

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

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

March 17, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Elizabeth,

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2024: We are making steady progress. Thank you for donating generously for the fourth consecutive year. Please see the names of donors in the bulletin. The total amount to raise is: \$32,089. So far you have donated \$29,548.00. The balance amount to reach is: \$2,541.00. If you are able to give 1.5%, which is \$500, it would be wonderful. Please do give whatever you can quickly and generously. This fundraiser, which is actually a faith-raiser, is to support the ministries of the Archdiocese, something that we are called to do each year.

Lent leading up to the Holy Week: We are in the fifth week of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the Sunday after that is Easter. This sacred season of spirituality and simplicity, of compassion and caring, of penance and perseverance, continues. Palm Sunday will usher in the Holy Week. It’s the most sacred time in the liturgical calendar. The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus have close parallels to our life, as we make sense of our human condition. May this week be a special time of closeness to God and to one another. As far as possible, let’s pause from our hectic lives and preoccupations, from our anxiety and anguish, and look up at the cross of Christ, that symbol of shame and death, which has become the life-giving source for everyone for all time. I invite everyone to participate in the paschal mysteries celebrated at our parish. Please see the schedule in my Easter letter to the whole parish, which is on the way, and also in the bulletin. Let’s get ready psychologically and spiritually for the Holy Week.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day, March 17: Traditionally we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick on March 17, though this year the Sunday liturgy takes precedence over feast day liturgy. Happy St. Patrick’s Day! Here’s the famous prayer of St. Patrick called the ‘Breastplate prayer’: “Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.”

Irish Blessings for St. Patrick’s Day: 1. May your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you. 2. May your home always be too small to hold all of your friends. 3. May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand. 4. May your glass be ever full. May the roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you are dead. 5. May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you. May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of St. Patrick behold you.

Solemnity of the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19: The foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers, carpenters, fathers, and of the universal Church. Joseph in his dreams discerns God’s call and carries out the will of God. He is attuned to the voice of God in his life. He is told to accept Mary into his home and as his wife. He is highly considerate and just as he plans on setting Mary aside quietly, but is reassured by the angel that she has conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. He flees to Egypt with the divine baby and Mary after being prompted to do so by the angel. He returns when it is safe again, heeding the voice of God. He is a man of few words. He protects Jesus and Mary and cares for them by plying his trade of carpentry. He is a patron saint of happy death because it’s believed that when he was dying he was privileged to have Jesus and Mary at his deathbed.

The Word of God, Fifth Sunday of Lent: In the context of the impending death of Jesus, the Word of God invites us to journey closer to Jesus. In the gospel, there is an interesting story of the Greeks wanting to see Jesus and they go to Philip. Philip goes to Andrew. They both then go to Jesus and tell him about it. It tells us that we need to go to others for inspiration and growth in our faith. Also, we have the calling to lead and guide people to experience Jesus. There are many in our own families that long to encounter Jesus. They may not even be aware of this longing. We need to be perceptive and find ways of leading them to Jesus, as Philip and Andrew were able to do. We all need each other as we make our journey to the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, from whom blessings flow for now and forever.

Think About it: The Look of Jesus: In the gospel according to Luke we read: But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” At that moment, while he was still speaking, a cock crew; and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter... and Peter went outside and wept. Reflection: I related well with the Lord. I would converse with him, thank him, and ask for help. But always I had this uneasy feeling that he wanted me to look at him... And I would not. I would talk, but look away when I sensed he was looking at me. I was afraid I should find an accusation in his eyes of some unrepented sin. Or a demand: something he wanted from me. One day I summoned up courage and looked! There was no accusation. No demand. The eyes just said, “I love you.” And, like Peter, I went outside and wept. (ADM)

Saint John the 23rd: When Pope John XXIII was dying, Cardinal Testa came to see him and asked: “How’s my friend, Roncalli?” The pope answered with great effort: “Your friend Roncalli is really bad, but I heard on the radio that John XXIII is much better.”

