

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

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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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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
October 3, 2021



Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Blessing of Animals at St. Elizabeth Church: In keeping with the tradition connected with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, lover of all animals and all creation, the Patron Saint of our own City-by-the-Bay, we shall bless the animals immediately following the 9:30 Mass coming Sunday October 03, in front of the church.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 04: I had the opportunity to visit the place of this much-loved saint --- Assisi in Italy as recently as three years ago. He came to be known as "il poverello," the poor one. The city of Assisi upon a hill is a magnificent sight from the plains. You can touch the spirit of St. Francis in this town. He died in 1226. After all these centuries, the saint is even more relevant today for the spirit of detachment, world peace, simple living, and loving care for creation. His famous prayer "Lord, make me a channel of your peace" is highly suitable for our world of today.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: After a long hiatus brought on by Covid, Knights of our parish and the auxiliaries met Sunday September 26. I had the chance to speak to them and listen to them. I have assured them that they would receive all the support they need from me. I have thanked them for all their service to our parish and encouraged them to continue their good work now and into the future. We shared a nice meal together after our meeting.

Faith Formation (FF) Classes Started: Last Saturday September 25, our FF classes started. I visited the classes. I thank the teachers for their commendable service. A couple of weeks before, I had had a meeting with the teachers and reviewed their plans for this year's classes and the calendar. On Saturday October 02, I'm hoping to get together with the parents.

Pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land: In 2022, October 05 through 17, I'll be serving as spiritual director for a pilgrimage group. If you are interested in joining, please contact 1-800-206-8687. See more information on the back of this bulletin.

October, Month of the Rosary: October 07 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It's a revered Catholic tradition to observe the whole month of October as dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a great devotion passed on to us from one generation to another. As you know, being close to Mary brings us closer to Jesus. Through her motherly and tender love for us, she urges us to do whatever Jesus asks us to do.

As we pray the repetitive prayers of Our Father and Hail Mary, there is an aura of the sacred created within us and a sense of peace and quiet descends on us. As we focus on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, we actually meditate on the life of Christ and the connection of our mother Mary to Jesus and to all of us. This month of October, maybe we could make a fresh attempt at praying the Rosary as a family and in our parish groups and organizations. In our Faith Formation too we could introduce the children to this beautiful devotion of praying the Rosary.

Feast of St. Thérèse of Child Jesus on October 01: Some years ago, I had the honor of visiting her town Lisieux in Normandy, France, and celebrating Mass at the Carmelite Cloistered Convent to which she belonged for nine years before she died at age 24 in 1897. Her spiritual journal "Story of a Soul" is a bestseller in religious literature. She is a bright star among the Catholic saints and loved by millions around the world. She is also called the Little Flower. She thought of herself not as one of those great flowers like the rose and lily, but as a little flower in the forest which also catches the eye of God. She felt that though she is little, God loves her with incredible love. Her spirituality may be summed up in what she called the "little way." It means that she is not capable of doing great and mighty things for God, but she can still as God's little one, do all the small, daily things with love, dedication, and faith. Maybe we can also think about following the little way of St. Thérèse. Let's do the daily things with simple hearts and great love. To use the old language, everything we do we can "offer up to God," knowing that God loves and cares for all the little things we do because they all accumulate to give meaning and purpose to our lives. Let's keep Jesus' words: "Unless you become a child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

Think About It: "The more grain there is on a rice stalk, the lower it bends to the ground; empty of grain, it grows taller and taller." (Malayan Proverb).

A Five-Year-Old's Prayer: Dear God, I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying.

Catholic Jokes about children: 1. After the Faith Formation teacher had read the story of the prodigal son, she asked, "What does it mean to "waste your substance on riotous living?" Seven-year-old Tim spoke up: "It means to spend all your money on bubble gum." 2. Five-year-old Kate was taken to church for the first time. On the way home, she asked, "If that is God's house, how come there are cracks in the ceiling?" 3. "Father, is it a sin to pull a cat's tail off?" asked the little boy at confession. "Indeed, it is, my son," replied the priest. "What God hath joined together, let no man pull asunder."

Your Friend & Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.
— Mark 10:14



THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman'" (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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Sunday Collection September 26, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 3,013.00
Parish Ministries	\$ 257.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,730.00
Priests Retirement	\$ 2,037.00

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

October 4

† Leonora C. Manuel
† Luisa S. Gito

October 5

† Jovita Cruz
Imelda Macaraeg (L)

October 6

† Tessie, † Joseph and
† Saviour Schembri
† Arturo Alforque Bura

October 7

† Bernardina M. Uminga

October 8

† Ray Garibaldi

October 9

† Carmela Sapiano
Holy Spirit Music Ministry
Choir-Thanksgiving

October 10

† Manuel Icban
† Aurora Sumera
† Mary McCarthy
Saydha Thomas (L)

† 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.

Due to the large number of requests your confirmation letter may be delayed. Thank you for your patience.

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PILGRIMAGE TO
JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND**



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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.

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 head. You may make it payable to St. Elizabeth Church and write in the memo line "Gracenter Fundraising Dinner".

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.

-- Fr. Charles

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. We ask you to bless our pets. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord God, and all your creatures! Amen.

Office Telephone 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.