

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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August 16, 2026 Twentieth 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)

Father Vito J. Perrone, COSJ

Parish Office

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Pastoral Staff

Father Vito J. Perrone, COSJ, Priest-Monk, Pastor
Father Mikhael Mihic, COSJ, Priest-Monk, Asst. Pastor

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Fridays

Parish Staff

Suzanne Brachna	Admin Assistant
Patricia Spiteri	Admin Assistant
Sandra Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	Faith Formation

Musical Director

Coming Soon

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.

Faith Formation

Classes are held every Sunday
beginning with the 8:30 am Mass
Classes to immediately follow in Cantwell Hall.

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.

The Contemplatives of Saint Joseph Monastic Order

The Contemplatives of Saint Joseph priests and brothers live a deep life of contemplative prayer while simultaneously serving a dynamic and fruitful active apostolate within the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Our contemplative life is formed by the monastic spiritual tradition; hence, we are monks. Yet we are monks who live our vocations fully within the world, similar to the active Benedictine monks who serve at seminaries, parishes, and retreat centers, while also living a full life of deep prayer.

Deacon Ramon C. De La Rosa
Ordained in June 26, 1999, San Francisco
BSELE University of Santo Tomas Philippines

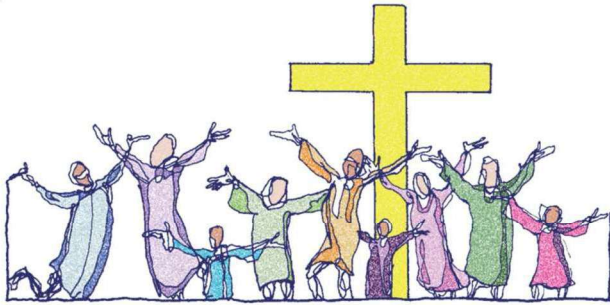


We welcome
Deacon Ramon
C. De La Rosa
and wish him
success here at
St. Elizabeth
Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1



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CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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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

August 17

†Fedelina J. Camba

August 18

The Budesca Family
Living and Deceased

August 19

Richard Kern (L)

August 20

†Lottei Punzalen

August 21

†Miguel &

†Felipa Lundang

August 22

†Paul, †Theresa &

†Joseph Vella

†Filomena & †Emanuel
Scerri

Marycon Padua (L)

August 23

People of the Parish

†Noemi B. Nacor &

†Wilfredo B. Nacor

†Estela Dela Cruz

ON THE HORIZON

• Upcoming 2nd Collections

August 15/16 Church Environment

August 22/23 Parish Ministries

August 29/30 Parish Ministries

September 5/6 Faith Formation

• Faith Formation

Classes begin September 6, 2026 at 8:30am Mass

• Parish Office Closed

Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 7, 2026

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, 8/16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Wednesday, 8/19

St. John Eudes

Thursday, 8/20

St. Bernard

Friday, 8/21

St. Pius X

Saturday, 8/22

The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary



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Sunday Collection
Your generosity would
mean so much to us and to
those we serve.
Scan the QR Code

Sunday Collection August 8 - 9, 2026

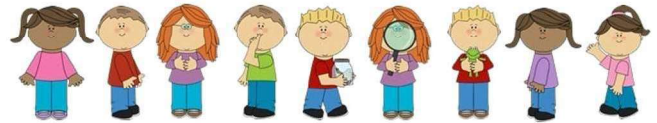
Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$2,383.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 771.00
Over/ Under	\$1,846.00

Mass Intentions

Dates are still available for 2026. Please submit mass intention requests in writing/email to the parish office. Specific dates are subject to availability. One intention per mass.

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.



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.

Classes begin September 6, 2026

Save the Date!

65TH ANNIVERSARY
65th Anniversary Celebration of
MATER DOLOROSA
CATHOLIC PARISH
— ONE BODY IN THE EUCHARIST —
JOURNEYING TO HOLINESS

SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2026

FEATURED ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Sept. 6-14	Novena to Our Lady of Sorrows
Sept. 11-16	144 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration
Sept. 11 • 7:00 PM	Keynote Talk by Fr. Anthony Stoeppe
Sept. 12 • 8:00 AM	Mass Celebrated by Fr. Anthony Stoeppe
Sept. 12 • 10:30 AM	Eucharistic Procession to Sign Hill & Benediction
Sept. 12 • 7:00 PM	Philippine Madrigal Singers USA-Canada Alumni Concert featuring the Mater Dolorosa Music Ministry
Sept. 13 • 11:00 AM	Solemn High Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows & Reception
Sept. 15 • 7:00 PM	Praise & Worship followed by Light Refreshments

CATECHESIS & EVANGELIZATION **LITURGY** **SACRAMENTS** **EUCCHARIST** **SERVICE**



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.