

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

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

Closed Friday

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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 26, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Morning Prayer---Liturgy of the Hours: Every day at 8:00 a.m. Please join, if you can.

Baptisms, Confessions, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick or Dying, Blessing of Homes & Vehicles: Please call the parish office. Or contact me at weekend or weekday Masses. I promise you that I'll make the process and arrangements as easy and pleasant as possible. I'll cut through the red tape! I'm here to serve. As you know, the Church is called to be a welcoming church, like a mother welcoming her children. Let's model that kind of hospitality and welcome at St. Elizabeth parish.

Gracenter Fundraising Dinner at St. Elizabeth Rectory: You may be aware of the Gracenter, a recovery residence for women run by the Good Shepherd Sisters. To fundraise for their commendable ministry, I'm throwing a dinner in the Rectory for 12 people. The donation requested is \$150.00 per person. If you are happy to be part of this fundraising dinner-event, please would you contact the parish office? Gracenter, as you may know, is celebrating 60th anniversary this year. It was built through the generosity of 11 local labor unions and 52 businesses. The Sisters are also doing an online fundraising. Please visit GSG2021.givesmart.com to donate.

One Art: I have been fascinated and inspired by Elizabeth Bishop's poem "One Art." When you have the time, I recommend you take a look at this beautiful poem which enshrines the theme that "the art of losing is not hard to master." One click on Google will take you to the poem and YouTube will give you videos of interpretation of the poem. If you like the poem, would you let me know so we could quickly chat about it before or after Masses? Maybe, we could every day read a poem. It might do us a lot of good.

Movie Morning: Once a month, we could show a movie in Cantwell Hall, a movie based on some religious theme. Would you be interested in that? If you would, let me or the parish office know. It could be combined with some coffee before or after or during the intermission. This might be easy for those who are retired. Such occasions can also help bring people together and create friendships and build up our parish community. You could also have a little conversation on the movie, if you'd like, but it's not required.

Public Library: I have just obtained membership of the San Francisco public library system through Portola branch. I had membership in the peninsula system before. One of my pleasures is to walk into a public library and

browse books and other resources such as the video collections. I enjoy borrowing books, journals, and DVDs of foreign movies. Do you know that you can check out 50 items at a time and keep them for three weeks and renew them for a longer period of time? When you have the time, I'd recommend that you walk into a public library and browse books, magazines and other items. The public library system in the United States, I think, is a treasure.

AAA 1% and More Circle Thank-You Luncheon: November 7 Sunday at Noon at the Basque Cultural Center.

Sr. Olga Cristobal's 50th Anniversary Celebration: As you may know, there will be a celebration of Sr. Olga's Golden Jubilee of her Religious Profession at our parish on Saturday, October 09. Those who would like to volunteer in any way, please do let the parish office know.

Pope Francis Quotes: (continued from last week's bulletin) 6. Money has to serve, not to rule. 7. Hatred is not to be carried in the name of God! War is not to be waged in the name of God! 8. I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful ... I see the church as a field hospital after battle. 9. Perhaps you were mad, perhaps plates flew, but please remember this: never let the sun go down without making peace! Never, never, never! 10. Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads...to those who have quit or are indifferent.

A Story to Ponder: Four monks decided to go into silence for a month. They started out well enough, but after the first day one monk said, "I wonder if I locked the door of my cell at the monastery before we set out." Another monk said, "You fool! We decided to keep silence for a month and now you have gone and broken it!" A third monk said, "What about you? You have broken it too!" Said the fourth, "Thank God I'm the only one who hasn't spoken yet!"

Humor: A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?" Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, I can't say Mass for the poor creature..." Muldoon said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I'll go to this new denomination down the road; no tellin' what they believe... Do you think \$500 is enough to donate for the service?" Father Patrick: "Now, wait a minute. Why didn't you tell me your wee dog was Catholic?!"

Your Friend & Pastor,
Fr. Charles Puthota

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-- Fr. Charles

Sunday Collection September 19, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,160.00
Priests Retirement Fund	\$ 757.00
Over/Under	\$ <u>3083.00</u>

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	September 27 † Mike and † Assunta Perata
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 28 Marie (L) and † Ray Garibaldi
Wednesday 8:30 am	September 29 Garibaldi Family † Pepito O. Camba
Thursday 8:30 am	September 30 † Foreino and † Delia Gemignani
Friday 8:30 am	October 1 † Giovanni Rossi † Francisca Monsonto
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	October 2 Velasco Family Intentions † Jewel Coccellato
Sunday 9:30 am	October 3 People of St. Elizabeth Church † Sam Fernandez † Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri † Tessy Lencioni

† 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@gsgracenter.org | www.gsgracenter.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.