

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are Eucharistic people. We live in praise and thanksgiving.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

Listen carefully to the Gospel of this week. What image in this story strikes you most forcefully?
What word or phrase caught your ear?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

Question for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you?
When have you thanked God this week?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God?
Make them concrete and real.

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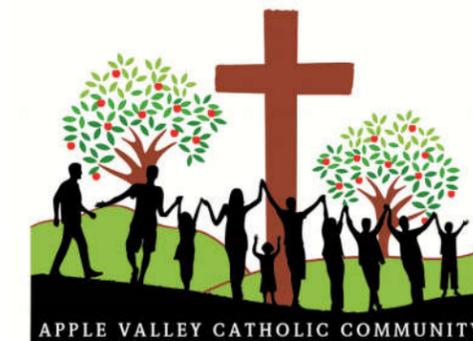
Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016

*In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*



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,

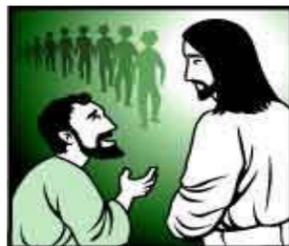


We are being called to reorient ourselves and our parishes “from maintenance to mission.” This is a foundational matter, and carries foundational importance. It is therefore not just one program or initiative among many others. Rather, it intends nothing less than a basic reorientation of our outlook, priorities, and activities—all of them. That requires a long-term commitment that combines patience and persistence.

Some may wonder what “from maintenance to mission” actually means, and what it asks of us. Those are fair questions. This column will be one place, among others, where you’ll find some answers. No single response can say it all, but each will try to promote a better understanding and deeper commitment to the mission that Jesus Christ has given us.

The Lord gave us that mission just before his ascension (Mt. 28: 16-20). Distilled to its essence, it is simple: “Go ... make disciples.” If we are to honor that command, we have to attend first to the quality of our own discipleship, our own relationship with Jesus Christ. All of us should try to know Jesus Christ and his love ever more personally each day. (Remember: knowing the Lord ≠ knowing *about* the Lord!). Those who know the Lord will internalize his love and compassion for all nations, all people. They will naturally look outward with the same love and compassion for those who do not know him or don’t know him well. With that, our pastoral priority has to move from ourselves to others, from those who participate to those who don’t, from those who are present to those who are not. That is another way to understand what moving “from maintenance to mission” means in practice, and why it is so important.

Fr. Walter



FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION

A workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization For Everyone!

Coming to St. Elizabeth!

One-day workshop: Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Through discussions, presentation and Prayer, this workshop is designed to help participants:

- Grow in understanding of the new evangelization.
- Embrace living as an intentional disciple.
- Become comfortable in sharing your personal witness.
- Learn how to form disciples in your parish, and more.

This workshop is open to all parishioners!

Those who are members of staff, finance and pastoral councils should especially plan on participating if they haven’t done so already. The Pastoral Center has graciously offered to present this workshop locally, saving you a trip to Braintree or other possibly distant parishes. Register at <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>

VIDEOS OF PRESENTATION NOW AVAILABLE

Videos of Fr. Walter's presentation to parishioners on Sept. 14 are now available on both parish web sites. A single video file (about 800 MB), suitable for viewing on a larger screen, contains the entire presentation. It has also been divided into six segments of about 15 minutes each. These lower resolution YouTube files (about 75 MB each) might appeal to viewers concerned about their data usage.

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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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Daily Eucharist this week:

St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
3:00-3:30 p.m.—St. Elizabeth
4:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Isidore

READINGS THIS SUNDAY— Oct. 9 (Cycle C)
2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Oct. 16 (Cycle C)
Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

CURSILLO—ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

The Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement is offering two Cursillo weekend's this fall at The Campion Center, Weston, MA.

- Women's Cursillo from Thursday evening, October 20 through Sunday afternoon, October 23.
- Men's Cursillo from Thursday evening, December 1 through Sunday afternoon December 4.