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024
I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
— *Jeremiah 31:33*



SAVED BY GOD’S LOVE
Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.
Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*
Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*
Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*
Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*
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Saturday/Sunday Collection:
March 9-10

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
First Collection	\$ 2,844.00
Over/Under	\$ 2,156.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 628.00

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	March 18
8:30 am	† Renee Lobo
	† Gregorio Macaspac
Tuesday	March 19
8:30 am	† Aurora T. Mallari
	† Francisco Robles
Wednesday	March 20
8:30 am	Editha Romias (L)
	† Nelsita Reyes
Thursday	March 21
8:30 am	† Michael Romias (L)
Friday	March 22
8:30 am	† Alex Hili
Saturday	March 23
8:30 am	† Maria Dolores Oropeza
4:30pm	† Paul, † Theresa and
	† Joe Vella
	Palm Sunday Vigil
Sunday	March 24
8:30 am	People of the Parish
	Palm Sunday
10:30 am	Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL, MARCH 23
Confessions: 4:00 pm ◦ Mass: 4:30 pm

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24
Confessions: 10:00 am
Masses: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28
No Morning Mass ◦ Morning Prayer at 8:30 am
6:30 pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
No Morning Mass ◦ Morning Prayer at 8:30 am
12:00 - 12:45 pm ~ Stations of the Cross
12:45 - 1:30 pm ~ Reflections on the Cross
1:30 - 3:00 pm ~ Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30
No Morning Mass ◦ Morning Prayer at 8:30 am
Confessions: 9:00 – 10:00 am

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY, MARCH 30
Mass: 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY: MARCH 31
Masses: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Campaign launched on February 3-4

Anonymous
Puthota, Fr. Charles *
Abranches, Sandra *
Alipio, Marietta *
Alviar, Feliciano / Annabelle *
Barba, Gilbert / Alicia *
Barbieri, M/M Mark *
Borg, Ron *
Brady, Peter / Dolores *
Canlas, M/M Benito
Casazza, Anna
Clement, Edward / Lucille *
Contreras, Felix
Crow, Lilia *
de los Reyes, Herminia *
Devera, May / Vito *
Falzon, Tony / Mary
Feliciano, Lester / Jean
Frediani, Donald *
Galimba, Rodrigo / Rachel
Galiza, M/M Herminio

Gemignani, David *
Ghiglieri, Norene
Gotauco, Adrian *
Gotauco, Tessie *
Grima, John / Carmen
Gughemetti, M/M Al
Holmes, Gregory / Clara *
Imbellino, Bob *
John, Richard *
Lampa, Lourdes
Landstorfer, Patricia / Franz
Mambretti, Diana
McCarthy, Phil *
Micallef, Emmanuel
/Carmen *
Moretto, Ilia *
O'Sullivan, Claire / James *
Orton, Thomas / Carmen *
Ouano, Carmelita
Padua, Richard /Maria *
Pasco, Elizabeth
Perata, Mary *

Pilare, Corazon *
Puccinelli, M/M Sergio
Pugh, Tom /Jackie
Quiton, Aurora *
Rivera, Rodolfo / Maria
Romias, Editha
Rossi, Elisabetta *
San Diego, M/M Gavin *
Sanchez, Virginia *
Sifuentes, Teresa *
Sisters of the Good
Shepherd *
Soares, Sharon *
Sunga, Ernesto
Tablante, Victor / Patricia *
Tablante, Eric
Thierry, Annie
Trinidad, Gloria *
Valledor, Juliana
Velasco, Pauline
Vinluan, Tessie *
Welsh, Dolores *
Zarich, Ennio / Marianne

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

If contributing by check directly to St. Elizabeth please make your check payable to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. **Please note: Donations made directly to the Archdiocese will be acknowledged once we receive the monthly report from the Office of Development.** Please contact the parish office directly with any questions.

Amount Assessed: **\$32,089.00**

Amount collected to date: **\$29,548.00**

Balance: **\$2,541.00**

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

● Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

March 17 ~ Week 7

● Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

● Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28

● Good Friday

Friday, March 29

● Easter Vigil

Saturday March 30 Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday March 31

Masses at 8:30 am and 10:30 am



We congratulate Diego Andres Barba, who was baptized at our Rectory Chapel on March 9th, 2024.