

# Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021:** As I write this blog on March 17, we have so far collected \$19,234. That is almost 50% of our goal of 40K. We have now completed four weeks of campaign. Please give early and generously so that we can complete our goal and don't have to worry or talk about it for the rest of the year. Thank you to all who have given this year to AAA. Those who gave \$25 and above have their names in the bulletin. Some of you have given 1% and more, that is, \$400 and more. Thank you. Last Sunday, Antonia Velasco spoke about her connection with our parish and the Archdiocese and the need to give to AAA. Thank you. The vision of AAA is the mission. The mission of Jesus Christ in our Archdiocese, to proclaim him and further God's Kingdom here in our own Archdiocese.

**Lent Continues:** We are in the fifth week of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the Sunday after that is Easter. This sacred season of spirituality and simplicity, of compassion and caring, of penance and perseverance, continues. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday ushering in the Holy Week. I invite everyone to participate in the paschal mysteries celebrated at our parish. When Easter comes, we will have journeyed with Christ through his trials and tribulations.

**A Lenten Longing:** "Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you! Lo, you were within, but I outside, seeking there for you, and upon the shapely things you have made I rushed headlong – I, misshapen. You were with me, but I was not with you. They held me back far from you, those things which would have no being, were they not in you." — St. Augusting

**New Sound System:** When you are in the church next time, check out the new sound system that's just been installed. If you have any feedback on it, please pass it on to me.

**My Easter Letter:** I'm putting in the mail to all parishioners of St. Elizabeth the Easter letter with the Holy Week schedule. Stay tuned!

**I'm vaccinated!:** Last Tuesday March 16, I got my first dose of Moderna vaccine at Kaiser in South San Francisco. The second dose is going to be on April 13. I hope many of you are getting vaccinated as and when your turn comes up. Please do sign up to check your eligibility. It's Christian virtue to do everything within our power to protect each other and to promote the common good and public health.

**Some Irish Proverbs and Blessings for St. Patrick's Day, March 17:** Wishes to all the Irish and to all who love the Irish! Here are some sayings to celebrate the spirit of the day. 1. It is better to be a coward for a minute than dead for the rest of your life. 2. Do not resent growing old. Many are denied the privilege. 3. Don't fear an ill wind if your haystacks are tied down. 4. A friend's eye is a good mirror. 5. The cat is always dignified until the dog comes by. 6. The man who has luck in the morning has luck in the afternoon. 7. The only sure thing about luck is that it will change. 8. Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art. 9. May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all year long. 10. If it's drowning you're after, don't torment yourself with shallow water. 11. If you buy what you don't need you might have to sell what you do. 12. May misfortune follow you the rest of your life, and never catch up. 13. All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed. 14. It's easy to halve the potato where there's love. 15. Here's to me, and here's to you. And here's to love and laughter. I'll be true as long as you. And not one moment after. 16. Life is like a cup of tea, it's all in how you make it! 17. May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide,

and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside! 18. Lie down with dogs and you'll rise with fleas. 19. Always remember that hindsight is the best insight to foresight. 20. The older the fiddle the sweeter the tune.

**Jokes:** 1. A pastor was delivering a children's sermon on the proper management of time. He asked the little ones seated on the floor around him, "Can you think of ways in which you waste time? One three-year-old girl replied, "How about taking a bath?" 2. A little boy offered up this simple prayer: "God bless mommy and daddy, my brother and sister; and God, do take care of yourself because if anything happens to you, we're all sunk." 3. A small boy in Faith Formation class described how powerful God is: "God is more powerful than Batman, Superman, and the Lone Ranger put together."

**Wishing you health and happiness, peace and patience, grace and gratitude, love and laughter---today and every day of your life,**

Your Friend & Pastor,  
Fr. Charles Puthota