

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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May 24, 2026 Pentecost 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, 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
May 24, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Pentecost Sunday: This Sunday, the powerful event of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the multitudes gathered in Jerusalem. It is also known as the birthday of the Church. Do take a look at the Pentecost stained-glass window in our parish church. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost changed everything in the lives of those who believed in Jesus. The Risen Christ who ascended to the Father is extended in time and space through the mystery and power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's coming as we will read this weekend was dramatic, even noisy and boisterous! Some of us may be accustomed to too much quiet, and the Spirit stirs up excitement. As the saying goes, God comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable! The Holy Spirit came with wind and fire! He's going to blow away all our lethargy and complacency, our cynicism and despair. He's going to burn away our selfishness and sinfulness. He will bring warmth to a cold world; he'll bring light to our dark, brooding lives and the world. He turned the feeble apostles paralyzed by fear and hopelessness into fiery apostles capable of unimaginable courage and compassion, energy and passion, faith and trust. The Acts of the Apostles which we read in Easter season, a book about the great transformation and rapid growth of Christianity, is actually a book of the Acts of the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit is a lifestyle we are called to. It means that we live not for ourselves but for others; that we live guided not by ourselves but by the power and might of God. All our choices and decisions can be made with the promptings of the Holy Spirit. If we have passion and energy for life, it's the Spirit who gives us these gifts. With great energy, we can love selflessly, serve joyfully, and share generously.

Traditional Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Augustine to the Holy Spirit: Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be hol

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. **The fruits of the Holy Spirit are:** Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

Quotes on the Holy Spirit: "I myself do nothing. The Holy Spirit accomplishes all through me." --- William Blake. "The Holy Spirit is your spiritual GPS. He will tell you where you

are and where you are going." "My thoughts belong to the Holy Spirit. They are not mine. St. Paul assures us that without the Spirit of Love, we cannot call God our Father." --- Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

My Retirement: Effective July 1: Please do come join the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 7, followed by a simple reception in Cantwell Hall. It would be a time for you and me to begin to say goodbyes to each other, and for me to thank you for all the blessings of God you have brought into my life the past six years.

New Pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, effective July 1, 2026: Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has appointed Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, currently pastor of Mater Dolorosa Parish in South San Francisco, pastor also of St. Elizabeth Parish. We welcome Father Vito with the proverbial hospitality of our parish and wish him all the blessings as he begins his ministry to shepherd our parish community.

Thank You Luncheon for AAA: For the AAA 1.5% donors, thank you luncheon is on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by reception in Cantwell Hall. Those invited, please do quickly RSVP!

Faith Formation Graduation Mass and May Crowning: Last Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, which was the last Faith Formation event for 2025-2026, I gave out the certificates to the First Communion and Confirmation students. After Communion, children brought flowers to Mary and crowned the statue of Mary. The students were promoted from one grade to a higher grade. Congratulations, students and teachers, for the fine work done! We look forward to the coming year of Faith Formation. Thank you for regularly attending the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and for pursuing your classes in Cantwell Hall throughout the year. If you have children or grandchildren of Faith Formation age, please enroll them in our parish program. We'd love to have them. It's part of the mission of the parish to "make disciples."

Faith Formation Catechists Needed: If anyone would like to help our Faith Formation program by volunteering as a catechist, please would you let me know. We do need a couple of catechists for the coming year starting in the Fall season.

Pentecost Humor: 1. Pentecost is the only time in history where tongues of fire appeared, and it was a good thing. If that happened today during youth group, the fire alarm would go off, everyone would sprint outside, and the Holy Spirit would be standing there like, "Seriously? You prayed for revival and now you're running from it?" 2. In Sunday school, the teacher asks, "Who is the Holy Spirit?" One kid raises his hand and says, "He's like God's breath." Another says, "He's the one who helps us do good stuff." A third kid adds, "I think He's the one who reminds me not to hit my brother, even when he really, really deserves it." The teacher nods. "That ... may be the most accurate theology I've heard all morning."

Wishing you all the power, the light, the warmth, and presence of the Holy Spirit in concrete and intimate ways in your lives,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Pentecost Sunday May 24, 2026

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3



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SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit

(1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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Sunday Collection May 16 – 17, 2026

Weekly Need: \$5,000.00
First Collection \$2,504.00
Over/Under \$2,496.00

Catholic Communications \$ 830.00

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 25

† Giovanni Rebagliati

May 26

† Mary Rita Choy

May 27

† John M. Sant

May 28

† David D. Mendoza

† Ursula D. Mendoza

May 29

Good Shepherd Guild and its benefactors, living and deceased

May 30

† Filipinas &

† Junior Rusiana

† Anita Weindorf

May 31

People of the Parish

† Milagros Sabio

Galimba

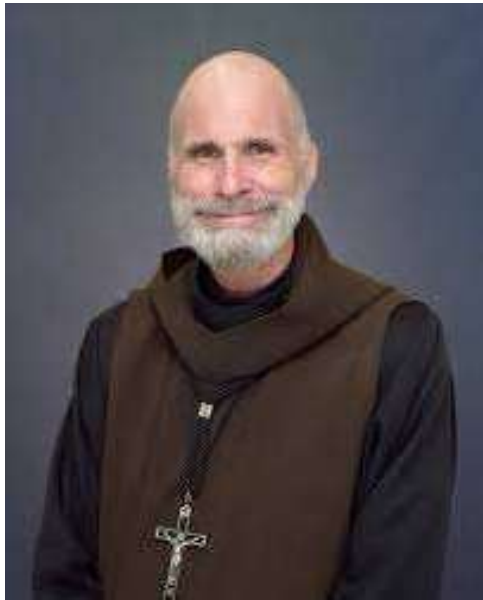
† Lucia Avenis

ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

- **Parish Office Closed**
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026
- **AAA Thank you Luncheon**
Save the date: Sunday, May 31st
AAA 1.5% donor (\$500 and more)
- **Retirement Reception for Fr.Charles**
June 7, 2026 following the 10:30 am Mass
All are Welcome.
- **Father's Day**
Sunday, June 21, 2026
- **Father Charles' Retirement**
July 1, 2026

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, 5/24	Pentecost Sunday
Monday, 5/25	The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, 5/26	St. Philip Neri
Wednesday, 5/27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
Friday, 5/29	St Paul VI, Pope



St. Elizabeth Parish
Welcomes the new pastor
Father Vito Perrone, COSJ
Effective July 1, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in donating flowers for the
high altar in celebration of a special occasion,
birthday, anniversary and more, please see the
sign-up sheet in the front of church. Please see
a sacristan before or after mass for more
information.



Northern Ireland Pilgrimage 2026

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

August 21 – September 1, 2026 – 12 Days

St. Patrick succeeded in bringing Catholicism to Ireland, and in
time, the whole country converted from their pagan gods to the
one true God. Although a small country, Ireland has played a large
role in saving and bringing Christianity throughout the world.
During the early Dark Ages, the Irish monasteries preserved
Western writings while Europe remained in darkness. But as the
Catholic country remained solidly Catholic, the Irish spread the
faith to all corners of the world.

**Locations: Dublin – Boyne Valley – Monasterboice – Armagh –
Downpatrick – Belfast – Giants Causeway – Derry – Sligo –
Knock – Westport – Ballinubber Abbey – Connemara – Galway –
Aran Islands – Cliffs of Moher**

For more information:

<https://www.206tours.com/cms/frputhota/ireland/>



We congratulate
Anthony and Andrea Paredes Cruz,
who were baptized at
St. Elizabeth Church on May 16, 2025.