

Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Easter Season: Hope you are enjoying the mystery of Jesus the Risen Christ walking with us and revealing himself to us this season. His presence will be quiet and subtle, calm and peaceful. We need to be alert and alive not to miss him. He says: "Don't be afraid...Peace be with you." Here are a few sayings about the meaning of Easter: "The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise." --- Carl Knudsen. "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time." --- Martin Luther. "Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals." -- - Charles M. Crowe. "Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." --- Floyd W. Tomkins. "He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity." --- Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing." --- Albert Loughton. "Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless." --- Charles M. Crowe

500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, A Parish Celebration: It is next Sunday May 16 at 11:30 a.m. Mass presided over by Archbishop Cordileone. Let's prayerfully be united in faith and solidarity to celebrate this event. I thank the steering committee for all the arrangements they are making. Congratulations to the Filipino community for their five F's: faith, family, food, friendship, and fun.

IMPORTANT: Change of Sunday Mass Schedule: Please Note: Next Sunday May 16 onwards Sunday Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day: On the occasion of Mother's Day, may I have the honor of wishing all mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers in our parish a Happy and Beautiful Mother's Day? Thank you for being mothers. Thanks to you, we understand what it is to love, nurture, share, and be selfless. Here's something to enjoy and laugh out loud about!

Lessons from My Mother: My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:** "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning." My mother taught me **LOGIC:** "Because I said so, that's why." My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC:** "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me." My mother taught me **FORESIGHT:** "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident." My mother taught me **IRONY:** "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about." My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM:** "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!" My mother taught me about **STAMINA:** "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone." My mother taught me about **WEATHER:** "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it." My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY:** "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!" My mother taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE:** "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out." My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION:** "Stop acting like your father!" My mother taught me about **ENVY:** "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do." My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION:** "Just wait until we get home." My mother taught me about **RECEIVING:** "You are going to get it when you get home!" My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE:** "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way." My mother taught me **ESP:** "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?" My mother taught me **HUMOUR:** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me." My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT:** "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up." My mother taught me **GENETICS:** "You're just like your father." My mother taught me about my **ROOTS:** "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?" My mother taught me **WISDOM:** "When you get to be my age, you'll understand." And my favorite: My mother taught me about **JUSTICE:** "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): Our goal is \$40K. To be exact, it is: \$39,425. You have so far donated \$36,734. We are getting close to the threshold of reaching our goal. When the latest numbers are in, I shall let you know. Thank you for your generosity and collaboration. You are amazing. Those who haven't given, please do give as early as possible to make it a success. See your names on the back page of the parish bulletin.

May, Month of Mary: "Let us run to her, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." --- Saint Francis de Sales.

A Story to Ponder: Said a disappointed visitor, "Why has my stay here yielded no fruit?" "Could it be because you lacked the courage to shake the tree?" said the Master benignly.

Joke: A man in Las Vegas approached a wealthy-looking stranger and said, "Can you spare me twenty-five dollars, sir? I haven't eaten for two days and I have no place to sleep." "How do I know you won't take the money and gamble with it?" "No way," said the man. "Gambling money I already have with me."

Happy Mother's Day! Happy Easter Season! God's abundant blessings to everyone at St. Elizabeth Parish!

Your Friend & Pastor,

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