

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent



Parish Office:

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The Reverend Joseph Kallas,
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Pastor

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Susan Battimarco
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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

<i>Rev. Msgr. Joao V. Azevedo 1909 – 1955</i>	<i>Rev. Msgr. Valdemiro M. Fagundes 1955 – 1985</i>
<i>Rev. Jose F. Ribeiro, SJ 1985 – 1991</i>	<i>Rev. Eduino T. Silveira 1991 – 2005</i>
<i>Rev. Giancarlo Mittempergher, CSS 2005 – 2013</i>	<i>Rev. Jacobo Caceres 2013 – 2014</i>
<i>Rev. Efren F. Garcia-Flores 2014 - 2015</i>	<i>Rev. Francisco Velasquez 2015 – 2016</i>
<i>Rev. Mark R. Richards 2016 – 2022</i>	<i>Rev. Michael O'Reilly 2022 - 2024</i>

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, February 21 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, February 22 – 10:00 a.m. – Manuel Silveira – Requested by Alice Silveira
Ana Luz Rosa – Requested by Jose & Lucy Borges
Antonio Rosa – Requested by Jerzindo and Lidia Rosa
Tuesday, February 24 – 7:00 a.m. – Joao Pereira and Ana Paulina Sousa – Requested by Jerzindo and Lidia Rosa
Thursday, February 26 – 7:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Irmandade da Nossa Senhora de Fatima No. 1
Friday, February 27 – 7:00 a.m. – Joseph – Requested by Theresa Vu
Saturday, February 28 – 5:00 p.m. – Laura Garner – Requested by Peg Esteves
Sidalia Dias and Fatima Rosa – Requested by Jerzindo & Lidia Rosa
Jose and Eduardo Silveira – Requested by Jerzindo & Lidia Rosa
Sunday, March 1 – 10:00 a.m. – People of the Parish
Wednesday, March 4 – 7:00 a.m. – Joseph – Requested by Theresa Vu
Friday, March 6 – 7:00 a.m. – Luis and Francisca Rosa – Requested by Jerzindo and Lidia Rosa
Saturday, March 7 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, March 8 – 10:00 a.m. – Manuel Machado Azevedo – Requested by Paul and Angela Quaresma
Maria Alice Azevedo – Requested by Mary Avila
Joao Pereira Sousa & Ana Paulina Sousa – Requested by Jerzindo & Lidia Rosa



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:

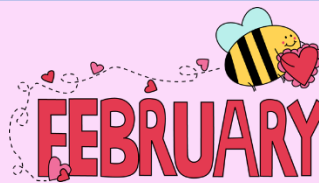
February 7, & February 8, 2026

Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 934.00
Mail In Donations: \$ 430.00
Building/Maintenance: \$ 685.00

Saturday and Sunday Giving:

February 14, & February 15, 2026

Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 685.00



Mike O'Neill
Elizabeth Arruda
Gui Sequeira
Mary Dias
Maria Pfeiffer
Monica Rodrigues de Linia

Manuel Rodrigues
Maria Meiners
Silone Pires
Maria I. Azevedo
Yvonne Collins



Arthur & Elsa Rodrigues
John & Elizabeth Garcia
Jose & Lucy Borges
Roberto & Monica Rodrigues de Linia

Reflection of the Gospel on the First Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel focuses on the temptations of Christ. Our Lord did not seek temptation. Yet, He allowed the Spirit to lead Him into the desert to be tempted to show us how we ought to resist it. No one who comes to serve God can avoid temptations. But no one should seek temptation. Still, if the Spirit leads us to a place where we encounter it, we must have confidence in the Spirit to strengthen us. As soon as you are conscious of being tempted, be like children when they see a bear out in the country. They immediately run into the arms of their father or mother, or at least call to them for help and protection. Turn in the same way to God, for we must not trust in our own strength or courage to overcome evil. If the temptation continues, turn your thoughts to some good, commendable activities. When good thoughts enter and find a place in your heart, they will drive away evil thoughts. No matter what temptations may come to you, and no matter what pleasure accompanies them, as long as you refuse consent, they do not offend God. Let the enemies of our salvation stand continually at our heart's door so as to gain entrance. As long as this act of refusal remains in our heart, we may rest assured that divine love, the life of the soul, remains within us. Through continual prayer, the sacraments, and confidence in God, our strength will return, and we will live a healthy and happy life. Walk confidently, then, and remain in peace. Live well in gentleness, simplicity and humility. If you believe in God and the truth of God's word, nothing can harm you. Resolve not to sin, but do not be astonished or troubled when you do fall into sin. We must confide ourselves to the goodness of God who, for all that, does not love us less.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps us bring Christ's saving mercy to our brothers and sisters. 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of February 28 – March 1, 2026 we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our St. Elizabeth Church ministry receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Upcoming March Events!



- **Sunday, March 8** – Faith Formation
- **Saturday, March 14** – Crab Feed
- **Sunday, March 15** – St. Elizabeth Sodality Meeting
- **Saturday, March 21** – Bean/Linguica Dinner
- **Sunday, March 22** – St. Elizabeth Festival Planning Mtg.
- **Sunday, March 29** – Church Social Mimosa Brunch

Sacramento Life Center's Lenten Baby Bottle Drive



This Lenten season, give alms with the Sacramento Life Center!

Who is the Sacramento Life Center? The Sacramento Life Center is a nonprofit, AAAHC-accredited pregnancy clinic offering free Ultrasounds, Well Woman exams, and baby needs at no cost to low-income mothers and families. Their mission is to compassionately provide free medical and emotional support services and resources to empower women and families to choose life.

How does it work?

Starting February 21st, pick up your baby bottle from the back of the church and take it home with you. Keep it throughout the Lenten season and fill it with cash, checks, and coins. Keep your bottle in a central part of the home to inspire the whole family. Every little bit helps! Return it to church by putting it in a basket in the front of the church by Easter, where they will be given to the Sacramento Life Center.