

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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October 20, 2024 ~ Twenty- Ninth 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 20, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

World Mission Sunday this Sunday, October 20: World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis’ message for World Mission Sunday this year focuses on the theme: “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, “every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church..” On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

October, month of the Rosary: Let’s seek our Blessed Mother’s intercession and love and affection as we pray the Rosary, especially this month of October. Two images are striking for me: One, Michaelangelo’s sculpture “Pieta” is most poignant for me. The dead body of Jesus placed in the lap of his mother is most moving. This image is profoundly inspirational and brings us close to the affection and love of our dear Mother Mary. May we always be close to her as she leads us to her son Jesus Christ.

Word of God, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: In the Gospel this Sunday, James and John are jockeying for power and position, but Jesus says, “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." This is the paradox of Christian life. We are to be the servants if we would like to be the first. Jesus himself became one among us, serving us and washing our feet. “The Son of Man came not to served but to serve.” The followers of Jesus are called to be like him, humble and self-effacing, ready to give and share, to be the last and the servant of all, willing to sacrifice everything. Let’s always keep in mind that the one whom we follow gave his life away so that we could have life and have it abundantly.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCCC): What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross

throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. **When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?** Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday “the night on which he was betrayed” (1 *Corinthians* 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

Tuesday, October 22: Feast of Saint John Paul II: Saint John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła, on May 18, 1920, in Poland, became Pope in 1978, serving until his death in 2005. His papacy was one of the longest in history and marked by significant global impact. He was the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years and played a crucial role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, particularly in his native Poland. Known for his charisma and deep spirituality, he traveled extensively, visiting 129 countries and addressing global issues such as human rights, social justice, and the sanctity of life. John Paul II was a strong advocate for interfaith dialogue, forging relationships with leaders of other religions and addressing the need for reconciliation and understanding. His teachings, including the encyclicals, *Evangelium Vitae* (1995), continue to influence Catholic doctrine. He also focused on the dignity of the human person and the importance of youth, emphasizing the need for a renewal of faith in the modern world. Beatified in 2011 and canonized in 2014, his legacy endures in his contributions to the Church and his impact on global politics and society.

A story to Ponder: The devil, transformed into an angel of light, appeared to one of the holy Fathers of the Desert and said, “I am the Angel Gabriel and I have been sent to thee by the Almighty.” The monk replied, “Think again. You must have been sent to someone else, I have done nothing to deserve the visit of an angel.” With that the devil vanished and never again dared come anywhere near the monk.

Quote: Said a world famous violinist about his success in playing Beethoven’s Violin Concerto: “I have splendid music, a splendid violin and a splendid bow. All I need to do is bring them together and get out of the way.”

Humor: 1. A teacher was giving a lecture on modern inventions. “Can any of you mention something of importance that did not exist fifty years ago?” she asked. One bright lad in the front row raised his hand eagerly and said. “Me!” 2. Guess what the ant said to the elephant when Noah was lining up all the animals to get them into the ark. He said, “Stop pushing.”

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024**
Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.
— *Isaiah 53:11b*



TOO MUCH INFORMATION!
There is a common expression: “Too much information!” We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don’t want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it’s about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John’s outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been “too much information” for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem “too much” for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information. It is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God.
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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).
Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).
Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).
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Saturday/Sunday Collection October 12-13	
Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,381.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 609.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,010.00
<i>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</i>	

Mass Intentions † Denotes deceased – (L) Living	
Monday 8:30 am	October 21 † Reynaldo G. Gayaban † Wilter N. Nacor
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 22 † Filomena and † Emanuel Scerri † Tomas Sifuentes and † Guadalupe Gomez
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 23 † Delfin S. Mendoza † Heidy Stolte
Thursday 8:30 am	October 24 † John Benedetti and † Fred Cairns
Friday 8:30 am	October 25 † Martha Puthota † Marcos V. Valledor
Saturday 8:30 am 4:30 pm	October 26 † Cecilio Calip † Bill O’Sullivan † Christopher Dispo
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	October 27 People of the Parish Mary Perata (L) † Albert J. Songco Italian Catholic Federation

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday, 10/21	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:2-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday, 10/22	Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday, 10/23	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-6, Lk 12:39-48
Thursday, 10/24	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday, 10/25	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday, 10/26	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday, 10/27	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday, 10/20	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Tuesday, 10/22	St. John Paul II
Wednesday, 10/23	St. John of Capistrano
Thursday, 10/24	St. Anthony Mary Claret

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

● All Saints Day

Friday, November 1st, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

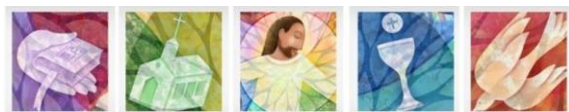
● All Souls' Day

Saturday, November 2nd.

Please fill out an All-Souls' envelope which can be found in the pews.

● Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 3rd turn clocks back one hour.



Faith Formation **REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN**

Faith Formation classes began Saturday, September 7th. Registration is still being accepted for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation program. Registration forms may be requested by calling Laurie Digneo at 415-672-4903 or email: sophielady7@aol.com.

Forms can also be picked up at the Rectory office or at the Church.
Registration Fees are \$50.00 per child.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in donating flowers for the high altar in celebration of a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, and more, please see the sign-up sheet in the front of church. Please see a sacristan before or after Mass for more information.



**World
Mission
Sunday**

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Today on World Mission Sunday, it's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once a mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

We need 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 be part of the Faith Formation program. If interested, please contact Laurie Digneo at 415-672-4903.



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November Month of All Souls

Traditionally, November is the month when we especially remember the souls who have entered eternal life. As we prepare for these remembrances there is a specific way of preparation besides our own prayers and remembrances. You may write the dearly departed names on one of the All-Souls envelopes. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for remembrances during the month of November.