

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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August 23, 2026 Twenty-First 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

Mark Wilson Estrada

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.

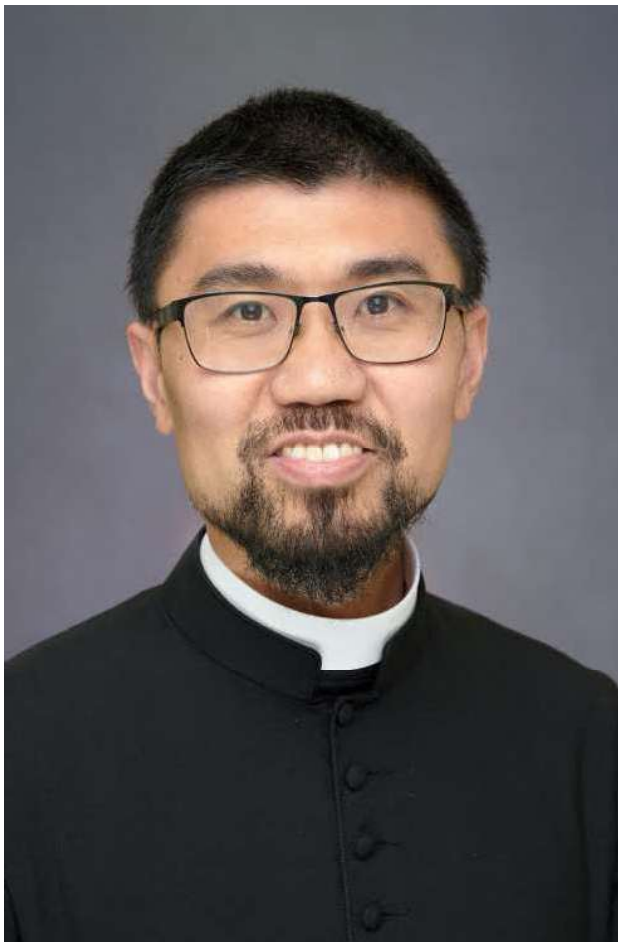
1000 Hail Mary's: Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm.

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.

I currently teach canon law and serve as the Director of Liturgy at St. Patrick's seminary. I was a native of Hong Kong and ordained in 2017. Previously, I have served as a parochial vicar at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Burlingame and the priest-secretary of Archbishop Cordileone.



We welcome
Rev. Vincent Woo
and wish him
success here at
St. Elizabeth
Church

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"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

— *Matthew 16:19*



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BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Mass Intentions

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday

8:30 am

August 24

†Bill O'Sullivan

†Giuseppe & †Pierina
Benedetti

Tuesday

8:30 am

August 25

†Mary Rita Choy

†Aurora T. Mallari

Wednesday

8:30 am

August 26

Olimpia Peneyra (L)

Thursday

8:30 am

August 27

Good Shepherd Guild
and its benefactors, living
and deceased

Friday

8:30 am

August 28

†Rebecca Tanquilut

Saturday

8:30 am

August 29

†Sister Anne Kelly

4:30 pm

†Giovanni Rebagliati

Sunday

8:30 am

August 30

People of the Parish

10:30 am

†Renzo & †Maria Tina
Fontana

ON THE HORIZON

• Upcoming 2nd Collections

August 22/23 Parish Ministries

August 29/30 Parish Ministries

September 5/6 Faith Formation

September 12/13 Church of Latin America

• 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, 8/23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Monday, 8/24

St. Bartholomew

Tuesday, 8/25

St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

Thursday, 8/27

St. Monica

Friday, 8/28

St. Augustine

Saturday, 8/29

The Passion of St. John the
Baptist



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Sunday Collection
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those we serve.
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Sunday Collection August 15 - 16, 2026

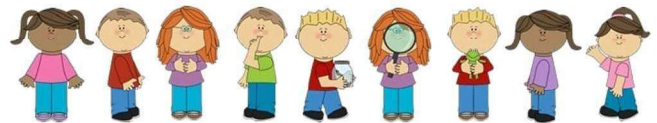
Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$2,606.00
Church Environment	\$ 677.00
Over/ Under	\$1,717.00

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 Stoeppl
Sept. 12 • 8:00 AM	Mass Celebrated by Fr. Anthony Stoeppl
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.