

# **ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH**

*Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962*

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**April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth 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  
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### **Parish Office Hours**

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

### **Closed Fridays**

### **Parish Staff**

<b>Patti Spiteri</b>	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
<b>Sandy Mehrwein</b>	Secretary
<b>Fred Spence</b>	Maintenance
<b>Laurie Digneo</b>	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 21, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

**Easter Seasonal Musings:** We are in the fourth week of Easter. By allowing the mystery of Easter to become part of our lives, we could begin to enjoy its power and beauty. The Risen Christ has shown us the way that, despite all sorts of odds in our life, hope springs eternal for new life. We are to come away from the tombs to places where life with Christ abounds. We can leave our tombs of sin and guilt, selfishness and self-centeredness, greed and self-gratification, bias and prejudice, grudges and resentment, hatred and bitterness, anger and indifference, anguish and anxiety, complacency and hopelessness. We can walk triumphant with the Risen Lord into the light of life. We are an Easter people! We are a Resurrection people! We are a people of hope and peace and joy! Let's come away from the mood of Lent and the sadness of Good Friday and rejoice with the Lord. He's risen from the dead, alleluia! Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can experience transcendence in our daily lives---and help heal, comfort, console, and transform the world, one person at a time, one day at a time, one situation at a time, one relationship at a time, one issue at a time. May the Risen Christ energize us as he did 2000 years ago --- for love and service.

**Easter Quotes:** Gordon B. Hinckley: "There would be no Christmas if there was no Easter." Charles M. Crowe: "Easter tells us that life is to be interpreted not simply in terms of things but in terms of ideals." Kate McGahan: "The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." Pope Francis: "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence." S.D. Gordon: "Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life." Basil Hume: "The great gift of Easter is hope."

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2024:** Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)---We've Reached the Goal of \$32,089. Congratulations and Thanks! Please see the names of donors on the last page of the bulletin. Those who are still considering, please give; the surplus gets returned to our parish for our own parish ministries and services. In the time span of six weeks, we reached the goal. We started the 2024 AAA campaign on February 4 and arrived at our goal by March 17. Again, my deep gratitude to everyone who participated in AAA. I would like to thank specially all those who donated generously 1.5% (\$500 and more) so thoughtfully and kindly, which made it easier for us to reach our goal swiftly.

**Good Shepherd Sunday:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as the Good Shepherd Sunday. In the gospel from John 10 Jesus says: "I'm the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Having laid down his life for us, this good shepherd shepherds us through all sorts of situations and circumstances to green pastures. He protects us from danger. He feeds us. He guides us. He carries us in his arms. He knows us and wants us to know him. In our love for this good shepherd, we are called to help shepherd one another toward Christ.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations:** This Sunday April 21, 2024 marks the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for vocations. It's a day to pray publicly for and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate. It's an invitation and challenge to those who might consider saying yes to the call of the Good Shepherd to collaborate with him in tending and feeding the "sheep," the people of God. As Jesus said: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few..."

**A Prayer for Vocations:** *God, our Father, in your love and providence, you call each of us to a holy life. We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, brother or sister, give them a generous heart to respond to your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Good Shepherd. Amen.*

**News from the Vatican: Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit:** The Holy Father will be visiting four countries---Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore---from September 2 through 13, 2024. This will be his 43<sup>rd</sup> Apostolic Journey abroad. Indonesia is world's largest Muslim-majority country with 8 million Catholics (3.1% of the population). Papua New Guinea has 2 million Catholics (32%). Timor-Leste is 96% Catholic, numbering over 1 million people. In Singapore, 395,000 Catholics live, representing 3% of the population.

**A Story to Ponder: Give Your Best to Others:** A farmer, whose corn always took the first prize at the State Fair, had the habit of sharing his best corn seed with all the farmers in the neighborhood. When asked why, he said, "It is really a matter of self-interest. The wind picks up the pollen and carries it from field to field. So, if my neighbors grow inferior corn the cross-pollination brings down the quality of my own corn. That is why I am concerned that they plant only the very best." *All that you give to others you are giving to yourself.*

**Catholic Joke --- The Lord is My Shepherd:** A Faith Formation teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter. One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

May the Risen Christ this Easter Season fill you with his deep, abiding gift of peace which no one can take away from you,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

## Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1



### SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

**Psalm** — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

**Gospel** — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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### Saturday/Sunday Collection:

April 13 - 14

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00  
First Collection \$ 3,084.00  
Parish Maintenance \$ 629.00  
Over/Under \$ 1,287.00

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 22</b> † Gerry Sapiano
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 23</b> † Emilia J. Songco Dominic Padua (L)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 24</b> † Sergio Reynoso Gonzalez
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 25</b> Jerome Banaag (L)
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 26</b> Herminia de los Reyes (L)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>April 27</b> † Eusebio Fabia Sr. Jaime Gonzalez and Family (L)
4:30pm	† Avelina Alvarez de Gonzalez † Paul, † Teresa and † Joe Vella
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>April 28</b> People of the Parish † Danilo Manalang Craig Trinidad (L) Italian Catholic Federation

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 22 - 28

Monday 4/22	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday 4/23	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday 4/24	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday 4/25	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday 4/26	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday 4/27	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday 4/28	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

April 21 - 27

Sunday 4/21	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Tuesday 4/23	St. George, St. Adalbert
Wednesday 4/24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Thursday 4/25	St. Mark

## 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 * Bugante, M/M Rolando Canlas, M/M Benito Cantu, M/M Peter * Chang, Mario / Patricia 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 Manalo, M/M Gildo Mandani, Edilberto / Aleja McCarthy, Phil * Mendoza, Rhina Micalef, Emmanuel /Carmen * Moretto, Ilia * Munoz, M/M Ricardo Nacor, Eriberto/Minviluz Ngo, M/M Hung 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 Vinluan, Tessie ** Visperas, Nona Walsh, Michael * Welsh, Dolores * Zarich, Ennio / Marianne
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\* 1.5% Circle donors have an asterisk next to their name. (\$500.00 and more)  
 Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00** ~ Amount collected to date: **\$41,490.00**

### 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](mailto: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.

If interested, please contact Laurrie Digneo.

### On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

#### **●Confirmation Retreat**

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
Cantwell Hall.

#### **●First Holy Communion**

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

#### **●Confirmation**

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Mary The Assumption.

#### **●Ascension of the Lord**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

#### **●Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am