

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy



Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Church

“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 their pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of their Father, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity. That is why they cherish a conviction of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.”

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

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

Parish Office

449 Holyoke Street
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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Fridays

Parish Staff

Patti Spiteri	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
Sandy Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurie Digneo	Faith Formation Coordinator

Mass Schedule

Saturday **4:30 pm**
Sunday **8:30 am and 10:30 am**

Monday through Saturday

Divine office: 8:00 am
Mass: 8:30 am
Holy Day: 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confession Schedule

4:00 pm before the 4:30 pm Mass
10:00 am before the 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Baptism Preparation Classes Call the
Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office six months

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.

1000 Hail Mary's: Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm.

Over 50 Group: Thursdays at 12 pm in Cantwell Hall.



From the Pastor's Desktop

A Message from Father Charles Puthota

April 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Divine Mercy Sunday: A few years ago, I had the privilege of visiting Poland among some other European countries. While there, along with places connected with Saint John Paul II and the heartbreaking concentration camp in Auschwitz, I visited the shrines of the Divine Mercy devotion and Saint Faustina Kowalska and celebrated Masses at those holy places. God is loving and merciful. He is merciful because he is loving. The essence and nature of God is that he is love and mercy. "He is slow to anger and rich in kindness." This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. To be merciful is God's identity and his constant preoccupation. In Jesus Christ God's mercy has been given to us in astonishing and incredible ways. We can have new beginnings because of God's love and mercy. We can turn our lives around because God is never tired of showing us mercy. We are created for love by love because of love. When we go against love, we actually go against ourselves. May God's mercy shine on us always so that we can all together practice mercy toward one another.

Easter Season: Hope you are enjoying the spiritual blessings and graces of the Easter season. Jesus Christ is alive and active in our lives. That is what Easter simply means. It's true he was killed in a horrible way and crucified on a cross. But on the third day, even as he had promised, he rose from the dead. His Father who had let his own son suffer and die, did not abandon him, but raised him to new life. Our lives are interpreted in the light of the resurrection of Christ. All our predicaments and perils do not have the power to destroy us, even though it might at times appear that way. Thanks to the risen Christ, we shall overcome. We shall have hope. We shall receive the power and strength. We can experience the process of dying and rising to a new life. The entire Bible in terms of the salvation history and all that God has done throughout the history of the human race can be viewed from the most efficacious vantage point of the resurrection of Jesus. As someone has said: "The gospels do not explain the resurrection of Jesus; the resurrection explains the gospels." If we can keep dying to self and to our unreasonable and uncharitable convictions, prejudices, preconceived notions, and conditioned and predetermined ways of living our lives---and keep rising to loving, selfless ways, then the dynamics of Easter are really at work in our lives. We are an Easter people! Let the spirit of Easter make a difference in our lives.

Easter Quotes: "He has risen. This is the heart of our faith. Mary was a silent witness of all these events. Let us ask her to help us also to receive the fullness of this Easter message." — St. John Paul II. "The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances." - Robert Flatt. "Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless." - Charles M. Crowe. "Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness." - Floyd W. Tomkins

The Word of God, the Second Sunday of Easter: During the season of Easter, we'll be reading the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. This book is one of my favorites in the whole Bible. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of what happened after Jesus was ascended to heaven, about how the Spirit of Christ anointed and empowered the apostles to preach and practice the resurrection faith fearlessly and courageously. In today's first reading, we read about how the earliest Christians shared everything by putting everything they owned at the service of others. "There was no needy person among them...." Sharing and caring are at the heart of Christianity. The gospel tells the story of the "doubting Thomas." He seeks rational, scientific proof as the basis for his faith in the risen Christ. He represents the modern person looking for empirical evidence, but faith goes beyond such proofs, even as love does. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen." The risen Christ shepherds us from the rational to the realm of faith in God's love and presence. As we all know, the deepest and most precious things in life are things we cannot see and touch. Are we ready for the faith the Easter Lord wants us to profess and practice?

Thank You: Our Easter celebrations went very well. Thank you to all those who attended our services. During the Holy Week and the Easter celebrations, there were many generous and kind volunteers who gave so much of their time and talents. To all the volunteers who worked together to make the celebrations beautiful and prayerful, my deep gratitude! All those who decorated, all those who set up everything, all those who sang in our choirs, all those who ensured safety and security for everyone---to all of you my thanks on behalf of the whole parish community. As I have said before, the extent of generosity of volunteers at our parish is amazing and impressive. Thank you!

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2024, We reached the goal: The goal was \$32,089. We reached the goal in seven weeks (February 4 through March 17). Congratulations and thank you! Some of you went the extra mile to donate 1.5% and more, which is \$500 and more. Thank you! Please see the names of donors in the bulletin. Those of you who are still thinking of giving, please do because any donations beyond the goal of \$32,089 will be returned to our parish so we could continue to do God's work.

A Humorous Story to Ponder: A fire broke out in a house in which a man was fast asleep. They tried to carry him out through the window. No way. They tried to carry him out through the door. No way. He was just too huge and heavy. They were pretty desperate till someone suggested: "Wake him up, then he'll get out by himself." (Wake up! Grow up! Wake up to the presence of the Easter Christ!)

Wishing you and your families all the joys, beauties, and blessings of the Easter season! May we let the Risen Christ do the eastering work in us, our families, and the world!

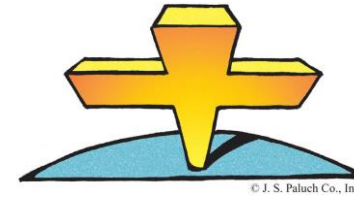
Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy April 7, 2024

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



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SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection: March 28-31

Holy Thursday	\$ 986.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$ 1,785.00
Holy Saturday	\$ 884.07
Easter Sunday	\$ 6,738.00
Total	\$10,393.07

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if your put your envelope number in the memo section of the check. Thank you for your continued generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	April 8 † Joseph, † Tessie and † Saviour Schembri † Tomasa Garcia and † Apolinaria Canlas
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 9 † Eva Castro David John Crow (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 10 † Renee Lobo † Demetrio Alipio
Thursday 8:30 am	April 11 † Jessie Borg Lilia Crow (L)
Friday 8:30 am	April 12 † Aurora T. Mallari † Milagros Hernandez Pilare
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30pm	April 13 † Walter Strohmaier † Fred Perata † Oscar and † Fran Picazo
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	April 14 People of the Parish † Maria Tina Fontana Corazon Pilare (L)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 8-14

Monday 4/8	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday 4/9	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday 4/10	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday 4/11	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday 4/12	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday 4/13	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday 4/14	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES April 7-13

Sunday 4/7	Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy
Monday 4/8	The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday 4/11	St. Stanislaus
Saturday 4/13	St. Martin

Thank you! Congratulations! We Reached our Goal!

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

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Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00**

Amount collected to date: **\$39,935.00**

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is being accepted for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation program. It is important that your child learns about the catholic religion. By taking the Faith Formation classes children will get an understanding of the basics of our religion in a fun and informative way using interactive teaching methods. The Faith Formation program will be an experience that will have an everlasting impact on your child, so please enroll your child.

Registration forms may be requested by calling Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903 or email: sophielady7@aol.com. Forms can be picked up at the Rectory office or at the Church.

Registration Fees are \$50.00 per child.

Faith Formation Teachers needed

We are in need of teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. If you enjoy working with children and have a general knowledge of the catholic religion we would love to have you aboard. You will find that teaching young children religion is a rewarding and fulfilling experience. If interested please contact Laurrie Digneo.

Pray for our Dear Departed



Gloria Manabat
Abraham Gonzalez

“Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord . . .”