

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Love one another

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Second Reading, from St. John.

Step One: Listen to the Word

Which line in this reading caught your ear? What sense do you get about God as you listen to this Word proclaimed today?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

Question for Youth: Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Adults: Concretely, how do you show love to others?

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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.



*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018*

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and
my Father will love him and we will come to him.*



**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,

As you are all aware, we will need a new Mass schedule starting June 1, one that can be properly sustained by one priest. That schedule has now been finalized, and is published elsewhere in this bulletin. Of course, it did not fall ready-made from heaven, nor did I devise it in splendid isolation. Instead, it took shape over the past couple of months with input from many people, notably the schedule committee, staff persons, and parishioners who shared their observations especially at the meeting last Sunday. After conferring with Fr. Jeff Archer, our incoming pastor, I brought the schedule to its final form.

As it stood last week, the schedule for Saturday evening and Sunday evening was generally accepted. By way of background, there is room for only one Mass on Saturday evening, and placing it at St. Isidore's gives each parish two Masses between Saturday and Sunday. Considerations of equity were important here.

Although parishioners generally understood the virtues of a two-hour separation between Masses on Sunday morning, controversy ensued on how to do that. With one proposal (Mass at 9 and 11) the second Mass seemed too late. With the other proposal (Mass at 8:30 and 10:30) the first Mass seemed too early. Some expressed a fear that the one or the other would be too much for parishioners and might even result in harm to our parishes.

My decision took note of the negative results that the above proposals were predicted to bring. More importantly I tried to preserve the benefits and blessings of the current Sunday morning schedule, and distribute the stresses of change evenly. So I decided to split the difference. Each parish will be called upon to move just 15 minutes from its current schedule. That's fair and doable. It should entail little or no "breakage" for either parish, and leave the road wide open for community and good ministry on Sunday morning.

The new collaborative-based schedule is well-rounded and favors the development of a wider, stronger community. As you consider it, I hope you will take to heart a life-giving truth that we know by faith: Although spread between two parishes, we are one Catholic community, brothers and sisters all. We are born of one font, share one faith, are bound together by the one Eucharist we celebrate, and are sent forth to share the Gospel. May the Lord Jesus bless us and guide us as we walk the road ahead.

Fr. Walter



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MASS SCHEDULE—THURSDAY MAY 10**
(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth



**UPCOMING COLLABORATIVE
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

Confirmations:
May 13, 2:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

Baptisms:
June 3 — St. Isidore
June 17 – St. Isidore
June 24 – St. Elizabeth
August 12—St. Elizabeth

First Eucharist:
May 6 – St. Isidore
May 12 – St. Elizabeth
May 27 – St. Isidore
June 3 – St. Elizabeth

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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.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
St. Elizabeth
Saturdays, 3:00—3:30 p.m.

St. Isidore
Saturdays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.

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



READINGS THIS SUNDAY— May 6
(Cycle B)
Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— May 13
(Cycle B)
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**LET YOUR OLD CLOTHES
FEED THE HUNGRY!**

The families at Gates School in Acton have organized a textile collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for OPEN TABLE, a non-profit food based organization dedicated to helping those in need in the local area. Open Table feeds over 425 people per week, including 85 kids.

The following items are being collected: Adults' and children's clothes, shoes and boots (tied together if possible) hats, belts, purses, backpacks, blankets, sheets and towels. ITEMS WITH RIPS, TEARS, AND STAINS are OK, but it MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. Sorry, we are NOT able to accept stuffed animals, rugs, carpets, pillows, cushions, comforters or drapes. Please bring donations by May 13 to:

- 1) Acton Town Hall
- 2) The Acton Public Safety Department
- 3) Acton Memorial Library
- 4) Gates Elementary School
- 5) The Jr. High on 4/22, 4/29 or 5/6 while Chinese School is in session

For more information, contact konaness11@gmail.com between now and May 13.



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 4/29/18:	\$ 3,903
Mailbacks for Week Ending 4/28/18:	\$ 2,026
Total EFT for Week Ending 4/28/18:	\$ 567
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/28/18:	\$ 6,496
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 633,136
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 623,966
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 9,170

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
Jim Durben, 9th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.
Kathleen Conley, 3rd Anniversary Mass

St. Isidore:

Saturday, May 5, 5:00 p.m.
Mary Stronach, Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 6, 9:00 a.m.
Eugene and Bridget McCar, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, May 8, 9:00 a.m.
Ermelina Cunja, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.
Alexander Marek, Special Intention

Thursday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.
Joanne Kim, Special Intention

Prayers for the Departed: Joe Regan



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Sunday 4/29/18:	\$ 3,680
Total EFT for Week Ending 4/29/18:	\$ 1,922
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/29/18:	\$ 5,602
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 214,127
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 232,672
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (18,545)
Grand Annual Actual year-to-date:	\$ 27,365
Grand Annual Budget:	\$ 45,000
Over (Under) Budget:	\$ (17,635)

St. Vincent DePaul Collection: \$ 47

Thank you very much!

