he is a ghost. The two Emmaus disciples do not recognize him. Something keeps their eyes from recognizing him. These two disciples finally see him as Jesus only in the breaking of the bread, though their hearts were burning when he interpreted the scriptures. At the resurrection of Jesus, something is the same, something is different. He is a new being. He can appear inside the locked rooms. He has body but his body is so different that they cannot see him as Jesus immediately: they are startled and terrified. Those who were very close to him face this situation again and again. What about us? Over 2000 years later, can we recognize the risen Christ? Can we discern his presence in the Word, the Sacrament, in the poor and disadvantaged (Matthew 25), and in the signs of the times? Can we be adventurous enough to try to remove all sorts of obstacles that prevent us from recognizing him, loving him, and following him here and now?

Three Sacraments of Our Faith Formation Children---

Congratulations and Bless: On Saturday March 7, seven of our Faith Formation children made the First Reconciliation and on Sunday May 3 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the same children made the First Holy Communion. Also, four of our students made their Confirmation on Saturday April 25 at the Cathedral. These are great blessings for the families and our parish community. Congratulations to the students and the families! Also, my gratitude to our Faith Formation Coordinator Laurrie Digneo, Pastoral Coordinator Patti Spiteri, and the catechists Mike Walsh, Fran Oropeza and Andrea Olson.

Word of God this Sixth Sunday of Easter: The Risen Christ this Easter season speaks to us about loving and keeping his commandments. In the Gospel, in a moment of the Trinitarian revelation, Jesus speaks of his father and the Holy Spirit the Advocate. The mystery is that we are all in Jesus and in the Father and the Spirit--- and the Trinitarian Divine Persons are in each other. That's how intimate our relationship with God is. This is the reason for our hope, as we read in the second reading from Peter: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..." This is done well by Phillip in Samaria by proclaiming the good news, healing and driving out the demons.

AAA 1.5 % Donors Luncheon---Save the Date: Sunday May 31, thank you-luncheon to 1.5% AAA donors. Please do join the 10:30 a.m. Mass. After the Mass, the reception and luncheon will take place in Cantwell Hall.

Happy Mother's Day: On the occasion of Mother's Day this Sunday, may I have the joy of wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers at St. Elizabeth Parish a Happy Mother's Day? Thank you for being mothers. Thanks to you, we understand what it is to love, nurture, share, and be selfless.... The following is for laughing out loud!

Lessons from my Mother: My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
My mother taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."
My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
My mother taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your father!"
My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home."
My mother taught me about RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!"
My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
My mother taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
My mother taught me HUMOR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father."
My mother taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand." And my favorite:
My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

An Irish blessing for Mother's Day: "There is but one and only one, whose love will fail you never. One who lives from sun to sun, with constant fond endeavor. There is but one and only one on earth, there is no other. In heaven a noble work was done when God gave us a Mother."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you
... the Spirit of truth."

— *John 14:16-17*



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PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21).

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Sunday Collection May 2 – 3, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$3,389.00
Faith Formation	\$ 859.00
Over/Under	\$ 752.00

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

May 11

† Asuncion Frando

† Edilberto Mandani

May 12

† Paul, † Theresa &

† Joseph Vella

† Filomena &

† Emanuel Scerri

May 13

† Roberto Tanquilut

† Maria Loi Thi Bui

May 14

† Aurora T. Mallari

May Devera (L)

May 15

† Tessie, † Joseph &

† Saviour Schembri

May 16

† Sister Monica

† Jack Hanson

May 17

People of the Parish

Maltese Society

ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

• Faith Formation

Sunday, May 17th Presentation of Confirmandi and First Holy Communicants at 8:30 am Mass – Last day of class. May Crowning.

• AAA Thank you Luncheon

Save the date: Sunday, May 31st
AAA 1.5% donor (\$500 and more)
Invitations will be mailed shortly.

• Retirement Reception for Fr. Charles

June 7, 2026 following the 10:30 am Mass
All Welcome, light refreshments.

• 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!!!

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Lobo, Glenn & Geralyn *
Lopez, Maggie
Madriaga, Ignacio Jr./Teresita *
Malvar, Amando & Marina *

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Mandani, Edilberto / Aleja
McCarthy, Phillip *
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O'Sullivan, Claire *
Olson, Andrea
Orton, Thomas / Carmen *
Padua, Richard / Maria *
Pasco, Elizabeth *
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Quizon, Remedios

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Amount Assessed: \$34,588.00 Amount Collected: \$43,639.00



First Holy Communion
May 3, 2026

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2026-2027

Registration forms may be requested by calling

Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903

email: sophielady7@aol.com.

Forms can also be picked up at the parish office or at the Church.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per child.

Faith Formation Needs Teachers

If you enjoy working with children and have a general knowledge of the Catholic Religion, we would love to have you be a part of our program. If interested, please contact Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903