



# St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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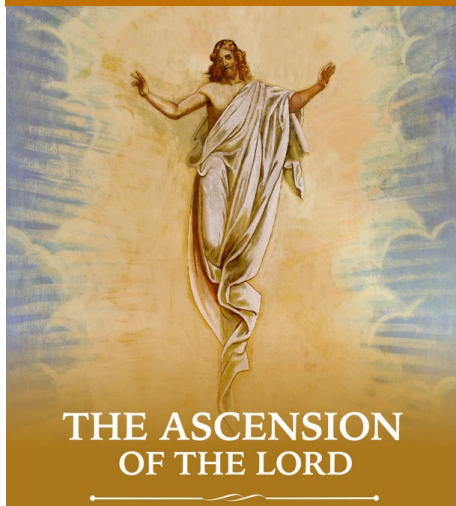
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June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord

*Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"*

*A Reflection for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*



Dear Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord—a feast that often feels like a moment of departure but is, in truth, a powerful call to mission and hope. The Risen Christ, after appearing to His disciples for forty days, ascends into heaven not to leave us behind, but to lift us up—to elevate our hearts, our minds, and our lives to the glory of God.

The words of the angels in the Acts of the Apostles echo in our ears: “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11). It’s a question that speaks directly to us today. The Ascension is not a farewell—it is a commissioning. Jesus, in His final earthly moment with His disciples, entrusts them (and us) with a sacred task: “You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

At first glance, the Ascension might seem like a moment of loss. The disciples are left staring upward, perhaps feeling a mix of awe and anxiety. But in truth, this feast is one of great promise. Christ’s Ascension assures us that His presence

is not gone—it is transformed. He is no longer bound by time and space. He is with us always, in the Word, in the Eucharist, in the Church, and in the power of the Holy Spirit that He promised to send.

The mystery of the Ascension reminds us that we are people of both heaven and earth. As Christians, our eyes must be lifted toward heaven, but our feet firmly planted on earth. We are called to live in that sacred tension—to keep our hearts focused on eternity while pouring out our lives in service, love, and witness here and now.

In the coming days, we will prepare to celebrate Pentecost, the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But the Church, in her wisdom, gives us this solemnity as a kind of spiritual pause—a moment to reflect on the transition between the visible presence of Christ and the invisible power of the Spirit. We are invited to pray, like the first disciples, with expectant hearts: “Come, Holy Spirit!”

Here at Saint Elizabeth Church, we are deeply blessed to be part of a community where this mission continues to be lived out. From the daily faithfulness of our parishioners, to the ministries that serve the young and the elderly, to our beautiful celebrations of the sacraments—Christ is alive and at work among us. Each of you, in your own way, is a witness to the Gospel. You are mothers and fathers, teachers and students, workers and retirees, caretakers and prayer warriors. Your lives, filled with love and sacrifice, are a testimony to the living Christ.

As your Pastor, I am profoundly grateful to journey with you in faith. In this Easter season that now moves toward its glorious conclusion, I invite all of us to ask: How am I living the mission Christ has entrusted to me? What does it mean for me to be His witness in my family, workplace, school, or neighborhood? Am I waiting passively, or am I actively proclaiming the Kingdom of God in word and deed?

Let us not stand idle, looking up at the sky. The world needs our witness more than ever. Our families need it. Our young people need it. The poor, the sick, the lonely, and the searching need to see in us the light of Christ.

And so, on this Ascension Sunday, let us renew our commitment to live as joyful disciples. Let us receive the peace Christ offers and the mission He entrusts. Let us look not only upward, but outward—to the people God has placed in our lives—and bring to them the hope of heaven by the way we love and serve.

May the Ascended Lord bless our parish, guide our efforts, and lift our hearts to where He is seated in glory at the right hand of the Father.

Fr. Andy Ligot, *Pastor*



**May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

Stewardship Offering

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Thank you for supporting St. Elizabeth through your Sacrificial Giving

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| <b>Sunday Offering</b>     | <b>\$10,719.90</b> |
| <b>Online Giving</b>       | <b>\$1,884.55</b>  |
| <b>Donation Thru VENMO</b> | <b>\$1,126.86</b>  |
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| JAPC Food Sale (05/25)     | \$1,764.34         |

St. Elizabeth Parish is inviting you for service as an altar server. Primary requirements are having received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, minimum age 11 or Grade 5, (no maximum age), a love for God, and service to the parish. Other important qualities, Brenda Wong, English masses altar server coordinator, can tell you of as you contact her of your interest. Videos and in person training session(s) will be held near the end of June. Serving would begin the month of July.



