

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord



Parish Office:

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Hours: Tues: 10:00 – 12:00

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The Reverend Joseph Kallas,
210-901-2102
Pastor

The Reverend Eduino T. Silveira,
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Susan Battimarco
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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)

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 10 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
 Sunday, January 11 – 10:00 a.m. – Maria Alice Azevedo – Requested by Frank & Maria Dutra
 Manuel Machado Azevedo – Requested by Paul & Angela Quaresma
 Dolores Silva Greenslate – Requested by Lynette Bell
 Wednesday, January 14 – 7:00 a.m. – Dolores Silva Greenslate – Irmandade da Nossa Senhora de Fatima No. 1
 Charles Rich – Requested by Anna Rich
 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



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 3 & January 4, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 744.00
Mail In Donations: \$ 190.00
Building/Maintenance: \$ 609.00



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



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 Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This event marks the beginning of his ministry. Our Savior's unfathomable ways of calling us to His service are so lovely and varied. When we have a firm and steadfast determination to want to serve God in the way and place where God calls us, we then have a true vocation. While we are firm in our perseverance to serve God, we still commit faults. We may also hesitate in our resolve to use the means given us to serve God. We are all at the mercy of our feelings and emotions, subject to changes and ups and downs. We are not to worry if we sometimes experience feelings of distaste and discouragement in responding to our call to serve God. It is normal to experience these ups and downs. Even though we are not exceedingly virtuous, we are still fit for God's service. Yet, we must stand firm in the midst of changing moods. Some virtues for the most part can only be practiced amid difficulty. It is our will - not our feelings and emotions - that must judge the firmness and steadfastness of our commitment to love as God desires us to love. It is this struggle of the will to persevere that determines our commitment to serve God. A good musician has the habit of testing the strings of his instrument from time to time to see if they need tightening or loosening in order to render the tone in perfect harmony. We too at times need to examine and consider all the affections of our soul to see if they are in tune with the wishes and commands of Our Savior. Let us strengthen our fervor, by reaffirming often our commitment to be God's children who are called to love divinely. Live courageously and faithfully to the original stirring of your heart to serve God, and you will be happy.

Church Appreciation Luncheon & Our Shared Blessings Report for 2025

Sunday, January 25, 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 18, 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 or call 415-658-1793.



Parish Ladies Day
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
12:00 p.m.

All ladies of the Parish are invited! Join in the games, share your talents or just come to visit!!

St. Elizabeth Church Sodality Meeting **Sunday, January 18, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.**

Sodality is an organization which supports our church faithfully; they are always ready to assist in any project that benefits St. Elizabeth. They meet every other month to pray, to enjoy lunch together and to plan ways to be of help our Church. They will have their next meeting on **Sunday, January 18, 12:00 p.m.** in the church hall. So, we have an accurate count for lunch, please contact Jackie Thaxton, or Susan Battimarco in the parish office if you plan to attend.



Calendar

- February 1st – Parish Council Mtg.
- February 7th – Filozes Fundraiser
- February 8th – Faith Formation
- February 28th – Church Retreat