

# Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish

**January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**In suffering Christ has led the way.**

## Parish Office:

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**The Reverend Joseph Kallas,**  
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Chaplain to the Portuguese  
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916-442-2333  
Parish Secretary

## HISTORY

*St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish was established by Bishop Thomas Grace in 1909 as a Portuguese National Parish and named in honor of St. Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal. The church was dedicated in 1913.*

## Succession of Pastors

*Rev. Msgr. Joao V. Azevedo 1909 – 1955*

*Rev. Jose F. Ribeiro, SJ 1985 – 1991*

*Rev. Giancarlo Mittempergher, CSS 2005 – 2013*

*Rev. Efren F. Garcia-Flores 2014 - 2015*

*Rev. Mark R. Richards 2016 – 2022*

*Rev. Msgr. Valdemiro M. Fagundes 1955 – 1985*

*Rev. Eduino T. Silveira 1991 – 2005*

*Rev. Jacobo Caceres 2013 – 2014*

*Rev. Francisco Velasquez 2015 – 2016*

*Rev. Michael O'Reilly 2022 - 2024*

## Mass Schedule

**Penance & Reconciliation:** 4:30 p.m. Saturday & 9:30 a.m. on Sunday or by appointment

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m. (English) **Sunday Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m. (Portuguese/English)

**Weekday Mass:** 7:00 a.m. – Monday-Friday (English)

**Holy Days:** 7:00 a.m. (English) 12:00 p.m. (English/Portuguese)

## Baptism, Matrimony, Catechesis for Adults and Children

*(Confirmation & First Communion)*

*Please Contact the Parish Office (Be advised that weddings required a minimum of six months advance notice)*

Mass Intentions



- Saturday, January 17 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday, January 18 – 10:00 a.m. – John and Rose Machado – Requested by John & Rose Machado’s Family  
Alex DaSilva – Requested by Mary Neves
- Saturday, January 24 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday, January 25 – 10:00 a.m. – Manuel Machado Azevedo – Requested by Gilbert Andrade  
Dolores Neves – Requested by Susan Battimarco  
Antonio & Palmira Vargas – Requested by the Silva Family  
Richard Kupper – Requested by Karen Kupper
- Friday, January 30 – 7:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Irmandade da Nossa Senhora de Fatima No. 1
- Saturday, January 31 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday, February 1 – 10:00 a.m. – Jose and Rosa da Silva – Requested by the Silva Family
- Wednesday, February 4 – 7:00 a.m. – Joe and Mary Eufrazia – Requested by the Eufrazia Family
- Thursday, February 5 – 7:00 a.m. – Joseph – Requested by Theresa Vu
- Saturday, February 7 – 5:00 p.m. – Robert Garner – Requested by Peg Esteves
- Sunday, February 8 – 10:00 a.m. – People of the Parish
- Wednesday, February 11 – 7:00 a.m. – Joao and Anna Barandas – Requested by the Eufrazia Family



Prayer List



Please keep in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill, that they may receive healing hope and tender love and care.

Victor Silveira Yolanda Rodriguez Sarah Parker Teresa Valim

Shayla Suarez Azevedo Family Mary Dias Manuel Valim T.J. Rapazo Tony Budmark Judy Allen

If you wish to place or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the Parish Office (916) 442-2333. Names will remain on the Prayer list for one month unless we are notified by family to remove sooner or keep on list.



Weekly Collection

**Saturday and Sunday Giving:**  
January 10 & January 11, 2025

- Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 1,196.00
- Mail In Donations: \$ 155.00
- Building/Maintenance: \$ 225.00



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| Michelle Rodacker  | Michael Pope    |
| Jessica Bentson    | Shelley O’Neill |
| Rosemary Azevedo   | Ken Silva       |
| Eunice Lemos-Adair | Claudette Pires |
| Beatriz Sandoval   | Julie Hageman   |
| Sandra Gallardo    | Larry Valim     |

Volunteers Needed!

St. Elizabeth of Portugal Parish welcomes new volunteers: Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (adults or children) and Collectors.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Kupper, Jackie Thaxton, Susan Battimarco or email [stelizportugal@gmail.com](mailto:stelizportugal@gmail.com)



Join us for Coffee, Tea, Sweets & Fellowship



Sundays in the Church Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

## Reflection of the Gospel on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel the testimony of John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus, the Son of God, comes to take away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist accepted and proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God. Others refused to acknowledge Jesus as Savior. John the Baptist had great humility. The first step into humility is not to seek to be held or esteemed for what we are not. John the Baptist rejected the honors and titles offered him. He could have led others to himself but instead he recognized Jesus as the Redeemer and pointed others to Him. Now success can be an excellent thing: if we enjoy and rejoice in it because it gives glory to God, who is the author of our accomplishments. Yet, success and ambition are both capable of seducing the human heart. Unfortunately, our human nature is all too anxious to attract whatever is to its advantage. People seek ways to erect idols and images that are regarded as gods among them. How many of us are greatly taken with worldly elegance, prestige, superiority, and personages? In this we act quite differently from John the Baptist. His spirit was far from that of our times. Walking in humility, he accepted the greatness of Our Lord, and recognized his dependence on the Son of God to guide him. John the Baptist refused to be moved by pretense. A lover of truth, he suffered martyrdom. While we may not be called to martyrdom, we ought to have the courage to suffer and fight when small temptations present themselves. If we wish to enter the combat against evil, we must be armed with a humility that recognizes our dependence on God's greatness and goodness. If we wish to grow in divine love, let us begin by imitating John the Baptist in accepting the Master of truth and goodness into our hearts. And then, let us lead others to Our Savior: Light to all nations.

### Please Note Date Change!

#### **Church Appreciation Luncheon & Our Shared Blessings Report for 2025**

**Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.**

Dear Church Family,

Join us for an Appreciation Luncheon as we celebrate *you*, our incredible parishioners, and share a transparent look at how God has used your faithful giving this past year to fuel His work in St. Elizabeth of Portugal Church and beyond! Your generosity makes everything possible.

**Where:** St. Elizabeth Church Hall

**Must RSVP By: Sunday, January 25, 2026**

### Walk for Life West Coast 2026

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 24, 2026. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. For more information visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.



## Calendar

- **February 1<sup>st</sup>** – Appreciation Luncheon & Financial Report  
- in the Church Hall – 12:00 p.m.
- **February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Filozes Fundraiser  
- In the Church Hall (Time will be announced at a later date)
- **February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Faith Formation  
- 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall
- **February 18** – Ash Wednesday  
- Mass Times: 7:00 a.m.  
12.00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Church Retreat  
- In the Church Hall (Time to be announced at a later date)