*Best to contact Brenda Wong at [bjhwong@yahoo.com](mailto:bjhwong@yahoo.com) and she will email you an application and description of server qualities; or call her at 408-228-2424.*

## **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION CORNER**

Mobile: (669) 699-8741 or Email: [stelizabeth.milpitas@dsj.org](mailto:stelizabeth.milpitas@dsj.org)

**Baptisms:** Arrangements should be made at least one month in advance. Parents must attend an interview with priest. Parents and sponsors are required to attend pre-baptism preparation class. Baptisms and a Baptism preparation class are scheduled monthly.

**Catechetical/ Youth Ministry:** Please contact (408) 263-1995 or call or text (669) 699-8741 or email: [stelizabeth.milpitas@dsj.org](mailto:stelizabeth.milpitas@dsj.org)

### **Reconciliation:**

- After **Saturday** 8:30 am Mass, 9:00 am - 9:45 am
- No appointment needed.
- Reconciliation is also available by appointment during weekdays.
- If the priest is available after any Mass, the priest will grant confession.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the office. In an emergency, call or text (669) 699-8741.

**Wedding:** Couples are required to complete a marriage preparation program. Please contact one of the priests at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date.

**Funeral Preparation:** Please contact Parish Office through the respective Funeral Home.

**Christian Initiation (RCIA):** If you are an adult interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or if you are seeking Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation, please call the parish office, 408-262-8100.

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**CHECK-IN TIME: 8:00AM SHARP**  
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**Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course**  
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**TOURNAMENT FEE: \$125**

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**DIRECTION:** From Golf Course turn right Maude Ave, merge onto CA-237E take the exit 999 East Caribbean Drive, right onto Baylands

**TOURNAMENT CONTACTS**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
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# MASS INTENTIONS



**Sat - May 31**  
8:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**Healing:** Teresa Vibar  
**Deceased:** Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Janilou-Chizk Rosales, Encarnacion Flores, Enrique Chial Yau

**Sat - May 31**  
4:00 PM\_EN  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**S.I:** Troy Jason McCall  
**Deceased:** Lourdez Baltazar

**Sat - May 31**  
6:00 PM\_VN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Vietnamese Mass Intentions**

**Sun - June 1**  
8:00 AM\_EN  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**Healing:** Katharina Kang, Thomas Kang, Alberto Ordiales  
**Deceased:** Divinia Ordiales, Felina & Atilano Rosales, Bryan Del Herradura, Rex Allen Skiver, Danilo Faraon, Leon & Frederick Dangca

**Sun - June 1**  
9:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**Deceased:** Maria Pham Thi Man, Maria Pha Thi Thanah Huong, Emerita P. Estacion, Giuse Mai Tuyen, Giuse Mai Ty, Teresita Algonos

**Sun - June 1**  
11:00 AM\_EN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Healing:** Monica Bugaoan-Abakan  
**Deceased:** Priscilla Casumpang Herradura, Marcelo B. Herradura, Teresa Vuông Trăn, Dominador Vicente

**Sun - June 1**  
12:30 PM\_SP  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**Spanish Mass Intentions**

**Sun - June 1**  
3:30 PM\_VN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Vietnamese Mass Intentions**

**Sun - June 1**  
5:30 PM\_EN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Deceased:** Bryan Del Herradura

**Mon - June 2**  
8:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**Deceased:** Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Josefina Alvarez, Teresita Algonos

**Tue - June 3**  
8:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Deceased:** Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Teresita Algonos

**Wed - June 4**  
8:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Bday:** Trinidad Tayco  
**Deceased:** Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Teresita Algonos

**Thu - June 5**  
8:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Thuc Si Ho

**Bday:** David Joseph Andrew Wenger (81st Bday)  
**Deceased:** Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Teresita Algonos

**Fri - June 6**  
8:30 AM\_EN  
Fr. Andy Ligot

**Bday:** Jennifer Boydon, Susana Sun  
**Deceased:** Maria Magdalena, Giuse Pham Van Doan, Rustica Viray, Titi Mukanda, Teresita Algonos

## Thank You from Jóvenes y Adultos para Cristo (JAPC)



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Saint Elizabeth Parish Family for your generous support and prayers for the success of our recent Discernment Retreat held at Camp Saint Francis in Aptos, California.

