

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter



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
415-468-0820 Fax 415-468-1457

Parish Office Hours

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

Closed Fridays

Parish Staff

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| 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 14, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Easter Season: What does Easter mean to us? Obviously, it is not just a one-day celebration. It is a season. What is more, it is a way of looking at things. It's not a way of looking at certain things but a certain way of looking at everything. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can live our present lives with abiding hope and a sense of freedom. Jesus' dying and rising is at work in our lives so that we can keep dying and rising. Changing our direction in life is a big part of the Easter season.

The early Christians embraced the change of life. When the apostles preached, who had themselves been transformed, the people who heard them were transformed. The Holy Spirit brought about changes unimaginable. The apostles who had been hiding for fear of the authorities were transformed into fearless and ardent and courageous witnesses of the Risen Christ. They were ready to do anything for the Lord. They would rather obey God than the human authority. Nothing could keep them down. The Spirit of Christ drove them in directions they never thought was possible. They set the world on fire with their Word, Sacrament (breaking of the bread), Witness, and Service.

We too may feel helpless about our patterns of behavior or cycles of sin, but the Risen Christ can breathe his Spirit on us and blow away our timidity and doubts, our helplessness and insecurities. The spiritual effects of Jesus' resurrection may be felt and experienced in our daily lives if we but allow the Easter grace to take hold of our lives. What about those dear departed ones from our families and circles of friends? Aren't they all well because of the Risen Christ? Don't they all luxuriate in the endless joy and peace of Easter? Easter, therefore, is profound both for the living and the dead. We cannot view the mysteries of life and death without the vantage point of the Easter mystery

Easter Quotes: Janine Di Giovanni: "Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life." Reba McEntire: "Easter is very important to me. It's a second chance." Martin Luther: "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." Victor Hugo: "Dawn and resurrection are synonymous. The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul." Pablo Neruda: "You can cut the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming." Billy Graham: "The entire plan for the future has its key in the resurrection." Pope John Paul II: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

Word of God, Third Sunday of Easter: Luke, author of both the Acts of the Apostles and the gospel according to Luke, summarizes the life of Jesus as spoken by Peter in the first reading and in the gospel portrays the risen Jesus as dispelling the apostles' fears and showing himself as a living human person, not a ghost. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." In both the readings, repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be preached to all nations. Our change of heart and God's forgiving love are at the center of our human and Christian life. This truth is proclaimed by John the Evangelist in a heartwarming manner in the second reading. He says that if we love God, we need to keep his commandments and avoid everything that is contrary to God's ways. "Whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him."

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: Our goal was to raise \$32,089. The purpose was in 2024 to assist the Archdiocese in its mission to preach, teach, proclaim, and to engage in various spiritual, liturgical, sacramental, social, educational ministries. We reached our goal within a period of seven weeks (February 04 through March 17, 2024). Please see the names on the last page of the bulletin. Thanks to all those who donated generously. To those who have donated 1.5% and more (\$500 and more!), thank you for your generosity which made it easier and quicker for us to reach the goal of \$32,089. Those who are still considering to donate, please do think about it prayerfully. Any surplus amounts will be returned to our parish for the good work we at our parish are called to do.

A Story to Ponder: Change the world by changing myself: A holy man says this about himself; "I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord give me the energy to change the world.' As I approached middle age and realized that half my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends, and I shall be content.'" Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, my one prayer is, 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start I should not have wasted my life."

Humor: One Easter Sunday, the Reverend Jones announced to his congregation, "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons..... A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes. A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes. And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."

Wishing you and your families the glorious and joy-filled blessings of the Risen Christ in this Easter Season,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.
— Psalm 4:9



BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection:

April 6-7

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection: \$ 3,429.00
Faith Formation: \$ 596.00
Over/Under: \$ 975.00

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 15

† Joseph John Crow
Mary Most Pure members
who are ill

Tuesday

8:30 am

April 16

† Rene Lobo
† Lourdes Bajes Gozon

Wednesday

8:30 am

April 17

† Giovanni Rossi
† Rodolfo Moster Pilare

Thursday

8:30 am

April 18

† Sant, † Benedetti and
† Cairns Family
Jose Padilla Jr. (L)

