

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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June 14, 2026 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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.**

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
June 14, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Word of God: The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) highlights God's initiating love and our response. In the First Reading, God reminds Israel at Mount Sinai how he bore them up on "eagle's wings" and chose them as a "treasured possession." This wasn't because of anything they had done; it was pure grace. Saint Paul echoes this profound truth in the Second Reading from Romans, taking it a step further: Christ died for us "while we were still helpless" and still sinners. God doesn't wait for us to be perfect to love us; his mercy comes first.

This foundation of unmerited grace is what drives the Gospel. Seeing the crowds "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd," Jesus is moved with deep compassion. His solution to their suffering is to share his mission. He calls the twelve apostles and sends them out with a strict mandate: "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." When we look at all three readings together, the message for our lives is clear. We are the modern-day "laborers" sent into a world that is still hurting, lonely, and searching for a shepherd. We don't bring healing out of our own perfection, but out of the sheer gratitude for what God has done for us. Having been loved, saved, and treasured by God without costing us a thing, our calling this week is to go out and love others just as freely.

My Birthday and Retirement Countdown: I turned 70 on June 11. I have 16 more days to retire from active ministry in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and from my beloved faith family and friends of St. Elizabeth Parish. Some of my siblings have traveled to be with me during these emotional days in my life. I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for all the blessings God has given me through the people of God in various parishes I have served and the friends who have brought me joy and affirmation. As a result, there is joy in my heart. But, paradoxically, I also feel a deep sadness at the parting that is coming up in the next two weeks. But our friendship will continue, our faith will shine brightly, and our love for each other will endure.

Retirement Reception Last Sunday: On June 7, after the Corpus Christi Mass and procession, there was a farewell reception for me in Cantwell Hall to which the whole parish was invited. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you, also to the dedicated volunteers, who put the event together. The Morning Worshippers, those who spoke, Sr. Olga who MC'd the event, those who prepared the food, those who sang---to all of you, my deepest gratitude. Maraming salamat po!

Retirement Quotes: "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else."—Fred Rogers. "Don't simply retire from something; have something to retire to."—Harry Emerson Fosdick. "Retirement is not the end of the road, but a sharp turn where the landscape changes and new vistas of intellectual and spiritual freedom open before us."—Unknown.

Welcome to Father Vito Perrone: The incoming pastor from July 1 is Father Vito Perrone, COSJ. I have already introduced him to the parish staff and Finance Council in a recent meeting. We welcome him along with his community of priests who will be shepherding our parish---and wish them God's choicest blessings.

Pope Leo's Apostolic Visit to Spain: Last week, June 6 through 12, Pope Leo XIV made a historic, weeklong apostolic journey to Spain—the first papal visit to the country in 15 years. Energizing a rapidly changing Catholic landscape, the trip was structured around three distinct, high-impact chapters. In Madrid, the Pontiff engaged directly with a polarized political landscape, addressing the Spanish parliament to advocate for human rights, meeting with King Felipe VI, and holding talks with Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. He also held a private meeting with clergy abuse survivors. Moving to Barcelona, Pope Leo celebrated the centenary of architect Antoni Gaudi by celebrating Mass inside the iconic Sagrada Família and inaugurating its historic central spire, the Tower of Jesus Christ. Finally, in a historic first for any pontiff, he traveled to the Canary Islands, visiting frontline migrant facilities to champion the dignity of refugees and fulfill an unfinished pastoral dream of his predecessor, Pope Francis. The role of the Pope is to be a global moral compass. He transcends political divides to serve as the conscience keeper of the world. By championing the marginalized, listening to the suffering, and confronting systemic injustice, his presence in Spain, as everywhere else, reminded humanity of its highest ideals, unwavering compassion, universal dignity, and the pursuit of peace.

Wisdom Stories: 1. The Butterfly: A man tried to help a butterfly emerge from its cocoon by cutting it open. The butterfly survived but never flew. Wisdom: Some struggles are necessary for growth. 2. The Clock: A clock worried that it had to tick millions of times in its lifetime. An old clock said, "Just tick once at a time." Wisdom: Great journeys are completed one step at a time. 3. The Muddy Water: A disciple complained that life was confusing. The master pointed to a bucket of muddy water and said, "Leave it alone." After some time, the mud settled and the water became clear. Wisdom: Clarity often comes through patience, not force.

Retirement Humor: 1. The New Schedule: "The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off. Every day is Saturday, which means you can never even look forward to the weekend!" 2. A Matter of Perspective: "Retirement is wonderful. It's that magical time of life when you can finally do whatever you want—right after your spouse gives you the daily to-do list." 3. The Permanent Commute: "My favorite part of retirement is the morning commute. It's a rigorous, five-second walk from the bed to the coffee maker—and I haven't hit a traffic jam yet." 4. The Great Executive: "When you retire, you don't stop working; you just change supervisors. You go from a corporate boss who monitors your hours to a spouse who monitors your posture." 5. The Professional Consultant: "Retirement means you can finally offer your expert advice and vast wisdom to anyone who asks... and then cheerfully walk away before having to do any of the actual work."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 14, 2026

As Catholics, we are called to be missionary disciples, spreading the love of Christ to all those we encounter. This can be done in small ways, through acts of kindness and invitations to prayer or worship. By embracing our role as evangelizers, we can share the good news of the Gospel and help others to encounter the transformative power of Christ's love.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites arrive at Mount Sinai, where God speaks to Moses and tells him to convey a message to the people. God reminds the Israelites of how He delivered them from slavery in Egypt and declares that if they obey His commands and keep His covenant, they will be a treasured possession and a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:2-6a).

Psalm — This passage is a call to all people to praise and serve the Lord joyfully, recognizing that we are His people and the sheep of His flock. The verses emphasize God's goodness, His role as creator and caretaker of His people, and His eternal kindness and faithfulness. (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — God showed His love for humanity by sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins while we were still sinners. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we can be reconciled with God and receive the gift of eternal life. (Romans 5:6-11).

Gospel — Jesus has compassion for the crowds. He decides to send out His twelve disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus instructs His disciples to freely give what they have received, encouraging them to serve others with love and generosity. (Matthew 9:36-10:8).

Sunday Collection June 6 - 7, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$3,563.00
Faith Formation	\$ 747.00
Over/Under	\$ 690.00

Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday
8:30 am

June 15
Sisters of the Good Shepherd (L)

Tuesday
8:30 am

June 16
† Maria Rebagliati
† Imelda Mendoza

Wednesday
8:30 am

June 17
† Aurora T. Mallari

Thursday
8:30 am

June 18
† Robert Anderson

Friday
8:30 am

June 19
† Pepito O. Camba

Saturday
8:30 am
4:30 pm

June 20
† Bernie C. DeGuzman
Family of Alvarado Garcia
Living & Deceased
† Emilio Rossi

Sunday
8:30 am
10:30 am

June 21
People of the Parish
Maltese Society
For All Father's Living
and Deceased

ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

- **Father's Day**
Sunday, June 21, 2026
- **Peter's Pence Collection**
June 27/28, 2026
- **Father Charles' Retirement**
July 1, 2026
- **Father Vito Perrone as Pastor**
Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, 6/14	Eleventh Sunday, Ordinary Time
Friday, 6/19	St. Romuald

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
IS OPEN FOR 2026-2027

Registration forms may be requested by calling
Laurie 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 Laurie 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: 800.206.8687
<https://www.206tours.com/cms/frputhota/ireland/>



We congratulate
Naomi Marie Cao
who was baptized at
St. Elizabeth Church on June 6, 2026



We congratulate
Avery Michael White
who was baptized at
St. Elizabeth Church on June 6, 2026