This special retreat was made possible through the proceeds of our Taco Food Sale held here at the parish. We are truly blessed to belong to such a supportive and faith-filled community. We hope you enjoyed the delicious tacos and aguas frescas lovingly prepared just for you!

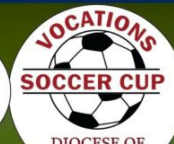
The needs of our ministry continue to grow, and with your continued support, we plan to hold more Taco Food Sales in the coming weeks. Thank you for journeying with us in faith and mission!

¡Mil gracias y que Dios les bendiga!  
The JAPC Community

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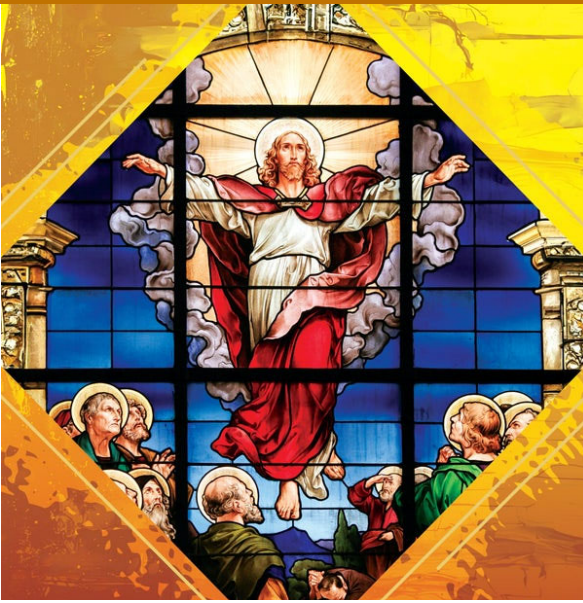
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# “Sao các ông còn đứng đó nhìn trời?”

Suy niệm Lễ trọng Chúa Lên Trời



Kính thưa quý ông bà và anh chị em,

Cuối tuần này, chúng ta long trọng mừng lễ Chúa Lên Trời—một lễ thường mang cảm giác như giây phút chia ly; nhưng thực ra lại là lời kêu gọi mạnh mẽ cho sứ mạng và niềm hy vọng. Sau khi hiện ra với các môn đồ của mình trong bốn mươi ngày, Chúa Kitô Phục sinh lên trời không phải để bỏ rơi chúng ta, mà để nâng chúng ta lên: nâng cao trái tim, tâm trí và cuộc sống của chúng ta lên vinh quang của Chúa.

Lời của các thiên thần trong sách Công vụ Tông đồ vang vọng bên tai chúng ta: “*Hỡi những người Galilê, sao các ngươi còn đứng đó nhìn trời?*” (Công vụ 1:11). Đây cũng là câu hỏi trực tiếp với chúng ta ngày nay. Sự thăng thiên không phải là lời tạm biệt—mà là một sự ủy thác. Chúa Giêsu, trong giây phút cuối cùng trên trần gian với các môn đệ của Người, đã giao phó cho họ (và chúng ta) một nhiệm vụ thiêng liêng: “*Các con sẽ là chứng nhân của Thầy... cho đến tận cùng trái đất*” (Công vụ 1:8).

Thoạt nhìn, Lễ Thăng Thiên có vẻ như là giây phút mất mát. Các tông đồ còn lại chỉ biết nhìn lên trên, có lẽ cảm thấy vừa kính sợ vừa lo lắng. Nhưng thực ra, lễ này là một lễ hứa hẹn lớn lao. Lễ Thăng Thiên của Chúa Kitô bảo đảm với chúng ta rằng sự hiện diện của Người không mất đi, nhưng đã biến đổi. Người không còn bị ràng buộc bởi thời gian và không gian nữa. Người luôn

ở cùng chúng ta, trong Lời Chúa, trong Bí tích Thánh Thể, trong Giáo hội và trong quyền năng của Chúa Thánh Thần mà Người đã hứa sẽ sai đến.

