

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Office:

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The Reverend Joseph Kallas,
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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

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 3 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, January 4 – 10:00 a.m. – Manuel Machado Azevedo – Requested Jaime Faria
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
Saturday, January 17 – 5:00 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday, January 18 – 10:00 a.m. – John and Rose Machado – Requested by Mary Neves
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



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 Judy Pettigrew
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:
December 20 & December 21, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 941.00
Mail In Donations: \$ 275.00
Building/Maintenance: \$ 410.00

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Giving:

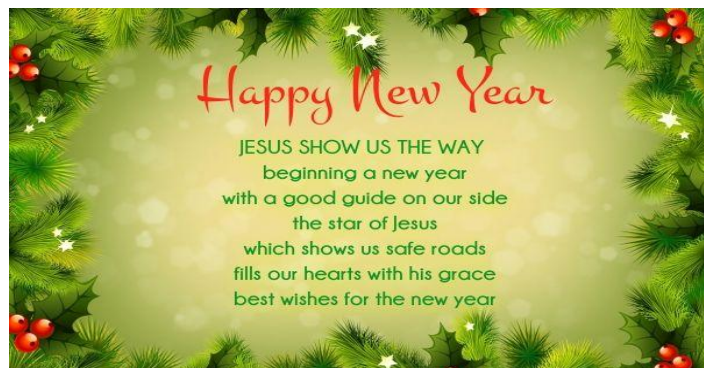
Christmas Collection: \$ 2,134.00

Saturday and Sunday Giving:
December 27 & December 28, 2025

Sunday Offertory Collection: \$ 1,557.00



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



Reflection of the Gospel on the Epiphany of the Lord

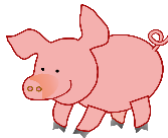
On this feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that God accepts those who approach God in simplicity of heart.

Many wonders accompanied the birth of the Savior. One was the appearance of the star that brought the Magi. They came with simplicity of heart to adore and render homage to our new King lying in the manger. Let us, likewise, love Our Savior in simplicity of heart, having but one aim and object in all we do. Simplicity is nothing else but a pure and simple act of charity which has only one end in view, and that is to obtain the love of God. The heart full of sacred love has no less love when it turns to external duties than when it prays. In such hearts, their silence and their speech, their action and their contemplation, their work and their rest equally sing God's praises. They do all their deeds, great or small with great love. Such were the lives of the saints. We may ask, "How can we acquire God's love?" Some people think that a certain art is needed in acquiring sacred love. In fact, there is no art other than to set ourselves to the work of loving God, which means applying ourselves to the practice of those things that are pleasing to God, in simplicity, without trouble or concern. Imitate the simple love of doves in their having only one mate, for whom alone they do everything, and whom alone they wish to please. Imitate them also in the simplicity with which they express and show their love. They are happy to rest quietly in each other's presence. The true means of finding and acquiring holy love is to remain in Christ's presence. In this Presence, let us delight in the joy of experiencing many inspirations and affections because we belong exclusively to God. Like the Magi, let us come close to the crib of the Christ Child. Let us be rich in love for our Savior who desires to show us how to love.

Annual Matanca

January 10 and 11, 2026

Saturday/Sunday – 6:00 p.m.



In the St. Elizabeth Church Hall

All Parishioners and friends are invited to join in this annual event as we gather together to share food and friendship!

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

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.

Thank you for your Dedication to our Parish

Many thanks to the ladies of the Sodality and parishioners who donated their time to decorate the church and/or donated the beautiful Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one that adorn the church:

<i>Durvalina Avila</i>	<i>Connie Fonte</i>
<i>Fatima Azevedo</i>	<i>Karen Kupper</i>
<i>Maria I./Manuel Azevedo</i>	<i>Mary Neves</i>
<i>Kacey Battimarco</i>	<i>Francis/Darcy Pacheco</i>
<i>Susan Battimarco</i>	<i>Steve/Margie Parada</i>
<i>Chris Brooks</i>	<i>Fernando/Dulce Pinto</i>
<i>Joaquim Coelho</i>	<i>Christine Pires</i>
<i>Anna DaCosta</i>	<i>Janet Sandlin</i>
<i>Peg/Gabe Esteves</i>	<i>Jim/Jackie Thaxton</i>
<i>The Eufrazia Family</i>	<i>Joe/Amelia Vargas</i>
<i>Leontina/Tony Ferreira</i>	<i>Cecilia Viegas</i>
<i>Roque Ferreira</i>	<i>Tecca Wysk</i>
<i>Bill/Claudina Nevis</i>	



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!!