

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2022



Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., Pastor

Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Church

“The joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ as well. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community of people united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit in their pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of their Father, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity. That is why they cherish a conviction of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.”

(From the Preface of *The Church in the Modern World*---Gaudium Et Spes---of Vatican II)

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm (unless otherwise posted)

Closed Friday

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday **4:30 pm**
Sunday **9:30 am**
Monday through Saturday
Divine office: 8:00 am
Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confession Schedule

After the 8:30 am Daily Mass
4:15 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass
9:15 am before the 9:30 am Sunday Mass

Baptism Preparation Classes Call the
Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least six months
before the desired date.

Benediction and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 Mass.

Legion of Mary Meeting 5:00 pm Monday in the Rectory.

1000 Hail Mary's Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm: A Day of Prayer and Adoration.

Over 50 Group Meet Thursdays at 12pm in Cantwell Hall.

Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Congregants are recommended to wear masks during Mass indoors. Social distancing reduced to 3 ft between households.



From the Pastor's Desktop

**A Message from
Father Charles Puthota
July 3, 2022**

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Independence Day: As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day on Fourth of July and enjoy the weekend perhaps with barbecues, parades, and parties. I recall the day some years ago when I took the oath to become a citizen of this country. I was filled with happiness and pride. A friend of mine, Nita Ricotta, accompanied me to this ceremony held in a theater in downtown Oakland. The place was filled with a few thousand people. I discovered how all these people from over 100 different countries were all excited and eager to become American citizens. There was a palpable sense of elation and jubilation in the crowd. Before the oath was administered, people in the hall were asked to stand country by country and introduced to everyone else. People exhibited great pride in belonging to those different countries. But they were at the same time eager and excited to become the citizens of this nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave. When the oath was administered, all these people from different corners of the world were merged into the heart and soul of this nation. The joy of these new citizens was deep and intense. They were waving the American flags boisterously; many were shedding tears. It was a sight to behold. It was an inspiring demonstration of what this nation stands for: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

There is something beautiful and powerful that this nation has to offer to people from all over the world. What is it that makes this nation so attractive to other nations? What is this thing that we call the "American Dream"? Obviously, it's just not the material things. This country offers everyone possibilities and opportunities to strive, progress, and excel. This Independence Day, we could all resolve---natives and the naturalized citizens---not to take the blessings of this nation for granted. Let's join the 335 million people of the U.S. as we sing and pray: "America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!... America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!... America! America! May God thy gold refine Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine!"

Some Patriotic Quotes: "America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of divine providence on behalf of the human race."---Ralph Waldo Emerson. "I think patriotism is like charity---it begins at home."---Henry James. "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."--- John F. Kennedy. "Government of the people, by the people, for

the people, shall not perish from the Earth."---Abraham Lincoln. "In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."---Franklin D. Roosevelt. "From every mountainside, let freedom ring."---Martin Luther King, Jr.

Word of God: Jesus sends us out. It happens continuously. He sends us out not to a faraway country as missionaries, as it sometimes might happen, but for most of us, most of the time, Jesus sends us out to our own family, neighborhood, friends, organizations, work places, parish community, etc. to continue and complete the mission of Christ. Jesus did that over 2000 years ago when he sent the 72 disciples "to every town and place he intended to visit." He said to them: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." We are called to cure the sick and proclaim the Kingdom of God. Toward the end of the passage today, Jesus cautions them not to gloat over the fact of the demons obeying them but rather in the fact that their names are written in heaven. Our names are written in heaven. The call, therefore, is to live up to the truth that we belong to this earth as well as to heaven. Our life journey is oriented toward making this world a better place where the Kingdom of God would come. Our life is also oriented toward the ultimate union we will have with God to live for eternity in joy and peace. That's where our dear departed ones have gone. That's where we shall go one day. May the life we have with Jesus on a daily basis as he sends us out to one another, to love and serve, lead us to our fulfillment and happiness.