Mầu nhiệm Thăng Thiên nhắc nhở chúng ta rằng chúng ta là con người của cả thiên đàng và trái đất. Là Kitô hữu, mắt chúng ta phải hướng về thiên đàng, nhưng chân chúng ta phải đứng vững chắc trên trái đất. Chúng ta được kêu gọi sống trong sự giăng co thiêng liêng đó—giữ cho trái tim chúng ta hướng về đời sau trong khi cống hiến cuộc sống của chúng ta trong sự phục vụ, tình yêu và chứng tá ở đây và bây giờ.

Trong những ngày sắp tới, chúng ta sẽ chuẩn bị mừng Lễ Hiện Xuống, sự tuôn đổ lớn lao của Chúa Thánh Thần. Nhưng Giáo hội, trong sự khôn ngoan của mình, trao cho chúng ta lễ trọng này như một điểm dừng thiêng liêng—một khoảnh khắc để suy ngẫm về sự chuyển tiếp giữa sự hiện diện hữu hình của Chúa Kitô và quyền năng vô hình của Chúa Thánh Thần. Giống như các tông đồ đầu tiên, chúng ta được mời gọi cầu nguyện, với trái tim mong đợi: “**Lạy Chúa Thánh Thần, xin hãy đến!**”

Tại giáo xứ Saint Elizabeth, chúng ta vô cùng may mắn khi được trở thành một phần của cộng đồng nơi sứ mệnh này vẫn tiếp tục được thực hiện. Từ lòng trung thành hằng ngày của giáo dân, đến các công việc mục vụ phục vụ người trẻ và người già, đến các việc cử hành các bí tích cách sốt sắng của chúng ta—Chúa Kitô đang sống và đang hoạt động giữa chúng ta. Mỗi người trong số quý vị, theo cách của mình, là một nhân chứng cho Phúc âm. Quý vị là những người mẹ và người cha, giáo viên và học sinh, người lao động và người về hưu, người chăm sóc và chiến binh cầu nguyện. Cuộc sống của quý vị, tràn đầy tình yêu và sự hy sinh, là một minh chứng cho Chúa Kitô hằng sống.

Là cha sở của ông bà anh chị em, tôi vô cùng biết ơn khi được đồng hành với ông bà anh chị em trong đức tin. Trong mùa Phục sinh này, hiện đang tiến đến hồi kết vinh quang, tôi mời tất cả chúng ta hãy tự hỏi: Tôi đang sống sứ mạng mà Chúa Kitô đã giao phó cho tôi như thế nào? Làm chứng nhân của Người trong gia đình, nơi làm việc, trường học hay khu phố của tôi có ý nghĩa gì đối với tôi? Tôi đang chờ đợi một cách thụ động, hay tôi đang tích cực rao giảng Vương quốc của Chúa bằng lời nói và việc làm?

Chúng ta đừng đứng im, nhìn lên trời. Thế giới cần chứng tá của chúng ta hơn bao giờ hết. Gia đình chúng ta cần điều đó. Những người trẻ của chúng ta cần điều đó. Người nghèo, người bệnh, người cô đơn và người đang thao thức cần nhìn thấy ánh sáng của Chúa Kitô trong chúng ta.

Và vì thế, vào Chúa Nhật Lễ Thăng Thiên này, chúng ta hãy đổi mới lời hứa; sống như những môn đệ vui tươi. Chúng ta hãy đón nhận sự bình an mà Chúa Kitô ban tặng và sứ mệnh mà Người giao phó. Chúng ta hãy nhìn không chỉ lên trên, mà còn hướng ra bên ngoài—đến những người mà Chúa đã đặt vào cuộc sống của chúng ta—và mang đến cho họ hy vọng về thiên đàng bằng cách chúng ta yêu thương và phục vụ.

Xin Chúa Thăng Thiên ban phúc lành cho giáo xứ chúng ta, hướng dẫn những nỗ lực của chúng ta và nâng tâm hồn chúng ta lên nơi Ngài đang ngự trong vinh quang bên hữu Đức Chúa Cha.

Cha sở Andy C. Ligot



# "¿Por qué están ahí parados mirando al cielo?"

Reflexión para la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Queridos feligreses de Santa Elisabeth:

Este fin de semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor, una fiesta que a menudo se siente como un momento de despedida, pero que en realidad es un poderoso llamado a la misión y la esperanza. Cristo Resucitado, tras aparecerse a sus discípulos durante cuarenta días, asciende al cielo no para dejarnos atrás, sino para elevarnos: para elevar nuestros corazones, nuestras mentes y nuestras vidas a la gloria de Dios.

Las palabras de los ángeles en los Hechos de los Apóstoles resuenan en nuestros oídos: "Hombres de Galilea, ¿por qué están ahí parados mirando al cielo?" (Hechos 1:11). Es una pregunta que nos habla directamente hoy. La Ascensión no es una despedida, es un envío. Jesús, en su último momento terrenal con sus discípulos, les confía (y nos confía) una tarea sagrada: «Serán mis testigos... hasta los confines de la tierra» (Hechos 1:8).

A primera vista, la Ascensión podría parecer un momento de pérdida. Los discípulos se quedan mirando hacia arriba, quizás con una mezcla de asombro y ansiedad. Pero en realidad, esta fiesta es una gran promesa. La Ascensión de Cristo nos asegura que su presencia no se ha ido, sino que se ha transformado. Él ya no está limitado por el tiempo ni el espacio. Él está siempre con nosotros, en la Palabra, en la Eucaristía, en la Iglesia y en el poder del Espíritu Santo que prometió enviar.

El misterio de la Ascensión nos recuerda que somos personas tanto del cielo como de la tierra. Como cristianos, debemos tener la mirada puesta en el cielo, pero los pies firmemente plantados en la tierra. Estamos llamados a vivir en esa tensión sagrada: a mantener nuestros corazones enfocados en la eternidad mientras entregamos nuestras vidas al servicio, el amor y el testimonio aquí y ahora.

En los próximos días, nos prepararemos para celebrar Pentecostés, la gran efusión del Espíritu Santo. Pero la Iglesia, en su sabiduría, nos ofrece esta solemnidad como una especie de pausa espiritual, un momento para reflexionar sobre la transición entre la presencia visible de Cristo y el poder invisible del Espíritu. Estamos invitados a orar, como los primeros discípulos, con un corazón expectante: "¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!".

Aquí, en la Iglesia de Santa Elisabeth, tenemos la profunda bendición de formar parte de una comunidad donde esta misión continúa viviéndose. Desde la fidelidad diaria de nuestros feligreses, hasta los ministerios que atienden a jóvenes y ancianos, y nuestras hermosas celebraciones de los sacramentos, Cristo está vivo y obra entre nosotros. Cada uno de ustedes, a su manera, es testigo del Evangelio. Son madres y padres, maestros y estudiantes, trabajadores y jubilados, cuidadores y guerreros de oración. Sus vidas, llenas de amor y sacrificio, son un testimonio del Cristo vivo.

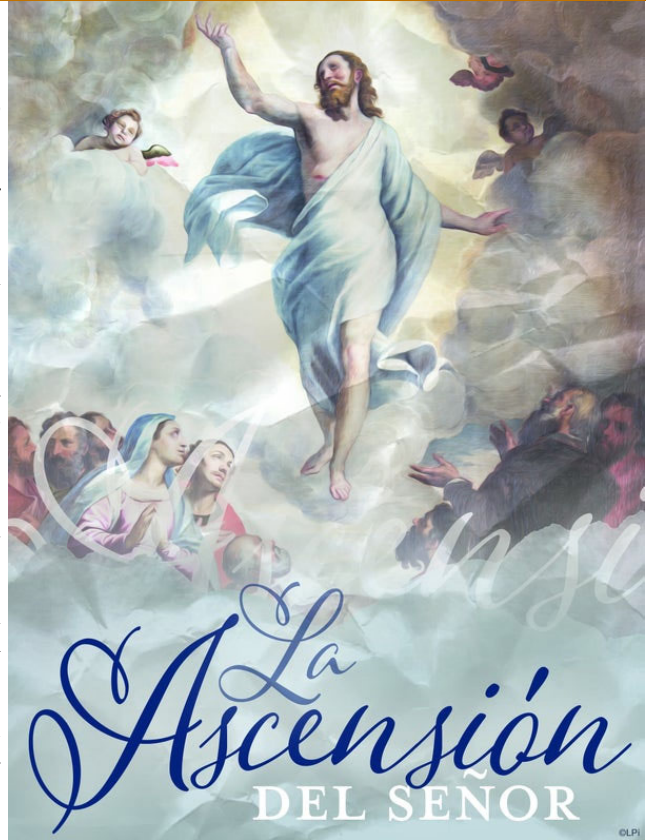
Como su pastor, estoy profundamente agradecido de acompañarlos en el camino de la fe. En este tiempo de Pascua que se acerca a su gloriosa conclusión, los invito a todos a preguntarnos: ¿Cómo vivo la misión que Cristo me ha confiado? ¿Qué significa para mí ser su testigo en mi familia, trabajo, escuela o vecindario? ¿Estoy esperando pasivamente o estoy proclamando activamente el Reino de Dios con palabras y obras?

