

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962
Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 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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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

An Incomplete Summary of the Spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola

By Father Charles Puthota
July 31, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

July 31 is the Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556). For over 500 years his insights have influenced the world. St. Ignatius founded the Jesuit Order called the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits distinguished themselves in the Church and the World not only through service of education, but also through a solid spirituality, missionary enterprise around the world, cutting edge theological/ philosophical investigations, and an unabashed openness to the world and culture.

Uniqueness: When the Jesuit Order was founded and called the Society of Jesus, some other religious orders had concerns about the name. But St. Ignatius prayed copiously for the grace of calling it the Society of Jesus and nothing else. Also, St. Ignatius wanted the Order to be apostolic rather than monastic. He wanted the Jesuits to go all over the world with a great flexibility and dynamism to work for God and people. Another interesting characteristic of the Jesuits is that St. Ignatius did not want a particular religious garb for his men. They would adapt to the local, national customs and wear the priests' garb of the particular area where they minister. Last but not least, as far as I know, the Jesuits are the only Order that does not require their men to do the Divine Office in common. It is left to the individuals to pray it at their convenient time. They had to be engaged in their apostolate with all their commitment and dedication and accommodate the praying of the Divine Office individually at their own time.

Let me list some of the insights of St. Ignatius:

Conversion: This is at the heart of the spirit of St. Ignatius. He himself was converted. A wayward worldly soldier he was before, but after he was injured in war in Pamplona, he began to ask the question: "If the saints could do so much for God, why can't I?" While convalescing in the family castle of Loyola in the Basque countryside (where I had the privilege of celebrating Mass in the very room where St. Ignatius spent his convalescence months), there was a deep conversion that God brought about in his life. His attention now turned to Christ. He transferred his chivalry and passion in service of Christ our Lord. Later in the cave of Manresa, he spent months praying, undergoing the process of conversion, and jotting down his insights which would later become the spiritual classic called the *Spiritual Exercises*. In the retreats based on the Ignatian spirituality, especially in the beginning, conversion would be the focus of attention. The retreatant is asked to meditate on God's amazing love, one's sinfulness, and conversion, and rededication to God's love and service.

The First Principle and Foundation: In the *Spiritual Exercises*, St. Ignatius says that we must be clear about the purpose of our life, not just in the immediate sense, but in the long range. We are created to love, serve, and reverence God and by means of that to attain our final fulfillment and destiny, which is union with God in eternity. Everything in the world is given to us as a means --- as a help --- for us to reach our ultimate destiny. Therefore, we are to choose only those that will help us toward achieving the purpose of our lives and avoid those that do not help us toward our ultimate goal.

Discernment of Spirits: St. Ignatius observed early on that there were positive and negative movements and forces acting on his soul. Some thoughts lead us to peace and consolation; some others lead us to emptiness, turmoil and desolation. In order for us to make choices in life, if we pay close attention to the movement of the spirits in our souls, we will be able to discern what God wants us to do.

God's Spirit will guide us by providing the climate in our soul which would be an indication for us to choose a particular option, way of life, etc. In other words, by becoming aware of the spirits acting on our soul like the wind on the water, we will become experts in listening to God's voice at a deeper level and respond to it with openness and courage.

For the Greater Glory of God: This is AMDG! Which is short for Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam --- For the Greater Glory of God. Please note that it is not the great glory, nor the greatest glory. It is the "greater" glory. The adjective "greater" indicates that it's a constant striving for the greater glory. We keep growing always in this area. We cannot possibly give the greatest glory, which is reserved for the time when we will join the angels and saints. But here on earth, we are running the race, always stretching out spirits and hearts for God and people, never resting on our laurels.

Finding God in all things and All things in God: There is a dynamic dialog, the constant relationship between the divine and the human. The world is charged with the grandeur of God, as the Jesuit poet Gerald Manley Hopkins says. We are called to grow in the divine milieu, the sense of God's presence in everyone and everything. Our daily lives are suffused with the sense of transcendence. God works, directs, guides, graces, and empowers throughout our lives. To the extent that we can see that "the earth is crammed with heaven," we can find ourselves standing on the holy ground. We can then take all our endeavors and quests and struggles to the heart of God.

The Ignatian Indifference: This means that when we have several options to choose from, we need to be indifferent, in the sense that we do not cling to any one option, until the process of discernment is undertaken. It's the healthy sense of being open to that particular option which God is leading us to make. This spirit of non-clinging, this indifference in the Ignatian sense, is necessary for us to be able to make any good choice.

Magis: The word "Magis" in the Ignatian vision expresses the desire to keep doing always "more" for God. We can never be content with what we are and what we do. There is always room for improvement; there is greater glory to be given in and through our endeavors; there is always more that we can do as human beings and Christians. There is the healthy sense of restlessness within us, which St. Augustine speaks of, which will keep stirring within us the never-ending desire to live and work for the greater glory of God.

Contemplation in Action: St. Ignatius felt that we need to bring prayer into life and our life into prayer. We are called to be contemplatives in action. Our actions would be a continuation of our union with God experienced in contemplation and meditation. Then we can take life into prayer, asking God to sanctify our deeds. While we are in contemplation, we shall in an authentic way bring ourselves without any falsehood, and stand before God. There is a perpetual flow and play between our prayer and life, faith and service; they are not disconnected areas, but the two sides of the same coin.

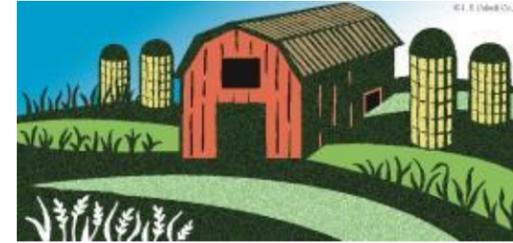
St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity: Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your most holy will. Amen.

St. Ignatius' Suscipe (Receive) Prayer: "Take, O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will - all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours, do with it as you will. Give me only your love and your grace. That is enough for me."

Your Friend and Pastor,
Father Charles Puthot

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Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
— *Psalm 90:12*



THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

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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

August 1

† Liliana Skorpanic

† Olivia Abranches

August 2

† Marcos V. Valledor

† Renato Macaspac

August 3

† Tessie, † Joseph and

† Saviour Schembri

† Lolita Joan Rossi

August 4

Sisters of the Good

Shepherd

August 5

† Juanita D. Mendoza

† Cenen J. Songco

August 6

† Rita Buchta

† Victor Da Silva

August 7

People of the Parish

† Jennie Balich

† Victor Da Silva

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Saturday/Sunday Collection

July 23 and 24, 2022

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 1,779.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 483.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,738.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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 are unable to credit your contribution without your envelope number.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are still available for the 2022 year. Most dates in August, September, October, November, and December are open. Please submit your request by mail or email.



A group of St. Elizabeth parishioners with Fr. Charles at San Damiano Retreat House, Danville.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

AAA 1% Circle Gratitude Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, September 11th

Look for your invitation in the mail.

LEGION OF MARY AND PLENARY INDULGENCE

At the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday August 07 at St. Elizabeth Church, you are invited to receive a Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of Legion of Mary. A plenary (meaning "full") indulgence is a special type of indulgence that, if all the requirements are met, removes all temporal punishment due to one's sin. To obtain, Catholics are invited to be in the state of grace, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...). Our own parish Legion of Mary members would be present and be actively involved in various ways at this Mass. We wish our Legion of Mary members and everyone else in our parish God's abundant blessings.