What is Catholicism? Richard McBrien, a well-known theologian says this: "Catholicism is characterized by a both/and rather than an either/or approach. It is not nature *or* grace, but graced nature; not reason *or* faith, but reason illumined by faith; not law *or* Gospel, but law inspired by the Gospel; not Scripture *or* tradition, but normative tradition within Scripture; not faith *or* works, but faith issuing in works and works as expressions of faith; not authority *or* freedom, but authority in the service of freedom; not unity *or* diversity, but unity in diversity."

Short Jokes: 1. A guest is ordering at a restaurant. "Do you think you could bring me what that gentleman over there is having?" The waiter: "No, sir, I'm very sure he intends to eat it himself." 2. Patient: "Oh, Doctor, I'm starting to forget things." Doctor: "Since when have you had this condition?" Patient: "What condition?" 3. Wife: "Honey, soon there will be three of us here. Isn't that great?" Husband: "Oh, darling, that's simply wonderful!" Wife: "I'm so happy you feel that way! I did tell my mom you won't mind her moving in!" 4. Dentist: "You need a crown." Patient: "Finally someone who understands me." 5. "99.8% of people have problems with math." "I'm glad I'm in the remaining 1%"

Happy Independence Day!

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthota

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May I never boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Galatians 6:14



GOOD NEWS IS ON THE WAY

This week, in the midst of summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own "homecoming," returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the "advent" of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing.

The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice and be glad for I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing torrent (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs to bring his peace and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

9:30 am

July 4

July 4th Holiday

July 5

† Froreino Gemignani
† Stephanie D. Songco
Alejandro Sapanlay (L)

July 6

Aaron Spiteri (L)
Bryan Spiteri (L)

July 7

† Theresa Spiteri
† Kelvin Canlas

July 8

† Adelina, † Antonio and
† John Novello
† Oscar Villanueva
† Olivia Abranches

July 9

† Victor Da Silva
† Esther Lobo
Pryso Family
† May O'Sullivan
† Rita Buchta

July 10

People of the Parish
† Michelle Gemignani
† Jennie Balich

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

June 25 and 26, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 1,830.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,170.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 523.00

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.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are still available for the 2022 year. Most dates in July, August, September, October, November, and December are open.

2023 Mass Intentions Now Available!

Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your Mass requests.

Due to the large volume of Mass requests, in order to be fair to the needs of our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy.

Parishioners can a request up to 12 masses per year.

Only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability. This makes it fair to all parishioners who wish to have a weekend mass.

Mass Intentions cannot be reserved by phone or in person. Requests must be submitted in writing or emailed.

Not all dates are available, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. If your requested date is not available an alternate date will be chosen for you.

Please note: Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

Please send payment with your Mass Intention requests.

Please allow time for processing.

Please email or mail your Mass Intention to: Saydha at

stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

Thank you.

WELCOME TO
ST. ELIZABETH PARISH COMMUNITY

We extend our hands and hearts to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time or newly arrived in our parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form and submit it to the office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

New Parishioner

New Address/Phone

Send Sunday Envelopes

Pray for our Dear Departed



Olivia Abranches

"Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . ."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptisms are arranged through The Parish Office. Please call for information and to make arrangements.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

For Weddings, Quinceañeras, Anointing of the Sick, and Funerals. Please contact the parish office.

Faith Formation Registration Open

New and continuing registration is being accepted for the 2022-23 Faith Formation program.

Registration forms may be requested by calling the Faith Formation Coordinator at 415-672-4903 or email sophielady7@aol.com. Forms can also be picked up at the Rectory office or after mass at the back of Church.

Even if your child will be a returning student, a 2022-23 Registration Form is required. Registration Fees are \$45.00 per child per year. Classes begin on September 10th on select Saturday mornings from 9-11:00 am.

Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are each two-year programs, beginning no earlier than 1st grade for Communion and no earlier than 8th grade for Confirmation. There is no upper age limit for Communion.

Catechist Teachers Needed

The Faith Formation program is looking for teachers to teach religion. If interested please call the Faith Formation Coordinator at 415-672-4903 or email sophielady7@aol.com.

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed,
Monday, July 4, 2022.
In observance of the July 4th Holiday.

