

# Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**10:30 a.m. Outdoor Mass Every Sunday:** I invite you wholeheartedly to an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday for the first 50 people, on a first come, first served basis. The Mass will be held in the School parking lot. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing. As we worship together, let's be acutely attentive to protecting one another from the virus.

**The Purpose of Our Gathering Together:** It would be a joy and a blessing, a grace and a privilege, for us to gather together for Mass to pray for our needs, give thanks to God for all the blessings, seek forgiveness from God and one another---and keep the memory of Jesus. May we be united with Jesus and one another in the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus says: "Remain in me as I remain in you." Let's dwell in each other's hearts and respond to the invitations we receive in the Word of God.

**Prayers are Urgent for These Needs:** Let's keep these needs specially in our minds and hearts: 1. All those affected by Covid-19. 2. All those who are on the frontlines of caring for those affected by Covid. 3. All those affected by the wildfires. 4. All those who are affected by racial disharmony. 5. For healing, common sense, and discernment in choosing the leaders God wants us to have as we face the elections in the next few weeks.

**Thank You:** Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth Parish through your financial donations, even though we have been caught up in the Covid for months now. Your generous good will toward our parish is much appreciated. Also, I'd like to thank all those who have been volunteering in setting up the Sunday Masses and those who have been helping clean up the facilities. I'm both impressed and inspired by the generosity of your time and talents.

**A Request to Avoid Harm to Parish:** I am going to be honest here: I have received complaints from some of you that someone from our parish has been dropping in your mailboxes misinformation about the parish and our ministries. Such things do damage to the unity and harmony of a faith community. Whoever is doing it: please refrain from such things. They are harmful to the life of a parish. If you have anything you'd like to talk to me about, you are always welcome to come see me and share your concerns. But hiding behind anonymous, negative, harmful letters is childish and immature. You do not have the parishioners' permission to drop such misinformation in their mailboxes!

**First Communion and Confirmation:** October 11 onwards, I'll be doing an extra Mass on Sundays to celebrate the parish First Communions and Confirmations. More information later. If you have any questions, please call the parish office (Patti Spiteri) or Lily Codd.

**God's blessings:** Wishing you all God's abundant blessings of peace and joy, faith and love, hope and health! Let's keep praying for each other.

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota