

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 19, 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**

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.

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

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

Light of God Prayer 2nd and 4th Friday of the month after the 8:30 am Mass.

From the Pastor's Desktop



A Message from
Father Charles Puthota
September 19, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Installation of Boiler in Alta Vista School: The installation of a new boiler is underway in Alta Vista School at the cost of about \$55,000, which would also include the removal of the asbestos. As you know, the parish will be meeting this expense, as we are the landlord of the school. This is just to keep you informed. Please continue to support our parish in whatever way you can.

Liturgical Minister Training: Last weekend and this weekend, the Archdiocesan Liturgical Training program is taking place in our parish, both in the church and in Cantwell Hall. This is to train Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Nearly 80 attendees came from many parishes of the Archdiocese. Last weekend, our parish volunteers were extraordinary in showing our parish hospitality to those attending this program. In all the arrangements made and, in the food, served before the sessions, our volunteers were much appreciated. As you know, one of the vital qualities in the church is to show hospitality. To make people feel welcome. To be a welcoming church. To make it a joyful experience for people to gather, to pray, to celebrate friendships and to build up the family of God. Let's keep doing our proverbial hospitality at St. Elizabeth parish.

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday: This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on **September 19, 2021** under the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. I would like to thank our parish catechists. Thank you for your dedication and generosity. Catechetical Sunday is a timely opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey to Central Europe: Pope Francis, 84, undertook a four-day visit to Hungary and Slovakia, his first foreign trip since his intestinal surgery in July. His short visit to Budapest included the celebration of the concluding Mass of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, meeting with the Bishops, Prime Minister Viktor Orban, representatives of the Ecumenical Council of Churches and some Jewish communities. In his 3-day visit to Slovakia, the Holy Father met with the Jewish community, the Bishops, priests, Religious, seminarians and catechists. Pope Francis also had meetings with civil authorities and diplomatic corps, the Roma community, and young people. Let's keep our Holy Father in our hearts and prayers.

Word of God: In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus continues with his prediction (which we saw in last Sunday's reading) about his suffering and death. He is the Christ, the Messiah, but not a triumphant one, but one who suffers and dies: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." To his disciples who were jockeying for power and prominence, Jesus expresses his values that go against those the world often cherishes: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." As followers and disciples of Jesus, we are to rearrange our "worldly" desires of hungering for power, position, wealth, prominence, authority, glamor, praise, etc. Yes, we can be the first and prominent, but that will be by becoming the last and servants of others. This is what Jesus himself practiced in his life. Are we ready to live by a different set of values than we naturally are drawn to? Are we ready to march to a different drummer?

A Story to Think About: King Pyrrhus of Epirus was approached by his friend Cyneas and asked, "If you conquer Rome, what will you do next, sir?" Pyrrhus replied, "Sicily is next door and will be easy to take." "And what shall we do after Sicily is taken?" "Then we will move over to Africa and sack Carthage." "And after Carthage, sir?" "The turn of Greece will come." "And what, may I ask, will the fruit of all these conquests be?" "Then," said Pyrrhus, "we can sit down and enjoy ourselves." "Can we not," said Cyneas, "enjoy ourselves now?"

Insightful Quotes from Pope Francis: 1. A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. 2. Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason. 3. Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that create huge inequalities. 4. Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right. 5. Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

Jokes: 1. A minister in Florida lamented that it was difficult to get his message across to his congregation: "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them." 2. A six-year-old boy was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who pass trash against us." 3. A Faith Formation teacher asked her class: "Does anyone here know what we mean by sins of omission?" A small girl replied: "Aren't those the sins we should have committed, but didn't?"

Your Friend & Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18



THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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Sunday Collection September 5, 2021

Weekly Need: \$ 6,000.00

First Collection \$ 2,980.00

Archdiocesan Annual \$ 412.00

Appeal

Over/Under \$ 2,608.00

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

8:30 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

September 20

† Krista Budesa

September 21

† Tessie, † Joseph and

† Saviour Schembri

† Doroteo and † Inocencia

Tud

September 22

† Astrida D. Mendoza

† Victor Da Silva

September 23

Good Shepherd Guild

September 24

† Rosario Deano

September 25

† Lena Houck

† Maria Moretto

† Filomeno and † Adoracion

Ausejo

September 26

† Ray DeVita

Italian Catholic Federation

† Maria Dolores Oropeza

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Masses were scheduled pre-Covid. All Sunday intentions will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass.

2022 Mass Intentions Now Available!

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

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charles Puthota, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to **10 Masses per year. Only 2 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.**

All Masses including the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass will be accepting two intentions per Mass.

We do not accept individual Mass Intentions for the following days:

Ash Wednesday, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.

Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing or by email: stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, 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.

Once you receive your confirmation letter with your schedule of Masses, please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church. Please do not send payment with your request. Please allow time for processing. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per mass.

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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.

Please return registrations ASAP so that books can be ordered.

Saturday September 25th is the first day of class, 9 to 11 am.

Save The Date

Good Shepherd Gracenter invites you to
Our online Gala for 2021
will mark the 60th anniversary
of the construction of the Gracenter facility—
built entirely through the generosity of 11 local labor unions
and 52 businesses donating their time, talent and materials!



We want to honor those incredible partnerships and build new ones for the future!

Come, partner with us during September, National Recovery Month!

Stay tuned!! An invitation will follow in mid-August with more details and will direct you to our on-line Gala platform: **GSG2021.givesmart.com** which you will be able to access, beginning **September 8th**

For more info: sr.marguerite@gsggracenter.org | www.gsggracenter.org

See you there!

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.
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Save the Date

The AAA 1% Circle luncheon will be held on Sunday November 7th at 12:00 pm at the Basque Cultural Center. Invitations will be mailed soon. The deadline for completing the 1% goal is September 31st.

Office Telephone Phone Calls

When calling the parish office please listen carefully to the selections and follow the prompts.

For office related matter please do not leave messages on the emergency selection unless it is an emergency.