

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel from John

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this Scripture story today, what is one word or thought that really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How does the church help "build up" your faith?

Question for Youth: How do your words and actions "build up" or "tear down" the Church?

Question for Adults: What does it mean to you that you have a choice of whether to "build up" or "tear down" the Church? In what way do you have *zeal* for the Church?

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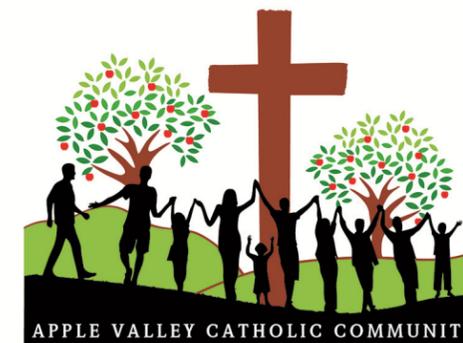
*St. Isidore Parish, Stow
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough*

Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.



*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 25, 2018*

*Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name which is above every name.*



**A warm welcome to our visitors.
We are glad to have you among us!**

If you are new to the parish, please let us know so that we can welcome you personally!

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach (Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 28).

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Boston Archdiocese will have confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. A simple guide is available on the back cover of our Lenten 24 Hours for the Lord guide or at: <http://www.bustedhalo.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/how-to-confess.pdf>, and our priests are always happy to gently guide you through the experience. The light will be on at both parishes on Wednesday, March 28.

RICE BOWLS

Palm Sunday— Encounter Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives. Visit crsricebowl.org for more. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space at each Parish.

Please bring your Rice Bowl offering to the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. Coin is accepted, but a check made out to 'SEOH' with 'CRS' in the memo line is preferred. Your offering will be collected and brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine during the Preparation Rite.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018

Many thanks to those of you who have already given. We know that many of you have. For those of you who haven't given yet, please do so. There is time left! You can find a Catholic Appeal blue pledge card at the entrances and exits of our Churches. Please take a pledge card, fill it in, and place it in the collection basket for any Mass. That is all there is to it. Thank you very much.

You may also contribute online at the Diocesan web site, <http://bostoncatholicappeal.org/>. Once there simply click on the Donate Now button at the top of the screen, and once again, thank you.

The Catholic Appeal Teams of Saint Elizabeth & Saint Isidore.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM AT ST. ISIDORE & ST. ELIZABETH PARISHES

Holy Thursday—March 29

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,
St. Elizabeth Church
Procession after Mass to St. Isidore Church for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:00 p.m. Night Prayer, St. Isidore Church

Good Friday—March 30

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, St. Isidore Church
4:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross, St. Isidore Church
7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion,
St. Isidore Church

Holy Saturday— March 31

No confessions today.
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer with Blessing of Easter
Food, St. Elizabeth Church
8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil, St. Elizabeth Church
(Please assemble in the parking lot for the lighting of
the Paschal Candle.)

Easter Sunday—April 1

Special Schedule of Masses

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Church
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12 Noon at
St. Elizabeth Church

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

The Masses on Easter Sunday are heavily attended, and all seats are usually taken well before Mass begins. If you wish a seat, plan to be here at least 20 minutes early.



INVITE A FRIEND TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK WITH YOU!

This Triduum and Easter, we invite you to take the opportunity to invite a friend! Is there someone you know who might be curious about these special Holy Days, or may want to come, but need a ride or may not know a lot of people and may not want to attend alone. Reach out and invite them! Share a ride, share your Faith. Make a difference!

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ST. ELIZABETH HEARING LOOP

Hearing Loop Receivers are available for those who wish to listen through the Hearing Loop. Please see Mary Ryan before Mass if you would like to try one.



OUR PARISHES:

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday—April 1 Special Schedule of Masses

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Church

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon at
St. Elizabeth Church

Daily Eucharist this week:

St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Tuesday & Wednesday

St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday & Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Elizabeth
Wednesday 3/28, 6:30—8:00 p.m.
No confessions on 3/31, Holy Saturday.

St. Isidore
Wednesday 3/28, 6:30—8:00 p.m.
No confessions on 3/31, Holy Saturday.

For current information, check the Parish website or call the Parish telephone number.

READING THIS SUNDAY—MARCH 25

(Cycle B)

Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— APRIL 1

(Cycle B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

ARCHDIOCESAN CURSILLO
Men's Weekend
April 26—29

An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith! Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or email at cmg829@comcast.net.