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, which offers the participants a vibrant experience of the Christian Life and a method for living as an active member of the Church. For information and registration, please call the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, (<http://www.bostoncursillo.org/>), at [617-779-3640](tel:617-779-3640) or email them at spiritual_development@rcab.org. You may also talk to Diahne Goodwin if you have questions.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 10/2/16:	\$ 4,096
Mail backs for Week Ending 10/1/16:	\$ 697
EFT for Week Ending 10/1/16:	\$ 711
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 10/1/16:	\$ 5,504
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 176,849
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 180,562
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (3,713)
Preliminary target is \$715,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017	
Thank you very much!	

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:
Sunday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.
Katherine Carmichael, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:
Wednesday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.
Donald Wilks, 1st Anniversary Mass

Friday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.
Norman Houle, Memorial Mass

Prayers for the Departed:
Michael McGonegal
Robert Goodwin

**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.

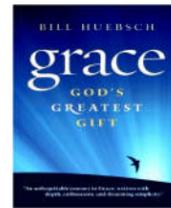
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Last Sunday 9/25/16:	\$ 2,929
Total EFT for Week Ending 9/25/16:	\$ 1,586
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 9/25/16:	\$ 4,516
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 54,429
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 64,400
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (4,970)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 30
Thank you for your generosity.	

FALL BOOK DISCUSSION

Grace: God's Greatest Gift
by Bill Huebsch

In this powerful yet simple volume, Bill Huebsch leads readers to a deeper understanding of the theology of grace as it was articulated at Vatican II by Karl Rahner, S.J. Through his distinctive images and storytelling, Bill creates an unforgettable journey to the mystery and wonder of the divine heart rooted in everyday experiences. Grace, he affirms, is indeed God's greatest give to us. It is written with power, enthusiasm, depth, and disarming simplicity.

St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Monday Mornings 9:45 – 11:15 a.m.: Oct 17, 24,
31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12 & 19



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross**

Sunday, October 16
Leaving St. Elizabeth Parking lot at noon.

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 Seán 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 indulgence. This visit is a great opportunity to make the pilgrimage before the close of the Year of Mercy in November!

All are welcome! Those who are interested can meet in the St. Elizabeth parking lot at noon and we will carpool and/or caravan to the Cathedral together. For more information you may contact Audrey Stuart at audry017@comcast.net. For more information about the jubilee year and the Cathedral, go to <http://holycrossboston.com/jubilee-year/>.

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

Distributing Food on the Commons
Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day)

We will prepare and give lunches to people at Boston Commons. Meet us at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth to make sandwiches and carpool.

Women's Group: Paint Nite
Monday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun evening of dinner and Painting! Sign-up through Paint Nite in advance in required. Contact Marie Hoff for more information. Meet us at 6:00 for dinner beforehand or come at 7:00 for the painting. We will paint at the British Beer Company at 149 Littleton Rd., Westford, MA.

A Night with Faith, Food, and Friends
Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for dinner and faith conversation. Pay your own way. Meet us at The Halfway Café at 51 Main St., Maynard.

**WANTED
SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Come join the new contemporary group that will lead the musical prayer at the weekly Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Do you play drums? ...guitar? ...other instruments? Adults and high school students from both parishes are invited to join this new group with contemporary repertoire. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Contact Andrea Goodrich andrea-ag@applevalleycatholic.org 978-263-4305, ext.12 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

Sunday, October 9

Gospel Scripture Reflection
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Tuesday, October 11

Spiritual Writing Group
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., St. Francis Room

Wednesday, October 12

Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal
7:00—7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:30—9:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Thursday, October 13

St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45—6:30 p.m., Church

Apple Valley Teen Choir Rehearsal
7:00—8:15 p.m., Church

Friday, October 14

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00—11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

ST. ELIZABETH BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A way serve to God and your Parish?

The St. E's Buildings and Grounds Committee is always looking for help in keeping the place running and orderly. If you have some small degree of expertise, like from doing B&G tasks in your own home for years, we will welcome and put your experience to good work here - small painting jobs, small plumbing jobs (replace a faucet, a washer, a flushometer), replacing a light switch, calling a few contractors for small repairs, etc. A small one time task, short term or longer term timeframes all welcome and appreciated. Please feel free to call, email or talk to John Morris, Business Manager (contact info in bulletin) or talk to another member of the B&G - Bill Hart, Kevin Burns, David Winders or Owen Neville. We have a good time. We do some good work. We welcome your help. Thank you.

