

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth 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

449 Holyoke Street, San Francisco, CA 94134
Office: 415-468-0820 Fax: 415-468-1457

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed Fridays

Pastoral Staff

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

Pastoral Ministry Assistants

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 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.

Litany of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows



Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins,
pray for us.
Mother of the Crucified,
pray for us.
Sorrowful Mother,
pray for us.
Mournful Mother,
pray for us.
Sighing Mother,
pray for us.
Afflicted Mother,
pray for us.
Forsaken Mother,
pray for us.
Desolate Mother,
pray for us.
Mother most sad,
pray for us.
Mother set around with anguish,
pray for us.
Mother overwhelmed by grief,
pray for us.
Mother transfixed by a sword,
pray for us.
Mother crucified in thy heart,
pray for us.
Mother bereaved of thy Son,
pray for us.
Sighing Dove,
pray for us.
Mother of Dolors,
pray for us.
Fount of tears,
pray for us.
Sea of bitterness,
pray for us.
Field of tribulation,
pray for us.
Mass of suffering,
pray for us.
Mirror of patience,
pray for us.
Rock of constancy,
pray for us.
Remedy in perplexity,
pray for us.
Joy of the afflicted,
pray for us.

Ark of the desolate,
pray for us.
Refuge of the abandoned,
pray for us.
Shield of the oppressed,
pray for us.
Conqueror of the incredulous,
pray for us.
Solace of the wretched,
pray for us.
Medicine of the sick,
pray for us.
Help of the faint,
pray for us.
Strength of the weak,
pray for us.
Protectress of those who fight,
pray for us.
Haven of the shipwrecked,
pray for us.
Calmer of tempests,
pray for us.
Companion of the sorrowful,
pray for us.
Retreat of those who groan,
pray for us.
Terror of the treacherous,
pray for us.
Standard-bearer of the Martyrs,
pray for us.
Treasure of the Faithful,
pray for us.
Light of Confessors,
pray for us.
Pearl of Virgins,
pray for us.
Comfort of Widows,
pray for us.
Joy of all Saints,
pray for us.
Queen of thy Servants,
pray for us.
Holy Mary, who alone art
unexampled,
pray for us.

Pray for us, most Sorrowful Virgin,
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.
O God, in whose Passion, according
to the prophecy of Simeon, a sword
of grief pierced through the most
sweet soul of Thy glorious Blessed
Virgin Mother Mary: grant that we,
who celebrate the memory of her
Seven Sorrows, may obtain the
happy effect of Thy Passion, Who
lives and reigns world without end.
Amen.

*Litany composed by Pope Pius VII
while held in captivity by Napoleon.
For private devotions.*



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.

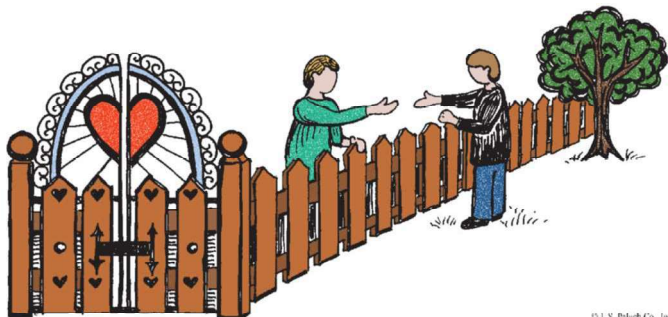
Funds raised will support Gracenter, a licensed recovery residence helping women without resources break free from drug and alcohol addiction and create a hopeful future. Enjoy an afternoon featuring a Silent and Live Auction; Raffle Prizes, Great Food and Fellowship.

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2026

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

— *Sirach 28:2*



FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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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

September 14

†Delia Gemignani

September 15

David Gemignani (L)

September 16

†Tessie, †Joseph &

†Saviour Schembri

September 17

†Paul, †Theresa &

†Joseph Vella

†Filomena & †Emanuel

Scerri

September 18

John Paul Padua (L)

Mark Grant (L)

September 19

†Jose Padilla

†Margaret Colvig

September 20

People of the Parish

The Maltese Society

Tricia Shaw (L)

ON THE HORIZON

• Upcoming 2nd Collections

September 19/20 Church Environment

Catechetical Sunday

September 26/27 Priest Retirement Fund

October 3/4 Faith Formation

• Parish Office Closed

Columbus/Indigenous People Day Monday,

October 12, 2026

Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026

• Maltese Society Bingo Bonanza

September 20, 2026, advanced ticket purchase required

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday, 9/13

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, 9/14

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Tuesday, 9/15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, 9/16

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

Thursday, 9/17

St. Robert Bellarmine &

St. Hildegard

Saturday, 9/19

St. Januarius



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

Sunday Collection September 5 - 6, 2026

Weekly Need:	\$5,000.00
First Collection	\$2,928.00
Faith Formation	\$ 759.00
Over/ Under	\$1,313.00

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.

Classes have begun

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 – 415.225.5315

Raffle Donations Welcome

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!!

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

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SERVICE