

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** We are all invited to “come follow.”

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today’s Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?  
What lingers in your memory?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** To follow Jesus means to do what is right. Name a time this past week when you followed Jesus by doing the right thing you were asked to do, the first time, without an excuse.

**Question for Youth:** The people in the story had lots of reasons why they couldn’t follow Jesus. What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard?

**Question for Adults:** Sometimes we are like the people in the Gospel and have many excuses for why we cannot follow Jesus. Name a time this past week that you followed Jesus even though you had many excuses.

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Robin Ulichney

#### Collaborative Pastoral Council

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#### Collaborative CAP Team Leader

(Child Abuse Protection)  
Jack Deasy

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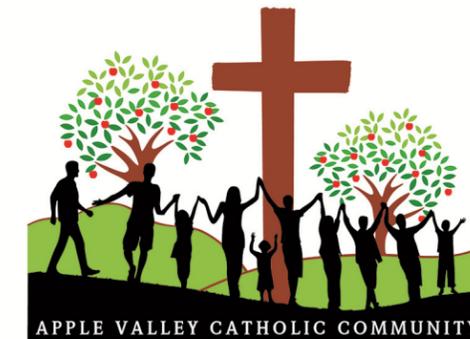
*Celebrating God’s love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.*



## *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 26, 2016*

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;  
You have the words of everlasting life.*



**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).



Dear Parishioners,

Earlier this week, we received notice that Cardinal Sean has approved the pastoral plan that will guide and inspire the work of our two parishes for the next three years at least. As you will recall, the pastoral plan was written by a group of parishioners drawn from both parishes. They completed this important task with the benefit of the guidance and unstinting support offered by Fr. Paul Soper and the Evangelization and Discipleship Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. I encourage you to become familiar with our collaborative pastoral plan, which is available via the home pages of both parish websites. As you read it, please keep its purpose in mind, namely, to help us align the life and activities of both parishes to the mission of making disciples and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

Today I will be among 57 teens and adult leaders who are traveling to Omaha to begin a week-long mission trip. Please keep us in your prayers that we might all remain safe, grow in faith, and encounter the Lord in one another and those whom we serve.

Fr. Walter

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week's second collection supports the Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies that are the result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit [www.usccb.org/ppc](http://www.usccb.org/ppc) for more information.



### NEW COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE (Effective October 1, 2016)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
9 a.m. at St. Isidore  
9:15 a.m. at St. Elizabeth

Saturday  
4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth  
5 p.m. at St. Isidore

Sunday  
9 a.m. at St. Isidore  
10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth  
5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Note: We will continue to follow the present schedule until Oct. 1, including the summer schedule at St. Isidore. Over the coming weeks, we will settle many related details and tie up the loose ends, including the confession schedule, music ministry, GIFT, youth ministry, and many other things.

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Our Growing in Faith Together Team is already busy planning an exciting year of all ages faith formation for 2016 - 17. Children in grades K - 12, young adults, parents, singles, grandparents, and empty nesters are all invited. For your convenience, we are offering online registration and credit card payments.

[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org) or  
[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)  
Session placements will be on a first come, first served basis.



### MORNING MASS AT ST. ISIDORE'S ONLY THIS WEEK

Due to Fr. Walter's participation in the Nebraska mission trip, morning Mass will be celebrated at St. Isidore's only this week (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9 a.m., assuming no funeral in either parish).

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St. Elizabeth Parish:



### ST. ELIZABETH

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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[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Isidore Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Daily Eucharist this week:**  
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.

For current information check the parish website or call the parish telephone number.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. (both parishes)

If you would like to have our weekly bulletin electronically sent to you, please email your request to: [janice@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:janice@applevalleycatholic.org)



**READINGS THIS SUNDAY—June 26 (Cycle C)**  
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 3 (Cycle C)**  
Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross

This year, Pope Francis invites each of us to become “merciful like the Father” as part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. As we journey together with Catholics around the world Cardinal Sean invites us in the Archdiocese of Boston to come, make a pilgrimage, pass through our Holy Door of Mercy and worship the Lord Jesus who tenderly loves each of us and receive a plenary indulgence.

The Cathedral is open daily from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm for individuals wishing to pass through the doors at their leisure. We welcome all to stop by to see the Holy Doors. Mass is at 9:00 am Monday through Saturday, and no reservation is needed to visit the Doors of Mercy for individual reflection. Groups can also gather and take a tour while they are there.

For those interested in going to the Cathedral in a group from the Collaborative, sometime over the summer or in the fall, please contact Audrey Stuart at [audrey017@comcast.net](mailto:audrey017@comcast.net) by the end of June to let her know your interest and preferred time to go. If we have enough people interested we can organize a trip. For more information about the jubilee year and the Cathedral, go to <http://holycrossboston.com/jubilee-year/>.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**  
Saturday, June 25, 5:00 p.m.  
For all parishioners of our Collaborative

Sunday, June 26, 9:30 a.m.  
David Jodka, Memorial Mass

**ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Our parishes St. Vincent de Paul Conference assists needy persons in our community by providing food vouchers, household goods, or other necessary help. The local Conference has been able to carry out its work of person-to-person charitable assistance only because of your generous support and it is more grateful for it. You can continue to help by placing your donations in the SVDP Offering box at the rear of the church, or sending them to the parish office.

**DONATIONS NEEDED AT  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

“Your extra is somebody’s only”

Household Goods is currently in need of donations, especially blankets, comforters, pillows, sets of silverware, coffee tables, end tables, They are located at 530 Main St., Acton. Donations are gratefully accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. To noon. Visit their website for more information: [www.householdgoods.org/](http://www.householdgoods.org/)



**THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST IN ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE PARISHES  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR READING**

It has become abundantly clear that many aspects of parish life and ministry reflect customary ways of thinking and acting more than the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This anomalous situation gives rise to a shared responsibility to reorient our parishes from maintenance to mission. This fundamental shift will inevitably impact parishioners, parish leaders, and institutional arrangements, and it calls for everyone’s participation. The following reading list is for all who want to understand what moving “from maintenance to mission” means in practice and why it is urgently needed. Each item on this list will generously reward a careful, thoughtful reading.

White and Corcoran, *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter*. This accessible, widely-read, eye-opening, and transformative book is a good place to begin. It brings the conversation about maintenance and mission down to earth, and provides background and language for our own discussions.

James Mallon, *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission*. This new and highly-regarded book draws on the experiences of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, NS, and the wisdom of its extraordinary pastor. It has already become a major, even indispensable resource for pastors, staff, and parishioners who want to be more faithful to the Lord.

Sherry Weddell, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*. This source sharply focuses attention on the why, wherefore, and mission of parishes, and underlines the need to be deliberate and intentional in our discipleship.

*Disciples in Mission: A Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston*. The text can be downloaded at <http://www.disciplesinmission.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Disciples-in-Mission.pdf>. This official document provides the background and norms for the work of a collaborative in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*. Available in hard copy and online at [http://www.seoh.org/images/adultfatihformation/2013.11.24\\_Evang\\_Gaud.pdf](http://www.seoh.org/images/adultfatihformation/2013.11.24_Evang_Gaud.pdf). If we get what Pope Francis is saying (especially in the Introduction and Chapter 1), we’ll also get why parish life—and our own personal and spiritual lives—require radical and ongoing transformation. A commentary is available at <http://www.seoh.org/resources/joy-of-the-gospel>. Look in the “Helpful Resources” box.

*Draft Pastoral Plan for the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative*. Once approved by Cardinal Sean (expected soon), this pastoral plan will be the official guide for our work over the next several years. It is available at: <http://www.applevalleycatholic.org/resources/AppleValleyCollaborative%20PastoralPlanDraftApr04-16.pdf>

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 6/19/16:	\$ 3,302
Mail backs for Week Ending 6/18/16:	\$ 2,709
EFT for Week Ending 6/11/16:	\$ 711
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 6/11/16:	\$ 6,721
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 693,098
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 677,786
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 15,311

Thank you very much!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday 6/19/16:	\$ 1,797
Total EFT for Week Ending 6/19/16:	\$ 1,983
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 6/19/16:	\$ 3,780
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 231,450
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 234,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15:	\$ (3,149)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 48
Peter Pence offertory	\$ 10

Thank you for your generosity.



**ST. ISIDORE  
SUMMER WEEKEND  
MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturdays—5:00 p.m.  
Sundays—9:30 a.m.**

**PLEASE USE SIDE RECTORY DOOR**



If you plan to visit the parish office on Monday, June 27 or Tuesday, June 28 for safety precautions please use the side rectory door nearest the church. Due to maintenance work at the rectory on those days the other entrances are being used by workers and their equipment. Thank you.