**FR. WALTER & FR. PAUL'S
LAST MASS WEEKEND: MAY 26/27**

Fr. Walter: St. Isidore Masses
Fr. Paul: St. Elizabeth Masses

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)

There will be no Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass celebrated on May 13 at St. Elizabeth. There is a Confirmation Mass that afternoon.



**CELEBRATE PENTECOST!
All are Welcome!
Sunday, May 20**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Mathias will join the full collaborative choir in a beautiful Pentecost liturgy at St. Elizabeth.

6:15 p.m. Picnic Supper
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship
In the church~ Celebrating the power of the Holy Spirit!

Everyone is invited to attend! Bring a friend!

Mathias Michael is a worship leader and singer/songwriter from Cocoa Beach, FL. Influenced by musicians like Matt Maher and John Mayer, Mathias has a relevant sound that appeals across generations. His music encourages listeners to seek a more personal relationship with Christ by recognizing His constant movement in our everyday lives. In the live setting, Mathias seeks to inspire communities to come together in song and worship, so they may experience the liberation and healing that comes from an authentic encounter with the Holy Spirit. You don't want to miss this special event! For more information about Mathias, you can visit his website at: <http://www.mmichaelmusic.com>



**A NEW COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1**

Saturday at 5 p.m. – St. Isidore Church
Sunday at 8:45 a.m. – St. Isidore Church
Sunday at 10:45 a.m. – St. Elizabeth Church
Sunday at 5 p.m. – St. Elizabeth Church

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 9 a.m. – St. Isidore Church



THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST TO BE CELEBRATED WITH 55 CHILDREN AT PARISH MASSES

Please pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist over the next several months at our parish Masses. We are most grateful to all of the parents who have worked with their children at home and accompanied them to the mini lessons and workshops throughout the year. Here is the schedule of the Masses where the sacrament will be celebrated:

- Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, May 12 at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, June 3 at 10:45 a.m.

FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY NEWS

First Eucharist Rehearsal on Thursday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m.—Children and parents (at least one parent must attend) will meet at St. Elizabeth Church to rehearse for the May 12 First Eucharist Mass.

With Gratitude—I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Susan Giulietti for the many hours that she spent writing the children’s names (using glitter glue) on their First Eucharist pew banners. The banners look amazing!

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 9

Music Ministers of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth will rehearse on Wednesday, May 9 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall at St. Elizabeth.

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 13-17, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Check upcoming bulletins for further information on volunteering and registration.



PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

Protecting God’s Children is a one-time required class for everyone 18 years old and older who volunteers with children, youth, or the homebound. If you plan to chaperone a mission trip, help with Children’s Liturgy, or assist at Vacation Bible School, you must be Virtus Certified and have a current CORI form on file. Virtus will be offered at St. Elizabeth on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Please register with our Child Abuse Protection leader, Jack Deasy at: j.w.deasy@gmail.com. CORI forms are available in the Parish offices Sunday - Thursday.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Monday, May 7

Book Discussion
9:45-11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

New Jersey Pre-Trip Gathering
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Parish Center Hall

Tuesday, May 8

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00-11:30 a.m., Parish Center Room 2

Just 5 Days Meeting
7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

Wednesday, May 9

Teen Alpha
6:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Music Ministers of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth
7:00-8:30 p.m., Church Hall

Thursday, May 10

Writing in Faith
9:30-11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 2

First Communion Rehearsal
5:30-6:30 p.m., Church

Friday, May 11

Confirmation Rehearsal
7:00-9:00 p.m., Church Hall

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. ___

26th ANNUAL POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT Monday, May 21 at The Weston Golf Club

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner at the Seminary for each golfer and a guest. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psjs.edu/golf-tournament.

FUNERAL HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. ISIDORE

The funeral hospitality ministry is in dire need of bakers and servers. Serving involves a group of volunteers to set up tables/chairs, make coffee and set up donated baked goods and catered food on serving tables. This would not require a lot of your time but offers so much comfort to families experiencing the loss of a loved one. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry and contact Robin in the St. Isidore office to sign up.

EXTRA PARKING FOR ST. ISIDORE

Please note that there is extra parking space at the Center Elementary School (2 doors east of St. Isidore on Rt. 117). If all spaces are taken in the St. Isidore parking lot and on the street, please park at Center Elementary. We ask that you do not park on the grass or block the driveway and fire lanes in front of the church. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW DINNER

All High School Age Young Men Invited May 24, St. Edith Stein Parish, Brockton 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

For more information: vocationsboston.org
Fr. Eric Cadin ecadin@rcab.org 617-746-5947

The Vocation Office invites you to join us for an evening of prayer, food, and conversation. Following Evening Prayer and dinner, you and your parents, youth ministers, priests, and chaperones will be welcomed to a casual discussion with Cardinal Seán about vocations, prayer, and the call to holiness that God places on each of our hearts. Each young man will have the chance to meet Cardinal Seán.

SUNDAY CAFÉ

Please join us every Sunday for coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with friends & meet new friends!

St. Isidore after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
St. Elizabeth after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

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.