ST. ELIZABETH "SUNDAY CAFÉ" NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are thrilled and grateful to those who have signed up to help with our Sunday morning gatherings after Mass, newly dubbed, "Sunday Café." Our goal is to be able to begin this on a regular basis weekly basis, (except those weeks there are GIFT programs running). **We cannot kick this off until we have a chairperson or two willing to take on the coordination of the volunteers.** The chairperson/people coordinates and schedules volunteers, makes sure enough food and supplies are on hand and is the general liaison with staff. Once things are up and rolling, and a schedule in place, this should not take up too much time. With enough volunteers in place, the chair person will not have to attend every "Sunday Café." This could be a great role for a couple or a family looking to get involved. Please contact Diahne Goodwin or Janice Howes if you can help. Thank you!!



LOOKING FOR A FEW HOURS OF CLERICAL SERVICE FOR OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

St. Elizabeth's will soon be conducting our annual fall appeal to keep our finances in order. St. E's parishioners serving on the Finance Council run this effort ably every year. The council could use an additional hand or two for some clerical work - folding the mailing materials with our cool folding machine. We are looking for some help on a day, or couple of days, likely on or around the week of Oct 24 - 29, for about four hours total. Can you be part of the team to help the council, and your fellow parishioners, in making this effort successful? We've had two different volunteers the past few years and it has come off seamlessly. Also, if you would like, we can bring or you can stop by and pick up the paper and folding machine to do this at your leisure at your place, like maybe during a debate or football game. If you can help or if you have questions, please contact John Morris at john@applevalleycatholic.org or call at [978-263-4305 x11](tel:978-263-4305). Thank you.

ST. ELIZABETH AV MINISTRY

An Audio/Video minister is present at each Mass. He or she sits in the congregation and uses a mobile device to ensure that the sound quality is the best it can be. *We need more volunteers to serve about once a month.* Training is provided.

If you have any questions about the above or about our Hearing Loop, please see Mary Ryan (mgr@applevalleycatholic.org) before or after Mass or contact Dave Sacra (dsacra@verizon.net).

ST. ELIZABETH NEW CHILDREN'S ROOM NOW OPEN

It is a joy to see all our parishioners from youngest through the most senior members pray and celebrate together each week. It is especially inspiring to see young families doing their best to nurture the faith of the next generation. We also recognize that sometimes small children may need a break and infants have their own schedules! To that end we are happy to announce that The Children's Room, located downstairs in the room directly below the gathering space, is now equipped with live stream video and sound. This will provide a child friendly spot for parents and their young children to take those breaks, but also stay tuned into the Mass.

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. Mass



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.,
St. Elizabeth, Parish Center Hall

Please join us for our Information Meeting for Reconciliation (confession) Preparation. We will discuss what is involved in the preparation process, and distribute informative materials.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:

Wednesday, October 12

St. Isidore Children's Choir Rehearsal
3:30—4:15 p.m., Parish Hall

Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal
7:00—7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:30—8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

ST. ISIDORE BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Our next quarterly Baptismal Preparation meeting for parents of children to be baptized will be held in the work sacristy on Sunday October 16 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

ST. ISIDORE COFFEE AND DONUTS

This weekend we are having a Clergy Appreciation celebration.



Please join us for cake and coffee after the 9 a.m. Mass.

ST. ISIDORE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Isidore Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Monday night, October 10, at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

CORI DRIVE WEEKEND October 22 and 23

Everyone who serves in ministries serving children or vulnerable adults must complete a Massachusetts CORI form each year. If you are new to either St. Elizabeth or St. Isidore, you must complete a CORI form before beginning any ministry that involves children or vulnerable adults. CORI forms are available in the offices of St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore during regular office hours. However, we will also be offering an opportunity to complete forms after all masses at St. Elizabeth on the weekend of Oct. 22-23. Parishioners from both parishes may complete forms at that time. Please bring your license. If you have any questions, please contact our Child Abuse Protection Leader, Jack Deasy at jw.deasy@gmail.com.