No nos quedemos de brazos cruzados, mirando al cielo. El mundo necesita nuestro testimonio más que nunca. Nuestras familias lo necesitan. Nuestros jóvenes lo necesitan. Los pobres, los enfermos, los solitarios y quienes buscan necesitan ver en nosotros la luz de Cristo.

Por eso, en este Domingo de la Ascensión, renovemos nuestro compromiso de vivir como discípulos gozosos. Recibamos la paz que Cristo ofrece y la misión que nos confía. Miremos no solo hacia arriba, sino hacia afuera —a las personas que Dios ha puesto en nuestras vidas— y llevémosles la esperanza del cielo mediante nuestro amor y servicio.

Que el Señor Ascendido bendiga nuestra parroquia, guíe nuestros esfuerzos y eleve nuestros corazones hacia donde Él está sentado en gloria a la diestra del Padre.

P. Andy Ligot, *Párroco*



## *A Gift of Grace and Music: Thank You, Fr. Kevin Joyce*



With hearts full of gratitude and admiration, we remember the life and legacy of Fr. Kevin Joyce, a beloved priest of our Diocese, a spiritual leader, and a gifted musician. Fr. Kevin was a man of deep prayer, gentle wisdom, and extraordinary kindness. He touched countless lives through his ministry and brought beauty to our worship through his music. Though he has gone home to the Lord, his spirit lives on in the melodies of faith and joy that now resound in our newly renovated church.

Before his passing, Fr. Kevin made a generous and thoughtful gesture that continues to bless our community today. As a skilled pianist and music lover, he treasured his Kohler & Campbell Grand Piano, a magnificent instrument valued at over \$10,000. Recognizing its potential to enhance worship in the Church he loved, Fr. Kevin gave instructions for this cherished piano to be entrusted to Fr. Gary Thomas, his dear friend and fellow priest. Fr. Kevin and Fr. Gary worked closely together in the formation of future priests at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park—a bond of ministry and friendship marked by shared dedication to the Church.

After Fr. Kevin's funeral and burial, Fr. Gary sent an email to all the pastors in our Diocese, offering the piano to any parish in need of such a gift. Without hesitation and perhaps a little divine inspiration, I replied to his message with a single, enthusiastic word: "Mine!" I had no idea I was the first to respond.

Two days later, I received a gracious message from Fr. Gary: "Congratulations! Saint Elizabeth Church can have the piano." Arrangements were quickly made for its careful transport to our parish. And what a blessing it has been! The piano has found its new home here at Saint Elizabeth Church, fitting beautifully into our newly renovated sanctuary. It has already elevated the sound and spirit of our liturgies. Our pianists speak with joy about how wonderfully it plays—and our parishioners feel its uplifting presence during Mass.

Fr. Kevin Joyce's final gift is more than a musical instrument. It is a symbol of his enduring love for the Church and for the power of beauty in the service of God. It harmonizes perfectly with our Church Renovation Project, a labor of love undertaken to honor God through sacred space and sacred sound. We believe that every note played on this piano is a prayer that rises to heaven and a tribute to Fr. Kevin's life of service.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, Fr. Kevin. Your generosity, faith, and music continue to inspire us. We will carry your memory in our hearts, in our prayers, and in every hymn that fills our sanctuary. May you rest in the peace of Christ, and may your legacy sing on for generations to come.

Fr. Andy Ligot, *Pastor*



*St. Elizabeth Annual Summer Festival 2025*

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### **A Reflection on the New Sanctuary of St. Elizabeth Church - by Parishioner Mr. Robert Yabes**

Our newly designed sanctuary is more than an artistic expression. It is a profound reflection of our faith, our mission, and our identity as a parish community.

