

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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September 6, 2026 Twenty-Third 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
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Father Andrew Mbinkar Berinyuy, Sch.P., Parochial Vicar
Father Joseph Homick, COSJ, Priest-Monk
Father Christopher LaRocca, O.C.D.
Father Vincent Woo, J.C.D.
Rev. Mr. Ramon de la Rosa, Permanent Deacon
Brother John Zaar

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

Music 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 on baptisms and baptism classes.

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 month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

In 1494 the feast appeared in Bruges, where the Precious Blood of Christ was venerated; later on it made its way into France. It did not, however, become widespread in France before Benedict XIII included it in the Roman Calendar in 1727 and assigned it to the Friday before Palm Sunday.

Some Churches had previously celebrated this feast during the Easter season. Others, however, celebrated the Joys of the Blessed Virgin during the Easter season, as is still done today at Braga. In some places it was entitled "Recollection of the Feasts and Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Excerpted from The Church at Prayer, Vol. IV A.G. Martimort



Good Shepherd Gracenter

**Join us for Good Shepherd Gracenter's
Transforming Lives! Gala Luncheon**



**Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 12:00–3:00 p.m.
Dominic's SF - 2850 Alemany Blvd., San Francisco**

A woman's recovery begins with grace.

Funds raised will support Gracenter, a licensed recovery residence helping women without resources break free from drug and alcohol addiction and create a hopeful future.

Enjoy an afternoon featuring a Silent and Live Auction;
Raffle Prizes,
Great Food and Fellowship.

Find out how to join or support at GSG2026.GiveSmart.com

Prayer

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our lady of Compassion, I turn to you with filial confidence. You shared fully in the work of our lord Jesus Christ, whose Death brought life to the world. Help me now to understand the truth about the divine compassion. Teach me to accept the sufferings that come into my life as you accepted obediently your own deep sorrows. Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you consecrated yourself by submitting to the divine plan. Obtain for me the grace to make my own submission to the same wise providence, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

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Time

September 6, 2026

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

— Matthew 18:19



GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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

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

September 7

†Asuncion Ramirez

September 8

†Jack &

†Mary Rita Choy

September 9

†Francis, †Gerald, &

†Roland Ang

September 10

†Arnulfo Gonzalez

September 11

†George Topasna

September 12

†Benito Gonzalez

†Eric Avila

September 13

People of the Parish

†Maria Mazzaferro

†Timoteo B. Nacor Jr. &

†Vicente G. Gayaban

ON THE HORIZON

• Upcoming 2nd Collections

September 12/13

Church of Latin America

September 19/20

Church Environment

Catechetical Sunday

September 26/27

Priest Retirement Fund

October 3/4

Faith Formation

• Faith Formation

Classes have begun - September 6, 2026 at 8:30am Mass

• Parish Office Closed

Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 7, 2026

Columbus/Indigenous People Day Monday,

October 12, 2026

• Maltese Society Bingo Bonanza

September 20, 2026, advanced ticket purchase required

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, 9/6

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, 9/8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 9/9

St. Peter Claver

Saturday, 9/12

The Most Holy Name of Mary



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Sunday Collection
Your generosity would
mean so much to us and to
those we serve.
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Sunday Collection August 29 - 30, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$2,161.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 719.00
Over/ Under	\$2,120.00

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.

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2027 IS OPEN

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.

Class has begun - September 6, 2026

St. Elizabeth's Maltese Society's Bingo Bonanza

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Cantwell Hall

Doors Open at 12:00pm

Lunch Served at 1:00pm

Bingo Begins at 2:00pm

\$30 per person

Ticket Includes Lunch (Pasta w/meat sauce, salad, bread, soda, water & dessert) and 1 Bingo Packet

RSVP by Monday, September 14, 2026
Reservation Required, NO day of ticket sales.

See flyers or Jeanette Santos in Church to sign up

Raffle Donations Welcome

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

FR. VITO NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

Looking for an in-law unit or 1-2 bedroom apartment to rent. Please contact the rectory with any information at (415) 468-0820 and leave a message with the secretary or email us at stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com
Thank you for your help!!