

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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October 6, 2024 ~ Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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

In residence: Father George Thadathil, Ph.D., SDB

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
October 6, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Word of God: This 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, marriage is the theme. It is obvious that that there are forces in society and culture that try to undermine the institution of marriage. Marriage and family are fundamental units of society and of the Church. The family is the “domestic Church.” Marriage is both secular and sacred; it belongs to both human and divine realms; it is a social/legal contract as well as a state of life that is willed by God from the beginning. Marriage is used as a metaphor for God’s relationship with His people and for Christ’s relationship with his Church. Even as God is fierce in his love and passion for the people, as Christ loves the Church totally, man and woman are called to a fierce and faithful relationship with each other in a lifelong union and communion. They are one flesh, not two. “What God has joined together, let no one put asunder.” In marriage, Christ’s love commandment is to be practiced in a unique way and Paul’s definition of love in action in I Corinthians 13 is to be put into concrete, practical ways. Jesus calls us in the gospel this Sunday to the original vision of marriage in God’s plan: that it is God’s desire that man and woman should stay together in love and fidelity for a lifetime of marital self-giving and commitment.

October 7: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary: Saint Pius V established this feast as a way of thanking God for the victory of the war in Lepanto. The victory was attributed to the praying of the rosary and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we pray the Rosary, we ponder the redemptive mysteries. We meditate on the mysteries of Jesus’ birth, death, resurrection, and other milestones in his life and mission. We keep our Blessed Mother close to these mysteries of Jesus. Mary is the disciple par excellence; she hears God’s word and practices it; she says yes to God’s will; she suffers with Jesus as he redeems the world and brings us new life. The Rosary is one of the simple and most efficacious devotions in our Catholic faith journey.

Friday, October 11: Feast of Saint John XXIII: This feast falls on the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962. Pope John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in Sotto il Monte, Italy, on November 25, 1881. He was elected Pope at the age of 76 on October 28, 1958. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified on September 3, 2000 by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014. He had been a papal nuncio (Pope’s ambassador) to Bulgaria, Turkey, and France. He kept a meticulous diary from his youthful days, which was published as “Journal of a Soul: The Autobiography of Pope John XXIII,” a highly inspirational book I use regularly for my spiritual reading. He is best known for initiating the Second Vatican Council, which through “aggiornamento” (bringing up to date) brought the Church into a closer relationship with the modern world. The characteristics of his transformative papacy through the Vatican II Council was: to forge the Church’s relationship with the modern world through social justice and religious freedom; to promote ecumenism, and to renew the liturgy through its celebration in local languages. His initial address to the Council emphasized a pastoral and positive approach to the modern world. His humility and warmth earned him the name “the Good Pope.” His surprise

pastoral visits to orphanages, prisons, and hospitals endeared him to everyone and reminded the world of the Church’s essential mission to the poor and the marginalized. His “Pacem in Terris” (Peace on Earth) in the height of the Cold War called the world to peace, justice, and the common good.

His legacy could be viewed in three areas: 1. Pastoral Concerns and Humanity: John XXIII will be forever remembered for his down-to-earth approach, his genuine love for people, and his efforts to make the Church more accessible, compassionate, and responsive to the needs of the time. 2. Justice and Peacemaking: His leadership during the Cold War and his efforts to promote peace through dialogue were foundational in shaping modern Catholic teachings on peace and human rights. 3. The Second Vatican Council: His greatest legacy remains Vatican II, which reshaped many aspects of Catholic practice, particularly in how the Church relates to the modern world, engages with other religions, and approaches issues of human dignity and social justice. Saint John XXIII will be cherished as a visionary leader who initiated profound and enduring changes within the Catholic Church, fostering a spirit of renewal and openness to the world.

Humor of Saint John XXIII: He was well-known for his wit and sense of humor, which endeared him to people around the world. His lightheartedness was a reflection of his deep humility and warmth, helping him connect with people from all walks of life. Here are some famous examples of his humor: 1. "How many people work at the Vatican?" When asked how many people work at the Vatican, Pope John XXIII reportedly replied with a smile: "About half of them." This playful response showed his awareness of bureaucracy and inefficiencies but with a humorous touch. 2. The Weight of the Papacy: Pope John XXIII was known for his robust figure. When a visitor once remarked on his weight, he replied: "Yes, the papacy is a very heavy burden." This quip subtly acknowledged his physical size while lightening the moment with a pun on his role as pope. 3. Before Bedtime: Pope John XXIII famously spoke about the responsibilities of being pope and how he managed the stress that came with it. He would often say: "When I go to bed at night, I say, 'Well, Lord, it’s your Church, you take care of it! I’m going to sleep.'" This showed his deep trust in God and his down-to-earth perspective on his role. 4. An Unexpected Doctor's Visit: One time, when his doctor suggested that the pope lose some weight for his health, Pope John XXIII reportedly replied: "Look, my doctor has been telling me for a long time that I should lose weight, but I’m the pope, not a model!" 5. Referring to His Own Election: When John XXIII was elected pope, he humorously remarked about his surprise: "It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about a serious problem and decide I must tell the pope about it. Then I wake up completely and remember that I am the pope!"

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2024

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



HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM
Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God’s love for them and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ’s love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.
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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).
Psalms — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5,6).
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 or 10:2-12).

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Saturday/Sunday Collection
September 28 - 29

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,160.00
Parish Ministries \$ 724.00
Over/Under \$ 2,116.00

Mass Intentions
† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Monday 8:30 am	October 7 Luciana Padilla (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 8 † Ray Garibaldi † Carmela Sapiano
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 9 Sophia Padua (L) † Francisca Monsanto
Thursday 8:30 am	October 10 † Federico B. Santiago † Mary McCarthy
Friday 8:30 am	October 11 † Manuel Icban † Florence de Luna
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	October 12 Souls in Purgatory † Bill O’Sullivan † Jacob Cameron Castro Tolentino
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	October 13 People of the Parish Mary Perata (L) † Joseph, † Tessie and † Saviour Schembri

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 10/7	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1-2, 7-10, Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday, 10/8	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1-3,13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday,10/9	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1- 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday,10/10	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday, 10/11	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday, 10/12	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday, 10/13	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 10/6	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 10/7	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday, 10/9	St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
Friday, 10/11	St. John XXIII, Pope

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

● Cantwell Hall

Painting project has begun, the hall is closed.

● Columbus Day

Monday, October 14th Office Closed



Congratulations to
Glenn and Brianna Anderson who were
married at St. Elizabeth Church on
Friday, September 27th, 2024.

Visiting Priest at our Parish:

Father George Thadathil, Ph.D., SDB, will be staying at our parish for the next few days, taking care of the Masses and other spiritual needs, while I'll be on a pilgrimage to Greece (In the Footsteps of St. Paul) and Medjugorje. A former President of a Salesian College in India, Fr. George has recently been appointed global head of Salesian Higher Education Institutions and will be taking up this new ministry in Rome immediately following his stay with us. He is a distinguished educationist and author of several books. Please give him a warm welcome and kind hospitality while he is with us.



Fr. Charles blessed the animals after the 10.30 am Mass last Sunday to mark the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th.