

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

Mailing Address: 449 Holyoke Street, S.F. CA 94134

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

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Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Congregants are to wear masks during Mass indoors.

Social distancing reduced to 3 ft between households.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 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.

Rosary after the 8:30 am Mass, Monday through Friday in the Church Chapel.

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

Legion of Mary Meeting 5:00 pm Monday in the Church. **Due to the July 4th holiday, the Legion of Mary will meet on Tuesday July 6th at 5:30 pm**

Second Saturday after the 4:30 pm Mass: Sto Nino Prayer and Benediction in Mary's Chapel.

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

Temporarily Suspended:

Light of God Prayer meeting 7 pm every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from Father Charles Puthota...
July 04, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Independence Day: As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day this Fourth of July and enjoy the weekend with barbecues, parades, and parties, with Covid restrictions still in effect, 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. Nita Ricotta, my friend from St. Veronica Parish, accompanied me to this ceremony held in a theater in 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 great sense of elation and jubilation in everyone. 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 allowed, as it were, to enter 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 a powerful demonstration of what this nation stands for: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. There is something so 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 and appealing to other nations? What is this thing that we call the "American Dream"? Or, the Spirit of America? 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---native-born and the naturalized citizens---not to take the blessings of this nation for granted. Let's join the 329 million others in 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!..."

God Bless America the Beautiful: "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand" --- Harry S. Truman. "Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists" --- Franklin D. Roosevelt. "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to

be good, America will cease to be great. ... America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement" --- Alexis de Tocqueville. "From every mountain side, let freedom ring" --- Samuel F. Smith. "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in" --- Theodore Roosevelt

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Some Quotable Quotes: "Aspire to inspire before you expire." "Life is a journey, not a destination." "Life is a journey, not a race." "Living well is the best revenge." "Conquer from within." "Smile: happy looks good on you." "Some people are so poor, all they have is money." "Start each day with a grateful heart." "Live what you love."

A Metaphorical Story to Ponder: A group of tourists sits in a bus that is passing through gorgeously beautiful country; lakes and mountains and green fields and rivers. But the shades of the bus are pulled down. They do not have the slightest idea of what lies beyond the windows of the bus. And all the time of their journey is spent in squabbling over who will have the seat of honor in the bus, who will be applauded, who will be well considered. And so they remain till the journey's end.

Jokes: 1. A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly his eye caught the red sanctuary lamp. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?" 2. Two Jesuit novices both wanted a cigarette while they prayed. They decided to ask their superior for permission. The first asked but was told no. A little while later he spotted his friend smoking and praying. "Why did the superior allow you to smoke and not me?" he asked. His friend replied, "Because you asked if you could smoke while you prayed, and I asked if I could pray while I smoked!"

Happy Independence Day! God Bless America! May America be---and become---a blessing to the whole world! Every nation in the world looks up to America for truth, justice, peace! May this nation fulfill its destiny by sharing generously its blessings with all nations, especially those in most need!

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021

My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9



NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, "Tell me what I want to hear, and don't confuse me with facts." And we don't take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today's Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today's readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the "stranger" among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or "strange" they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalms — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

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Sunday Collection June 27, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,555.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,445.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 628.00

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.)**

Masses were scheduled Pre Covid-All Sunday Intentions will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:30 am	July 5 † Jenny Sant
Tuesday 8:30 am	July 6 † Adelina, † Antonio and † John Novello
Wednesday 8:30 am	July 7 † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri † Anna Skropanich Tessie Gotauco (L) Dean Martinez (L)
Thursday 8:30 am	July 8 Good Shepherd Guild
Friday 8:30 am	July 9 † Mary Swaries
Saturday 8:30 am	July 10 No Intention
4:30 pm	† Mercy Metherate
Sunday 7:30 am	July 11 People of the Parish † Domingo C. Ramos † Michelle Gemignani † Tessy Lencioni and Emil Lencioni (L)
9:30 am	
11:30 am	

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living



Faith Formation (Formerly known as Religious Education)

New and continuing registration forms for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation program are available in the parish office and shortly will be available online.

A reminder that preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are each a two-year program.

We would love to work with your child on his or her faith journey!

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

JOIN Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D. ON A PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND



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2021 MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Please submit your 2021 Mass Intentions .Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person**. Requests must be submitted in writing and mailed to 449 Holyoke Street or by email: stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

You will receive a confirmation letter once your Masses are scheduled. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per Mass

WELCOME TO ST. ELIZABETH PARISH COMMUNITY **Please Print Clearly**

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time or newly arrived in our parish. If you are not registered or need to update your registration, please fill in the form and submit it to the office at the above address.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

- New Parishioner
- Send Sunday Envelopes

- New Address/Phone
- Remove from Mailing List