

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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October 27, 2024 ~Thirtieth 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

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 27, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

October is a month Dedicated to the BVM: There is an awesome fresco by Michaelangelo called “The Last Judgment” on the altar wall of the Sistine Chapel. The last time I was there, I was struck deeply by the solemnity and beauty of the place. It is the place where Conclaves are held to elect a new pope. As the cardinals line up to vote, they are faced with the image of the last judgment, urging them to discern and choose the new pope according to the mind and heart of Christ. In the fresco, Mary stands close to Jesus as he renders his merciful judgment. Mary is always with Jesus her son as he calls us, anoints us, speaks to us, nourishes us, shepherds us, loves us, forgives us and sends us out to the world to “go proclaim the good news.” Mary’s role in our following of Christ is one of motherly hope and desire that we will have the wisdom and courage to be with Christ always. As we pray the Rosary in the month of October, let’s feel the presence and power of our Blessed Mother as she leads and guides us to her son Jesus.

The Word of God, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: This Sunday we read a hauntingly beautiful story of Jesus healing a blind man. Desperate, he cries out: “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.” People try to silence him, but he shouts even more. Such is his need. It’s his only chance for him to get what he wants from Jesus. He prays with faith and a sense of urgency and intensity and persistence. Jesus hears him and heals him. As Jesus calls him, “He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.” When we go to Jesus, we have to throw away a whole lot of things we do not need anymore. Our need, too, is like the blind man’s: “Master, I want to see.” Is it possible that we have eyes but do not see. We look, but do not see into the heart of people, life, and situations. We need more sight. The blind man “immediately received his sight and followed him on the way.” When we can “see” better, we shall follow Jesus and be on the way. Being on the way with Jesus is all about what we are called to do as Christians. This gospel story is full of meaning for each of us, our families, and communities. It gives us insight about prayer, faith, perseverance, seeing, throwing away the useless baggage, following Jesus, and becoming his disciples.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCCC): How did he institute the Eucharist? After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, “Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you”.

Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, “Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me”.

A Poetic Quote: “We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the first time.” — T. S. Eliot, Four Quartets

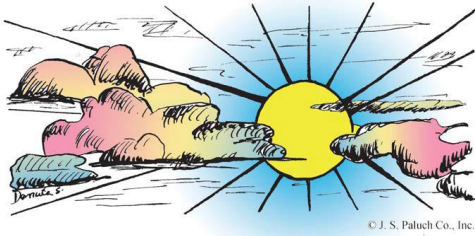
A Story to Ponder: An elderly man stood at the door with a piece of cake in his hand. “My wife is eighty-six today,” he said, “and she wants you to have a piece of her birthday cake.” The cake was received gratefully, particularly because the man had walked nearly half a mile to deliver it. An hour later he was back. “Is anything the matter?” he was asked. “Well,” he replied sheepishly. “Agatha sent me back to say she’s only eighty-five.”

Short Jokes: 1. Teacher: Tell me a sentence that starts with an “I”. Student: I is the....Teacher: Stop! Never put ‘is’ after an “I”. Always put ‘am’ after an “I”. Student: OK. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet. 2. On a crowded bus, one man noticed that another man had his eyes closed. “What’s the matter? Are you sick?” he asked. “No, I’m okay. It’s just that I hate to see old ladies standing.” 3. Once there were three turtles. One day they decided to go on a picnic. When they got there, they realized they had forgotten the soda. The youngest turtle said he would go home and get it if they wouldn’t eat the sandwiches until he got back. A week went by, then a month, finally a year, when the two turtles said, “oh, come on, let’s eat the sandwiches.” Suddenly the little turtle popped up from behind a rock and said, “If you do, I won’t go!” 4. Three mice are being chased by a cat. The mice were cornered when one of the mice turned around and barked, “Ruff! Ruff! Ruff!” The surprised cat ran away scared. Later when the mice told their mother what happened, she smiled and said, “You see, it pays to be bilingual!” 5. “I was born in California.” “Which part?” “All of me.” 6. Bank Teller: How do you like the money? English Student: I like it very much. 7. Customer: Excuse me, but I saw your thumb in my soup when you were carrying it. Waitress: Oh, that’s okay. The soup isn’t hot. 8. Teacher: Why are you late? Student: There was a man who lost a hundred-dollar bill. Teacher: That’s nice. Were you helping him look for it? Student: No. I was standing on it. 9. Man: I want to share everything with you. Woman: Let’s start from your bank account. 10. Teacher: “Nick, what is the past participle of the verb to ring?” Nick: “What do you think it is, Sir?” Teacher: “I don’t think, I KNOW!” Nick: “I don’t think I know either, Sir!”

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2024**
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.
— *Psalm 126:*



THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION
The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord’s kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.
Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God’s love and care for us. “Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves” (Psalm 126:5–6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.
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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).
Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).
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**Saturday/Sunday Collection
October 19 - 20**

Will appear in a future bulletin

<i>Mass Intentions</i> † Denotes deceased – (L) Living	
Monday 8:30 am	October 28 † Bill O’Sullivan
Tuesday 8:30 am	October 29 April and Russell Dunbar (L) Contessa San Pedro (L)
Wednesday 8:30 am	October 30 † Dorothy Dinelli † Inggo & † Crisanta Llorin
Thursday 8:30 am	October 31 † Earl and † Mary McCarthy
Friday 8:30 am	November 1 All Saints
6:00 pm	All Saints
Saturday 8:30 am	November 2 All Souls
4:30 pm	† Renzo and † Tina Fontana
Sunday 8:30 am	November 3 People of the Parish
10:30 am	† Filomena and † Emanuel Scerri † Miguel and † Felipa Lundang

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday, 10/28	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday, 10/29	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, 10/30	Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday, 10/31	Eph 6:10-20, Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday, 11/1	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday, 11/2	Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11, or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40 or 10:11-10:16
Sunday, 11/3	Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday, 10/27	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 10/28	Sts. Simon and Jude
Friday, 11/1	All Saints
Saturday, 11/2	All Souls

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.

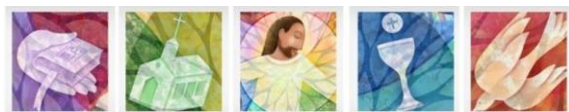
● All Souls' Day

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.



Daylight Savings Time ends
at 2 a.m. on November 3



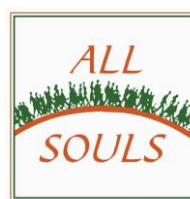
**World
Mission
Sunday**

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On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions will help sustain the Church's missionary work and bring the light of Christ to those who need it most. Let us continue to pray for our missionaries and the people they serve, and may we always be mindful of our call to be missionaries in our own lives.

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.