

Fr. Charles Puthota's Blog

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From the Pastor's Desktop



Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Faith Formation Registration: If any of your children or grandchildren need to be enrolled in our parish Faith Formation program, please do let the parish office or Lily Codd (650-771-3176) know. We are eager to serve your children and your families through our mission of sharing faith and initiating children into Catholic faith.

Divine Office – Morning Prayer: Every day except Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer is said. This is also known as Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours or Breviary. Please join if you are able to and if could make a (more or less!) regular commitment to this prayer.

St. Elizabeth Parish Devotional Organizations: If you'd like, you may join any of the following devotions / Organizations: Each Wednesday after 8:30 a.m. Mass, we have Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction, Rosary, and Divine Mercy prayers. "Legion of Mary" meets each Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the church. "1000 Hail Mary's" devotion is in the church on third Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass till about 3:30 p.m. "Light of God" group meeting takes place 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. I'm looking forward to the Knights of Columbus group starting to meet regularly, and I'd encourage every other group to start making plans for your regular meetings.

Holy Land Pilgrimage in October 2022: If you are interested in this, please see the last page of bulletin for details. I'll be spiritual director to this pilgrimage. We'll visit Jordan and Israel and visit the most holy shrines connected with Jesus---his birth, ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: If anyone is in need of this sacrament, I could do it before or after the weekend Masses at 4:30 p.m. Saturday or 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office to schedule. I'd indeed be privileged to baptize your children or grandchildren.

Confessions: Before or after the weekend Masses. Also, after weekday Masses, if you'd like.

Characteristics of Being Catholic: In his book *Practice Makes Catholic*, Joe Paprocki lists five identifying markers of a Catholic. Here they are: A sense of sacramentality – the depth and meaning of rituals and symbols as a way of knowing God and honoring God's presence in our lives. A commitment to community – understanding what it means to be community in today's culture and how to intentionally connect individuals and families to the Catholic community. Respect for human life – Gospel values are grounded in connecting how we think about the value of each person and treat one another with the understanding that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Reverence for sacred scripture and sacred tradition – Meditating on the Bible and being diligent on knowing the core teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church: only then being able to put these teachings in action within the world we encounter. Attitude of faith and hope – the movement from despair to comfort found in God's love.

Think About It: "It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark" --- Howard Ruff. "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" --- Wayne Gretzky. "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn" --- Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Don't wish it were easier; wish you were better" --- Jim Rohn. "I'll go anywhere so long as it is forward" --- David Livingstone. "Change your thoughts and you change your world" --- Norman Vincent Peale. "The best way to predict the future is to invent it" --- Alan Kay. "Obsessed is just a word the lazy use to describe the dedicated" --- Russell Warren. "The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it" --- Henry David Thoreau. "The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work" --- Richard Bach. "To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing" --- Elbert Hubbard. "What we fear doing most is what we most need to do" --- Tim Ferriss. "If there is no struggle, there is no progress" --- Frederick Douglass. "Do what you can, where you are, with what you have" --- Teddy Roosevelt.

Catholic Dictionary: AMEN - The only part of a prayer that everyone knows. BULLETIN - Your receipt for attending Mass. CHOIR - A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync. HYMN - A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range. RECESSIONAL HYMN - The last song at Mass often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left. INCENSE - Holy Smoke! JUSTICE - When kids have kids of their own. PEW - A medieval torture device still found in Catholic churches. RECESSIONAL - The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot. RELICS - People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand. TEN COMMANDMENTS - The most important Top Ten list not given by David Letterman.

Catholic Joke: Man: "Father, can you do a novena for me to win an SUV raffle?" Franciscan Priest: "Sure, but what's an SUV?" The Man explains what an SUV is. Franciscan: "Oh no, that's not what novenas are for. I can't help you." The Man goes to a Dominican priest and makes the same request. Dominican: "Sure, but what's an SUV?" The Man explains and gets the same answer. The Man goes to a Jesuit and makes the same request. Jesuit: "Sure, but what's a novena?"

Thinking of you, Praying with you, Collaborating with you, and Wishing you the joys and blessings, rest and relaxation, of these summer months,

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota