

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24, 2021



Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., *Pastor*

Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Church

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(From the Preface of *The Church in the Modern World*---Gaudium Et Spes---of Vatican II)

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Closed Friday

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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.

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 24, 2021



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Word of God: This Sunday we read a hauntingly beautiful story of Jesus healing a blind man. Desperate, he cries out: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." People try to silence him, but he shouts all the more. Such is his need. It's his only chance to get what he wants from Jesus. He prays with faith and sense of urgency and intensity and persistence. Jesus hears him and heals him. As Jesus calls him, it is said: "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus." When we go to Jesus, we have to throw away a whole lot of things we do not need anymore. Our need, too, is like the blind man's: "Master, I want to see." Is it possible that we have eyes but do not see. We look, but do not see into the heart of people, life, and situations. We need more sight. The blind man "immediately received his sight and followed him on the way." When we can "see" better, we shall follow Jesus and be on the way. Being on the way with Jesus is all about what we are called to do as Christians. This gospel story is full of meaning for each of us, our families, and communities. It gives us insight about prayer, faith, perseverance, seeing, throwing away the baggage, following Jesus, and becoming his disciples.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Please see information for a pilgrimage on the last page of this bulletin.

Stories to Ponder: 1. An efficiency expert was making his report to Henry Ford. "As you well see, sir, the report is highly favorable, except for that man down the hall. Every time I pass by, he's sitting with his feet on his desk. He's wasting your money. Said Ford. "That man once had an idea that earned us a fortune. At the time I believe his feet were exactly where they are now." 2. There was an exhausted woodcutter who kept wasting time and energy chopping wood with a blunt axe because he did not have the time, he said, to stop and sharpen the blade. (ADM)

Catholic Jokes: 1. While Father Giles was preaching his sermon, a woman in the congregation began to cough loudly and often. The priest said to a man who was sitting up front, "Give that lady a glass of water!" Then Father Giles returned to his sermon, but lost his train of thought. "Now, what was I saying?" he murmured. The man replied, "Give that lady a glass of water." 2. A tailor confessed that he had stolen a roll of cloth from a van. "I hope you won't make a habit of it, said the priest. "Certainly not," said the tailor. "I was going to make two suits from it."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Fr. Charles Puthota

Synod of Bishops 2021-2023: As you may be aware, Pope Francis inaugurated two weeks ago a two-year process of encounter and consultation called "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." I put a note about in last week's bulletin. I shall keep sharing more in the coming weeks and months. You might also want to google this topic and do your own research about this important development in the Church all around the world. When the materials are available, I will share them with you.

Please Occupy Front Pews: A request: when you come into church for weekend Masses, please do occupy the pews in the front half of the church. That would help the latecomers to sit in the back conveniently. All this is to safeguard everyone's safety and health. When ushers lead you to the front pews, please do not resist or oppose them. They are doing their volunteer work with generosity, and they are actually following my recommendations in an effort to avoid crowding in the back pews. Please let's all collaborate and be flexible in order to promote the common good and public health. If you have any questions about this, please would you talk to me before of after Masses. As it stands now, we have about 75 people attending the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass and about 175 people at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please keep in mind our church can seat 600 people and it is highly recommended that we try to distribute the numbers as widely as possible inside the church.

Mission Statement of our Parish: Please see our parish Mission Statement on the front page of the bulletin permanently. It is the first paragraph of the Preface of the Vatican II "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes). It is a towering statement about what we as people of God are called to be and do. When there is an opportunity, we could reflect on this statement in our organizations or as part of a retreat. The meaning of this statement is that we are in the world, not outside the world. Therefore what happens in the world touches the followers of Christ and calls for our participation and engagement in a continuous way. Here it is:

"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

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The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.
— Psalm 126:3



RECOGNIZING JESUS

The star of today's Gospel is a panhandler. Bartimaeus is blind, yes, but he is probably also homeless and filthy, a real nuisance to respectable citizens. Even so, it is Bartimaeus who recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, places all his faith in him, throws aside everything he has (his cloak), begs him for mercy, receives new vision, and follows Jesus on the way to suffering and death in Jerusalem. How desperate will we have to get before we can do the same?
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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Sunday Collection October 17, 2021

Weekly Need:	\$ 6,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,341.00
Church Project	\$ 544.00
Over/Under	\$ 3,115.00

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	October 25 † Martha Puthota † Marcos Valledor
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 26 † Danny Bruggelli † Thomas Duffy
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 27 † Albert J. Songco † Victor Da Silva † Mary and †Earl McCarthy
Thursday 8:30 am	October 28 † Victor Da Silva
Friday 8:30 am	October 29 † Mary De Leone Elvie Medina (L)
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	October 30 Velasco Family Intentions † Barbara Massini
Sunday 9:30 am	October 31 † Pepito O. Camba † Victor Da Silva † Reynaldo G. Gayaban People of the Parish

†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**



OCTOBER 5 – 17, 2022

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Rinda: 1-800-206 TOUR (8687)**

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

ICF CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All parishioners are invited to attend the ICF Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, November 16th at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. No Host cocktails 12:00 Noon, Lunch 12:30. Menu will consist of Chicken Gordon Bleu or Salmon with champagne sauce. Dessert/Coffee/Wine. Price \$35.00. Please call Mary Perata for reservations at 415-239-5936
Reservation deadline is November 11th



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.



**It is with great joy we welcome
Emma Espinoza
into our church and community
Emma received the Sacrament of Baptism at our
Rectory Chapel on October 16, 2021.**

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.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Holy Hour**

for Vocations to Holy Orders
and Religious Life

Vocation Awareness Sunday, November 7, 2021
3:00 – 4:00 pm

St. Matthew, 1 Notre Dame Ave, San Mateo
Star of the Sea, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco
St. Patrick, 114 King St, Larkspur