

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish

March 15, 2026

Parish Office:

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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

<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**)

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 14 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, March 15 – 10:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Vargas Family – Requested by Joe and Amelia Vargas
David Pacheco – Requested by Francis and Darcy Pacheco
Maria Conceicao – Requested by Jose and Lucy Borges
Monday, March 16 – 7:00 a.m. – Joseph and Paul – Requested by Teresa Vu
Saturday, March 21 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, March 22 – 10:00 a.m. – Manuel Machado Azevedo – Requested by Gilbert Andrade
Maria Alice Azevedo – Requested by Jovina Valim
Naldir Avila – Requested by Durvalina Avila
Friday, March 27 – 7:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Irmandade da Nossa Senhora de Fatima No. 1
Saturday, March 28 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, March 29 – 10:00 a.m. – Deceased Members of the Ferreira Family – Requested by Tony & Leontina Ferreira
Deceased Members of the Luis Sousa & Francisca Rosa Family – 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 Rob Maffucci

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:
March 7, & March 8, 2026

Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 912.00
Mail In Donations: \$ 175.00
Maintenance Fund: \$ 775.00

Second Collection Today:

This week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Manuel Perry	Peg Esteves
Joaquim Coelho	Adalton Pires
Samuel Pacheco	Ronald Meiners
Laura Gonsalves	Alex Jones
Maria Mowrey	Ralph Neves
Hugo Barron	



Madeline & Mark Bowen
Ronald & Maria Meiners

Reflection of the Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today, Jesus reminds us that He is the world's Light that produces goodness, justice and truth and we are urged to live in His Light. The human mind finds its entire satisfaction in discovering and knowing the truth of things. The greater the truth, the greater the delight. Yet, our human condition makes us skillful in the pursuit of honors, riches and power. Experience teaches us daily that these useless loves make us prone to turn from the truth, rather than consider the truth of God's love. God's love has us think on the truth of a Paradise filled with eternal happiness. Our hearts are refreshed and energized with holy love as we accept in faith the truth of the teachings of Jesus. It is a sign of interior conversion when God's goodness gives us light to see our blindness. We come to know ourselves as children of the Light. When we remove the obstacles that stop us from loving God, we become capable of loving one another, as God desires us to love each other. A human flaw discovered is half healed, for we have received an insight that frees us of our blindness. Nonetheless, we must be patient at the sight of our faults. We must learn to acknowledge them calmly and without fuss. Nothing is more favorable to the growth of those "weeds" than our anxiety to get rid of them. Stay always on the road to holiness and these imperfections will grow weak. Our Savior held us in his hand and guided our life when we did not want to be completely His. Since we now desire ardently only to do God's will, don't you think He desires to protect His little lambs that strayed from the gentle Shepherd? Faithfully focus, then, on nourishing God's gift of conversion with awe and confidence. Let us make God's grace effective in our lives by persevering in our holy resolutions and good desires. We then will live in the Light of Christ, producing truth, justice and goodness.

St. Elizabeth of Portugal Church Annual Portuguese Sweet Bread Fundraiser



Purchase for Easter

Pick-up in the Church Hall



Saturday, April 4 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 5 – After the 10:00 Mass

\$15.00 Per Loaf

You Must Pre-Order by March 29th

Text or Call:

Fatima Azevedo – 916-393-4709

Or Susan Battimarco – 916-402-9797

**There will also be a Sign-up Sheet in the Church
Hall after Mass**

Join us for Coffee, Tea, Sweets & Fellowship Sundays in the Church Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass

If you would like to donate or volunteer to bring treats for Sunday Coffee Hour, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church Hall.

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Kacey Battimarco

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Durvalina Avila

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Anna da Costa



Sacramento Life Center's Lenten Baby Bottle Drive

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

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.

Spring Flowers for Easter

The members of the St. Elizabeth Church Sodality will be decorating the Church for Easter; many of the members donate Spring Flowers in memory of their deceased family member. If you would like to donate a plant, please contact Susan Battimarco at 916-402-9797 to order one. The plants are \$10.00 per plant.

St. Elizabeth Festival Planning Meeting



The St. Elizabeth Church Sodality invite you to lunch and a meeting to prepare the Festival of St. Elizabeth. The meeting and lunch will take place on **Sunday, March 22** in the Parish Hall at 12:00 p.m. The festival this year will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2026.