PALLIATIVE CARE COLLOQUIUM

Caring for the caregiver: How do we support those who care for the seriously ill? Please join the Archdiocese of Boston's Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning in welcoming guest speakers as they guide us through the challenging role of the caregiver in response to the needs of the seriously ill.

When: Saturday, April 14
 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree
 Cost \$15 (includes presentation and light refreshments)

For more information please go to
<http://www.bostoncatholic.org/palliativecare/>

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 3/18/18:	\$ 4,201
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/17/18:	\$ 1,684
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/17/18:	\$ 567
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/17/18:	\$ 6,452
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 537,847
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 534,964
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 2,883

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, March 26, 9:00 a.m.
 Mary Joan Conoby, Tenth Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.
 Frances Kelly, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.
 Lee Schober, Memorial Mass

Friday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.
 John Howes, Anniversary Mass

St. Isidore:

Sunday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.
 Gaetano and Josephine Angelico, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.
 Maria Rodriguez, Memorial Mass

Thursday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.
 Special Intention



**To ensure the safety of all children,
 we ask that parents accompany their children who go
 to the restrooms during Mass.
 The parish hall is used by the community at large and
 the doors remain open during Mass.
 Thank you.**

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE

Collection numbers not available this week

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs will rehearse Monday, March 26, from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth.

Collaborative Choir rehearsal for Holy Week will rehearse on Tuesday, March 27 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

Morning Choir rehearsals for parents with young children will resume in April. Contact Andrea Goodrich at andreg@applevalleycatholic.org for more information.

Stations of the Cross will be presented by members of the Collaborative Children's Choir on Good Friday, March 30 at 4:00 p.m. in St. Isidore Church. Children and their families are invited to attend as we remember Jesus' Passion during this 35 minute long service.

The Blessing of Easter Food will take place on Holy Saturday, March 31 during Morning Prayer from 9:00-9:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church.

We invite you to assemble a basket with eggs, bread and traditional Easter foods and bring it to Morning Prayer on Holy Saturday morning to be blessed and then shared at your Easter Sunday dinner. In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of Lent. As the end of the strict fast approached, people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church to be blessed to mark the end of the penances of Lent and the celebration of the Resurrection.

HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER
Tickets on Sale at this Weekend's Masses

Join fellow parishioners for a spaghetti and meatball supper on Holy Thursday, March 29, from 6:00—7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. This cherished tradition provides an opportunity for all to come together to begin these most important days of the church's calendar year. The Mass of the Lord's Supper follows immediately after dinner at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Church.

Tickets are \$8/each (adult or child), with a family cap of \$30. If paying by check, make payable to St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim at jim@applevalleycatholic.org.



Save the Date!

FR. WALTER & FR. PAUL RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

Fr. Walter:

Friday, May 25, 6 p.m. at Wedgewood Pines Country Club in Stow, MA

Reservation information will be available in April, after the planning committee finalizes details. Please stay tuned for updates.

Fr. Paul:

Fr. Paul will be available in each parish after Masses to personally connect with people, with a special gathering at the Sunday Café's on the following weekends:

-May 12/13 at St. Elizabeth
 (Sunday Café at 11:30 a.m. on 5/13)

-May 19/20 at St. Isidore
 (Sunday Café at 10:00 a.m. on 5/20)

Last Mass Weekend: May 26/27

Fr. Walter: St. Isidore Masses

Fr. Paul: St. Elizabeth Masses

RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are looking for a way to participate in providing a wonderful retirement celebration for Fr. Walter and Fr. Paul? Teams are now forming to help organize these events. **Please contact the coordinator** for each celebration for details if you would like to be involved.

Fr. Walter's celebration: There will be a volunteer meeting on Wednesday April 4, 7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1.

Coordinator: Cathy Griffin, cathleengriffin@comcast.net

If you can't make the meeting, but still want to help out, please email Cathy, preferably prior to the meeting.

Fr. Paul's celebration:

Coordinator: Doreen Bouvier, doreenbouvier@gmail.com

Please contact Doreen if you would like to be involved with this planning.

**SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST
TO OUR VISITORS THIS EASTER!**

It is a joy to see the church filled with extended families, friends, and neighbors, all gathered together to celebrate the Risen Savior! Please join us in making an extra effort to welcome our visitors with a smile, a warm greeting and even a seat during our Easter Masses. A great sign of welcome is to move to the center of the pew so that others can easily find a place to sit. Your kind gesture or words of welcome may be just what someone needs to feel at home here and feel encouraged to come again.

