

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021

From the Pastor's Desktop

[A Message from Father Charles Puthota](#)

February 21, 2021



Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioner,

Invitation to Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA): It's that time of year when St. Elizabeth Parish is invited to celebrate our close connection with the Archdiocese of San Francisco through our participation in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA).

The theme of AAA this year is: "God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish" (Psalm 9:18).

The AAA assessment for our parish in 2021 is \$ 40,000.

Top Five Reasons for donating generously to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: 1. St. Elizabeth is an integral and inseparable part of the Archdiocese. 2. It is the Archdiocese that established our parish in 1912, helped erect the current church structure in 1962, and has always nourished it like a mother by providing the services. 3. Through Word and Sacraments, the Archdiocese guides us to accompany us from birth to death---through the milestones of life. 4. The Archdiocese connects us with other ministries within the Archdiocese, with the California Church, the United States Catholic Church, and the Universal Church. 5. Rooted in over a 2000-year-old Catholic tradition and culture, the Archdiocese encourages us to act in creative fidelity to serve the Church and the world for God's greater glory.

Starting Date of the AAA Campaign: We are officially launching the AAA 2021 campaign with this letter and announcements during Masses starting on first Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021. You may also go online to the Archdiocesan website <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa> to donate by choosing our parish. If we can reach our goal of \$40,000 by end of April, that is in the next two and a half months or so, it would be just wonderful. We won't then have to talk about it for the rest of the year.

Please Consider: I'm personally seeking your financial support to help fulfill our annual commitment to the Archdiocese. Would you kindly consider donating to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal at the same level as you did last year or at a higher level? If you have never participated in this important task before, would you consider coming onboard? With everyone's participation, we will be able to accomplish this project within a couple of months.

One Percent Circle: This year I invite you to the "One Percent Circle." Can you give 1% of \$40,000 which is \$400. I have written a check already for my personal donation of \$400 to AAA. Some of you in the past years have been giving way more than one percent to AAA. Please give as much as possible for you to give. I will be inviting the one-percenters, those who give \$400 and above, to a dinner---as a way of joyfully thanking them.

God bless you and your families for your spirit of faith and stewardship!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Father Charles Puthota

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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Sunday Collection February 14, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,450.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,550.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system.

We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	February 22 † Manuel Scerri † Joseph Vella
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 23 † Maria Kielian
Wednesday 8:00 am	February 24 † Rafael Martinez
Thursday 8:00 am	February 25 † Celia Villagomez
Friday 8:00 am	February 26 † Tessa Spiteri Lencioni
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	February 27 † Josephine Winant Good Shepherd Guild
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	February 28 People of the Parish Italian Catholic Federation † Rita and † Stan Tanner

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Please note: All Mass times including Mass intentions were scheduled pre-Covid 19. Currently the only Mass will be Sunday at 10:00 am in the schoolyard parking lot. Weekday Masses are privately celebrated for Mass intentions.

New Office Hours

New office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

End of Year Statements

We have closed the books on 2020. Please contact the parish office if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using **SUNDAY ENVELOPES.**

Please note that any donations received after December 31st will be credited to 2021.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

During Lent, every Friday the 8:00 am Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.