

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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*June 21, 2026 Twelfth 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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### **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 21, 2026

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**My Retirement, effective July 1:** I have nine days before I retire from active ministry. On June 30, my brother Rex and I will be flying together to Chicago and then on to Naperville, where I will be living. Thank you for the memorable celebration of my Retirement and 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday last Sunday, June 14. My deep gratitude goes to Marycon Padua and the whole fabulous team of "Charlie's Angels" who collaborated in an impressive manner with Malou Cu and her sister Imelda in organizing the heartwarming event last Sunday in Cantwell Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Many of my friends from other parishes too had joined. The food was delicious. The music was soothing. The speeches were heartfelt. The decorations were stunning. Three of my siblings who were present were delighted and impressed with all the arrangements you had made. My friend and U.S. House Representative the Hon. Kevin Mullin was present and spoke. It was for me an occasion of gratitude for all the blessings I have received through you and sadness at the thought of having to say goodbye to you and leave the parish I love most dearly. Thank you! Salamat po! Grazie! Gracias! I couldn't have asked for a better celebration or a better farewell.

**Father's Day:** To all the fathers, Happy Father's Day! For some of us, our fathers are with us and what a blessing it is for us to love and cherish them --- and take care of them! For some others, our fathers have gone to their eternal reward. My father Isaac at age 89 returned to God at the end of December in 2017. I'm still grieving, and I know that those of you who have lost your fathers, no matter how long ago, still grieve and miss them. Love makes us do that. There is a void in us that no one will fill until we are united with our dear departed. We celebrate our fathers who are with us and shall always keep the sacred memory of those fathers who have gone to eternal reward. In all our fathers, we cannot but see God Himself. Isn't it profoundly comforting that God himself is our Father? Jesus called God his Abba (Father) and taught us to pray the "Our Father" and relate to Him as His children. Our Father loves us with an everlasting and unconditional love. He makes the rain fall on the good and the bad and lets the sun shine on sinners and saints alike. Such is his abiding and awesome love. Because we are all the children of the one Father, we become intimately connected with one another as sisters and brothers. How could we then not take care of one another in our need? How could we let anyone in this human family be deprived of basic needs and necessities? As we celebrate Father's Day, let's strive to make sure that the Father's blessings flow to the whole of human family abundantly and ceaselessly.

**Father's Day Blessing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they are called to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Word of God—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Through all our trials, despite all our sufferings and agonies, we shall prevail because God is upholding us, protecting us, and guiding us because of his love and providence. This theme comes through the readings this Sunday. In the first reading from Jeremiah, the prophet is anguished about the opposition and treachery he faces but he places his trust in God "for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked." In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures us that we should not be afraid because we are "worth more than many sparrows." Not a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. All the hairs of our heads are counted. Let's put our hands in the hand of God and pick our way forward without fear, but full of faith, trust, and confidence.

**Retirement Quote:** "Often when you think you are at the end of something, you are at the beginning of something else."—Fred Rogers.

**A Wisdom Story: The Golden Coin:** A beggar sat on an old box for thirty years, asking for spare change. One day, a traveler suggested, "Look inside the box." The beggar pried it open and found it filled with gold. We spend lifetimes seeking fulfillment outside, unaware of the vast wealth hidden within ourselves.

**Humor for Father's Day:** 1. "My father doesn't care about being king of the castle as long as he's king of the remote." 2. "I enjoy Father's Day. It's a time when I pause to reflect on the joy that has come into my life thanks to my two wonderful children, whose names escape me." 3. "I got my Dad a GPS for Father's Day. Now someone other than my mom can tell him where to go." 4. "I would give my dad what he really wants on Father's Day, but I can't afford to move out yet." 5. The message of Mother's Day is: "Mothers are amazingly good at mothering! They deserve a special day!" Whereas the message of Father's Day is: "We're only doing this because we have Mother's Day." 6. "I have mixed emotions when I receive my Father's Day gifts. I'm glad my children remember me. I'm disappointed they think I dress like that." 7. "Father's Day is so special. I love the cards my wife forces the kids to get me." 8. "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." ---Mark Twain.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2026

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor.

— *Jeremiah 20:13*



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### FEAR NOT

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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### Sunday Collection June 13 - 14, 2026

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>First Collection</b>	<b>\$2,433.00</b>
<b>Parish Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 853.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,714.00</b>

## 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

### June 22

Matthew J. Romias (L)

### June 23

† Maximo Sr. and

† Miguela Manacap

Priscilla DeGuzman (L)

### June 24

† Mary Rita Choy

† Oscar T. Mallari

† Oscar & † Flo Picazo

### June 25

† Joe Sapiano

† Aurora T. Mallari

### June 26

Good Shepherd Guild & its benefactors, living and deceased

Joussef Mathlouthi (L)

### June 27

Michael Romias (L)

† Tony & † Josie Sorich

Alex & Elise San Pedro (L)

### June 28

People of the Parish

† J R Brown

### ON THE HORIZON AT ST. ELIZABETH

- **Happy 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, 6/21	Twelfth Sunday, Ordinary Time
Monday, 6/22	St. Paulinus, St. John Fisher, St. Thomas More
Wednesday, 6/24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday, 6/27	St. Cyril



*Fr. Charles Puthota's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Retirement Celebration  
Thank you!!*