

Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Latest Information on Sunday Masses: Coming Sunday October 04, as we had the last two Sundays, there will be a Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the school yard. Up to 200 people are allowed. Please do let your families and friends know. Let's observe all the safety protocols. If you have a need for the hand sanitizer, please do bring your own. Obviously, masks and social distancing are mandatory. The weather forecast is: 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Please dress appropriately.

Weekday Masses Starting: Monday October 5th onwards, I'll be celebrating a Mass at 8:00 a.m. every day in the Church. Only 25% capacity, which will be 100 people for our church, will be allowed for our indoor Masses. Please do come join, if you are able to.

Mass Saturday Oct. 3rd with the Archbishop: To observe the originally planned Rosary Rally and the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Archbishop will be celebrating a vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. coming Saturday October 3rd in the Cathedral grounds. Before the Mass, there will be a candle-light procession from St. Anthony of Padua Church to the Cathedral. After the Mass, the rosary will be recited. Everyone is welcome to join!

Please Continue Supporting St. Elizabeth Parish: As I have said, I'm edified and inspired by your weekly donations to our parish. Despite the Covid reality all around us, you are amazing in your love for the parish and the continued support you give. Thank you!

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: October 4th is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of our own city of San Francisco. If there could only be a few people who practice Christianity as Francis did, the world would be completely transformed. Francis' simplicity, poverty, humility, love of other religions, love of all creation, love of Christ---all these inspire us to become more authentic human beings and Christians. Our Pope who has taken on the name of St. Francis is making the spirituality of the saint concrete for us by the values and vision he is sharing with the Church and the world. May our beloved saint inspire and lead us to love God, people, and the whole of creation!

First Communion and Confirmation: Sunday October 11 onwards, there will be a second Mass at 11:30 a.m. ONLY for the families of First Communion and Confirmation children. I'm so looking forward to giving the children First Communion and the boys and girls the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let's keep them all in our prayers.

The Word of God: In the second reading today (Philippians, chapter 4) Paul gives this powerfully eloquent suggestion, which is one of my favorite passages in the Bible: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Let's meditate on these words and see how we could respond.

Let's Keep Praying For: All those affected by Covid, the wildfires, and the racial conflicts. Let's pray also for the looming elections and for discernment to choose the leaders according to the mind and heart of Christ.

Thank you, Volunteers! I commend the many volunteers who have been helping recently in various ways in our parish. Thank you! Your generosity with time and talents is much admired and appreciated.

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota, Ph.D.