Friday

8:30 am

April 19

† Aurora T. Mallari

Saturday

8:30 am

April 20

† Donald Bruce South

4:30pm

Sunday

8:30 am

April 21

People of the Parish
† Sergio Reynoso Gonzalez
Maltese Society

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 15 - 21

Monday 4/15

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26
27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 4/16

Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4,
6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 4/17

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a;
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 4/18

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9,
16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 4/19

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 4/20

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn
6:60-69

Sunday 4/21

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9,
21-23, 26, 28, 29; Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

April 14 - 20

Sunday 4/14

Third Sunday of Easter

Thank you! Congratulations! We Reached our Goal!

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Anonymous
 Puthota, Fr. Charles *
 Abranches, Sandra *
 Alano, Teresita / Adolfo *
 Alipio, Marietta *
 Alviar, Feliciano / Annabelle *
 Arnold, Sharon *
 Aung, Maureen
 Bansuelo, Luz
 Barba, Gilbert / Alicia *
 Barbieri, M/M Mark *
 Bensi, M/M Mark
 Borg, Ron *
 Brady, Peter / Dolores *
 Canlas, M/M Benito
 Chang, Mario / Prudicia
 Cagalingan, Prudencio/Carol *
 Casazza, Anna
 Clement, Edward / Lucille *
 Contreras, Felix
 Crow, Lilia *
 de los Reyes, Herminia *
 Del Rosario, Adelaide
 DeVera, May / Vito *
 Falzon, Mary
 Farrugia, Charles
 Feliciano, Lester / Jean
 Ferguson, Donna
 Frediani, Donald *
 Gagliardo, Grace
 Galea, Nazareno/Leona
 Galimba, Rodrigo / Rachel *
 Galiza, M/M Herminio

Gemignani, David *
 Ghiglieri, Norene
 Gonzalez, Philippe/Jennifer *
 Gotauco, Adrian *
 Gotauco, Tessie *
 Grima, John /Carmen
 Guardado, Mary/Jose *
 Gughemetti, M/M Al
 Hendricks, M/M Michael
 Holmes, Gregory / Clara *
 Imbellino, Bob *
 John, Richard *
 Kern, Scott / Rowena *
 Lampa, Lourdes
 Landstorfer, Franz / Patricia
 Landstorfer, John *
 Loza, Fernando / Natalie
 Madriaga, Ignacio *
 Mambretti, Diana
 Mandani, Edilberto / Aleja
 McCarthy, Phil *
 Mendoza, Rhina
 Micalef, Emmanuel /Carmen *
 Moretto, Ilia *
 Nacor, Eriberto/Minviluz
 O'Sullivan, Claire / James *
 Orton, Thomas / Carmen *
 Ouano, Carmelita
 Padua, Richard /Maria *
 Pascual, Florante *
 Perez, M/M Cipriano *
 Pasco, Elizabeth

Perata, Mary *
 Pilare, Corazon *
 Puccinelli, M/M Sergio
 Pugh, Tom /Jackie *
 Quiton, Aurora *
 Resurreccion, Lourdes *
 Reyes, Nestor / Roselie
 Rivera, Rodolfo / Maria
 Romias, Editha
 Rossi, Elisabetta *
 Ruiz-Mendez, Ines *
 Sammut, Tony/Mary
 San Diego, M/M Gavin *
 San Pedro, Contessa
 Sanchez, Virginia *
 Sifuentes, Teresa *
 Sisters of the Good Shepherd *
 Soares, Sharon *
 Sunga, Ernesto
 Tablante, Victor Patricia *
 Tablante, Eric
 Thierry, Annie
 Tolentino, Ledivinia *
 Trinidad, Gloria *
 Valledor, Julie
 Velasco, Pauline
 Vesperas, Nona *
 Vinluan, Tessie *
 Walsh, Michael *
 Welsh, Dolores *
 Zarich, Ennio / Marianne

* 1.5% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name. (\$500.00 and more)

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.

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

●First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 5th at 10:30 am.

●Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am Cantwell Hall.

●Confirmation

Saturday, May 11th at the Cathedral of St. Mary The Assumption.