**DONATIONS GIVEN AT YOUR  
SISTER PARISH**

Please be assured that donation envelopes given at either of our two parishes will go to the parish whose name appears on the envelope itself. In other words, St. Elizabeth's donation envelopes dropped into the collection at St. Isidore Church will be returned unopened to St. E's. Likewise, St. Isidore's donation envelopes given at St. Elizabeth's will also be returned unopened to St. I's. So those who use the donation envelopes will still be supporting their own parish even when attending Mass in their sister parish. The same holds true for checks made payable to either of our parishes. We are working on a simple way to extend this same system to cash donations. Until that time, cash donations support the parish in which they are given.

**"Find new ways to spread the word  
of God to every corner of the world."  
- Pope Francis -**

**YOUTH MINISTRY  
APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
UPCOMING JUNE/JULY EVENTS**

**BOSTON RED SOXS/  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**  
Tuesday, July 19, 5:00 p.m.



This is a Catholic night at Fenway Park! We will join parishes from all over the area. Please purchase your tickets and submit your **permission slip before July 10**. We will meet at St. Isidore's at 5:00 p.m. **ALL** High School Youth Welcome! Contact Jim Flanagan with questions: 617-922-0024 (cell) 978-263-4305 x23, or email at jim@applevalleycatholic.org

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S**

Volunteer at Household Goods Ongoing on the first Sunday of every month. Our next date is July 12 from 12:45- 4:00 p.m. Household Goods provides families with donated furniture and appliances to help them furnish their homes. Volunteers can either help families pick out foods or load their vans. Please contact Marie Hoff or Alicia Giannotti if this is your first time volunteering. Meet us at 12:45 p.m. at Household Goods at 530 Main St., Acton. Learn more at <http://householdgoods.org/>

For more information and to RSVP, please contact: [youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org)

Check us out on Facebook! Join our Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/558137624339112/>



**ST. ELIZABETH BAPTISM  
THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend we welcome Evangeline Marie Pavel, daughter of Michael and Christine in the sacrament of Baptism.

Please join us in keeping her in prayer as well as her parents and godparents as they continue to nurture her in a life of faith.



**UPCOMING BAPTISM  
AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. – Baptism

**NEW SACRED VESSELS AT  
ST. ELIZABETH'S**

For many years now, St. Elizabeth's has used crystal vessels to hold the Body of Christ and his Precious Blood during the celebration of the Eucharist. At one time, this was acceptable. However current norms require that sacred vessels be made of precious metal, or at least another solid material that is generally considered to be precious and suitable for sacred use. After a diligent consideration of our requirements and what vendors have available, the parish has purchased a new set of sacred vessels that comply with current norms. We are putting them into service this weekend.

**ST. ELIZABETH "CLOTHING CLOSET" IN  
THE ENTRANCE HAS CHANGED TO THE  
"CLOTHING BIN" IN THE PARKING LOT**

We have a new spot for clothing donations. The closet in the entrance will no longer be used for clothes. We now have a Saint Vincent de Paul Society clothing bin outside, in the corner of the parking lot, next to the 'Got Books' bin. It is for clothing only – nothing else. As donors have done in the past, please do not put non-clothing items in or next to the bin. Thank you for your attention this change and thank you for your donations to repurpose your used clothing to aid help those in need.

**NEED SHORT TERM SUMMER HELP  
AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Students from home from college for the summer are welcome and encouraged to apply. St. E's is looking for a reliable individual for some regular, part time and likely short term custodial and building and grounds work. The position can be paid or volunteer. If you're looking to help your church or to earn something, there's something to do here for you. Zack Zambarano is helping currently, but he landed a career-related internship (congrats to him) for the rest of the summer, effective July 11. We are sorry to see him go, but this creates an opportunity for others. Interested candidates please call or email John Morris at [978-263-4305 x11](tel:978-263-4305) or [jjm@seoh.org](mailto:jjm@seoh.org). Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER MEALS**

Looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in Acton and Boxborough, 1-2 times a month 1-3 hours monthly. If you are interested please call Joy at 978-263-5053, and please leave a message, and I will return your call!

**KIDS AND TEENS:  
COME HANG OUT AT VBS!  
CaveQuest 2016**



Save the date: August 8-12, 2016  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Games, Bible drama, music and dancing  
science fun - we've got it all!

For kids age 4 by September 1, through 6th grade. Teens entering 7th grade through adults are invited to help our junior spelunkers have fun and meet Jesus in their lives! Registration and Volunteer Forms are available on our website [seoh.org](http://seoh.org), or in the St. Elizabeth Welcome Center, outside of the Religious Education office at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, or at St. Isidore's Parish Office. For more information, contact Lisa Lapinski, [lisalapinski@verizon.net](mailto:lisalapinski@verizon.net).