At its heart is the image of the crucified Jesus, enclosed within a circle formed by the Alpha and Omega, a powerful reminder that Christ is the beginning and the end of all things. His sacrifice is the fullest expression of God's love, a love that entered into human suffering to conquer sin and death.

Framing the image are three perfect horizontal lines, symbolizing the Blessed Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These lines speak to the unity of God and invite us to live in communion with one another, rooted in divine love.

The colors within the circle carry deep meaning:

- Green represents renewal, healing, and balance, reflecting the ongoing spiritual growth and restoration we seek in Christ.
- Blue brings serenity, tranquility, and divinity, reminding us of God's peaceful presence.
- Yellow radiates joy, optimism, and enlightenment, like the sun bringing light and hope to our lives.

On both sides of the circle are six parallel lines, differing in size and color, twelve in total. These lines represent the apostles, each unique, each called by name - just as we are called, with our own gifts and purpose, to build up the Body of Christ.

All of these elements are set against the backdrop of the universe, depicted by thousands of tiny stars. These stars symbolize us - the parishioners of St. Elizabeth. It is our presence, our prayers, and our participation that bring light and life to our church. We are the stars that make this sanctuary shine with meaning, spirit, and vitality.

May this sacred space be a constant reminder of who we are: a people formed in Christ, united in the Trinity, diverse in our gifts, and luminous in faith. Together, we continue to make St. Elizabeth Church a vibrant, welcoming home for all.

### **Stewardship & Summer Giving**

Are you taking a vacation very soon? In living out Stewardship as a Way of Life, let not our financial support to our Church take a break while we go on a break. Our Parish incurs the same expenses in terms of salaries of employees, city services, and on church, rectory and maintenance supplies. Perhaps you might want to consider Online Giving through your checking account, ATM debit card, credit card or through Venmo. You may also mail your stewardship envelopes to the Parish Office ahead of time before going on vacation. May the Lord who can never be outdone in love and generosity reward you a hundred-fold. May you have a safe and restful summer. Happy summer vacation!

Fr. Andy Ligot, *Pastor*

### ***Society of St. Vincent de Paul News***



**Quarterly Report:** During the period from January to March 2025, members of the St. Elizabeth Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul aided 17 families. Thirteen (36) bags of food were delivered to 86 of these families.

Our expenditures were as follows:

| Type of Help          | Families Helped | Amount  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Food Gift Cards       | 7               | \$540   |
| Utility Bill Payments | 7               | \$8,818 |
| Rent Assistance       | 3               | \$2,587 |
| Other Assistance      | 3               | \$150   |

Other Assistance: We provided gasoline gift cards for 3 homeless people who were living in their cars.

**Our next Fifth-Sunday collection will be on June 29.**

**Thank you all for your generous donations.**

### **Thank You from English & Vietnamese CCD Programs**

First and foremost, we give thanks to God for His abundant blessings throughout the school year. We are especially grateful to Fr. Andy and Fr. Thuc for their unwavering support of our Catechetical Ministries.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the catechists and volunteers in both the English and Vietnamese CCD programs. Your time, dedication, and love for our children are the foundation of our faith formation efforts. We are also deeply thankful to all those who support our program through quiet acts of service and constant prayer. May God bless you abundantly.

Registration for the New Catechetical Year will begin this summer:

- Vietnamese CCD: Start from now to August 30, follow the link <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0196b3ee30937b5e8594423c88b3f8d0>
- English CCD: Start from July 10 to August 30. You can pick up a form at the back of the Church, Parish Office, or PMC.

Please include a copy of your child's Birth and Baptismal Certificates with the registration form. For more information, call the Parish Office at 408-262-8100 or 408-263-1995. We are always looking for new catechists and volunteers to join our mission of forming young disciples in the faith. If you are interested, please contact us at: [stelizabeth.milpitas@dsj.org](mailto:stelizabeth.milpitas@dsj.org) or [theresa.doan@dsj.org](mailto:theresa.doan@dsj.org)

We look forward to welcoming you back next year. Have a safe, joyful, and blessed summer!

- Sr. Theresa Doan

English & Vietnamese CCD Coordinator

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108TH APPARITIONS ANNIVERSARY

*Friday, June 13*

Trilingual Mass @ 6:30PM

Followed by Multilingual Rosary  
Procession and Light Reception

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