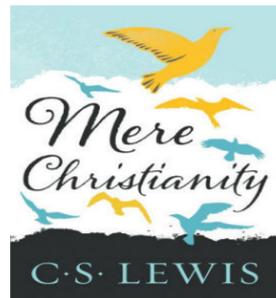
SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION

Mere Christianity
By C. S. Lewis

Monday Mornings 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center
Or
Thursday Mornings—St. Isidore Rectory
Beginning Week of April 9, 2018

First heard as informal radio broadcasts and then published as three separate books - *The Case for Christianity*, *Christian Behavior*, and *Beyond Personality* - *Mere Christianity* brings together what Lewis saw as the fundamental truths of the religion. Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, C.S. Lewis finds a common ground on which all those who have Christian faith can stand together. (*Goodreads*).

Please let Diahne Goodwin know if you would like to participate. Books are generally available at your local library or online via resources like Amazon. If you would like a copy ordered for you for \$12, please let Diahne know by Monday, March 26.



**CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP
NOTE REVISED DATE/LOCATION!**

An informal group for moms of kids from birth-high school to socialize, share faith & kids ideas, and develop a stronger community outside of Mass/Sunday Cafe has formed. We will be discussing the first two chapters of *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly, but there is NO requirement to read it if you don't have time! The host for this meeting will be Marianne Sullivan, and desserts/drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Marianne at 8patriots@gmail.com.

What: Catholic Moms Group
When: Tuesday, April 3 from 7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
Where: [8 Patriots Rd, Acton](#)

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

There are openings on our Collaborative Pastoral Council. The principal tasks of the CPC are review the collaborative pastoral plan and its implementation, help with a consideration of parish activities in light of their primary orientation to evangelization, and to enhance communication between pastor and parishioners. The normal term of service is 3 years, but a shorter period is possible. Please feel free to submit your own name or that of another parishioner whom you would recommend for membership. Please speak to Diahne Goodwin, Fr. Walter, or any of our current members if you are interested or have questions.

TEEN ALPHA—SPRING SESSION

Wednesdays starting on April 4
6:30—8:30 p.m.
(Dinner included)
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center

Open to all high school young people

ESPECIALLY for those in Grades 9 and 10 that are planning for the Sacrament of Confirmation

For more information—please contact Jim Flanagan
at jim@applevalleycatholic.org

ST. ELIZABETH EASTER FLOWERS

Your contribution helps us provide the flowers and decorations that will adorn St. Elizabeth church for the *entire* Easter Season. Please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: John Morris. You may also put it in an envelope marked 'SEOH Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at either parish. If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one and you wish to have his/her name published in our bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

St. Elizabeth Flower Fund Donation

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ towards the Easter Season Flower Fund.

I am making this donation in memory of _____

(please print clearly)

I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost. Yes___ No___.

My name is _____

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. ___

ST. ELIZABETH PRAYER LINE

Are you looking for a way to give back? Do you have 10-15 minutes a week to pray? We have an email prayer line that generates a few emails per week that are requests for prayer. It is amazingly comforting to know that a group of people are praying for you. Please email Cathy Griffin at cathleengriffin@comcast.net.

We would love for you to join us! And, if you need a prayer, you can use the same email. We only use first names, or no name, to protect your privacy.

ST. ISIDORE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please Note the office at St. Isidore will be closed Monday through Tuesday, March 27. Any questions or requests for Mass cards can be directed to the office at St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 978-263-4305.

**EASTER DINNER DONATIONS AT
ST. ISIDORE**

Please be sure to return your Easter dinner donation to St. Isidore **NO LATER THAN** March 27 so they can be sorted for distribution by Warm Hearts of Stow.

Warm Hearts members will be shopping to replace any items not returned by this date so they can distribute the dinners on time. Thank you so much for helping Warm Hearts provide Easter meals!

ST. ISIDORE EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please be sure to submit your memorial information by **Wednesday, March 28** to ensure it will be included in the Easter bulletin.

CORI—ST. ISIDORE

All volunteers at St. Isidore must have a current CORI. For the month of April, after all Masses, volunteers can fill out new or renewed CORI forms in the Work Sacristy on Saturdays and the Church Hall on Sundays.



**EASTER COLLECTION
CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST**

At all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org