

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** Jesus reigns over us in truth.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading from the Passion of Christ, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

**Question for Youth:** Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

**Question for Adults:** What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

## THE HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE

### THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

May 26—June 2, 2019

Hosted by Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, S.M.



Dear Friends,

The land of Israel itself is often called the "Fifth Gospel." Filling in the blanks of the Bible narratives, biblical travel reveals the formative dimension of the land in shaping the story itself. Being there, one sees how profoundly the terrain and climate in the region affect everything and come together to create images of Jesus' life and ministry. Come with us on this journey of faith next May.

Fr. Paul

Land-only price per person in double room: \$ 2199 // Land- only price in single room: \$2899

Price includes:

- Meeting & assistance at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrivals and departures.
- Three nights' accommodations in Tiberius in double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
- Two nights' accommodations in Jericho in double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
- Four nights' accommodations in Jerusalem in double occupancy with breakfast & dinner.
- Nine days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus.
- English speaking government licensed Christian guide on duty.
- Entrance fees to the biblical sites and national parks mentioned in the program.
- Special dinner at oriental restaurant.
- One lunch of St. Peter's fish in Tiberius.
- Tips for guide, driver and hotels, Portage at hotels.



Price does not include: Lunches and soft drinks, All personal expenses, Flights, Travel Insurance.

Payment schedule: \$200 per person deposit is due upon booking, \$500 due by January 29, 2019, \$500 due by February 28, 2019, \$500 due by March 29, 2019, \$500 final payment due by April 20, 2019, The deposits are fully refundable up to March 29, 2019, After March 29, 2019 an administrative fee of \$200 will be charged.

Please make all checks payable to Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick and send it to the address below:

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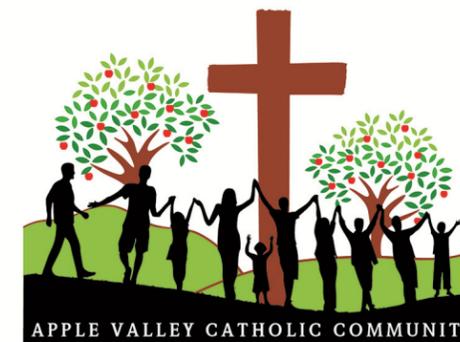
St. Isidore Parish, Stow  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

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



*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 25, 2018*

*The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*



*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!*



**CANCELLATION OF MASS  
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**



If you don't have internet access, closings can be found on TV on Channel 4, WBZ. The names of closed institutions scroll continuously across the screen. Cancellation of Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday will be posted on the home page of the parish web site <http://www.seoh.org/> or <http://www.stisidorestow.org/> at least one hour before Mass is scheduled to begin.

Weekday morning Masses are canceled whenever the local high school cancels class or has a delayed opening. St. Isidore follows NRHS and St. Elizabeth follows ABRHS.

**ST. ELIZABETH SUNDAY CAFÉ  
NEEDS YOU!**

We are in need of more volunteers to keep this running. Please contact Bob Meinhold at [bob.meinhold@olympus.com](mailto:bob.meinhold@olympus.com) if you are able to help in any way.



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

Total Offertory Sunday 11/18/18:	\$ 3,684
Mailbacks for Week Ending 11/17/18:	\$ 699
Total EFT for Week Ending 11/17/18:	\$ 429
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 11/17/18:	\$ 4,812
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 241,688
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 254,792
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (13,104)

Thank you very much!

**MINISTRY SHOWCASE  
November showcase is rescheduled to  
January 12/13 2019!**

Periodically it is helpful to showcase all parish ministries. This helps to let everyone know what ministries are available and is also a time to invite new participation. The Ministry Showcase originally scheduled for November 17/18 has been postponed to January.

We plan and offer a collaborative wide Ministry Showcase after all Masses on the weekend of January 12/13. We will be seeking help from ministry participants to showcase their ministries as well as a small team of 2-4 people to help coordinate the details to make this possible (which involves communicating with ministries and organizing the set up and presentation in each of the Church halls).

Please contact Diahne Goodwin for more information or if you can help, [diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org).

**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](mailto: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. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 11/18/18:	\$ 2,001
EFT for Week Ending 11/18/18:	\$ 2,428
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 11/18/18:	\$ 4,429
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 100,715
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 103,560
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ (\$2,845)
Grand Annual	\$ 22,348
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 40

Thank you very much!

**KIDS HEALTHY MINDS INITIATIVE  
Education Session  
November 28, 7:00—8:00 p.m.  
St. Isidore Church Hall**

The prevalence of youth mental illness is staggering. Sadly we have witnessed the devastating effects in our own communities. 20% of our children and adolescents hold a mental health diagnosis nationwide according to the CDC. Failure to detect and treat mental illness early can have a significant impact on a child's potential and success later in life. The **Kids Healthy Minds Initiative (KHM)** is an innovative **mental health awareness and community education program** offered across the Archdiocese of Boston in partnership with Franciscan Children's.

Parishoners and community members who participate in a KHM education session **will gain an understanding of the early warning signs of mental illness, common youth diagnoses and the barriers of stigma impacting our families.**



Please join our faith community to learn about this crucial initiative and what steps we can take together to support youth and families who suffer from mental illness. Your attendance at this one session can make a tremendous difference! For any questions regarding the program *please contact Franciscan Children's team at:* [Kidshealthyminds@franciscanchildrens.org](mailto:Kidshealthyminds@franciscanchildrens.org)

**COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE FOR  
CHRISTMAS**

**Christmas Eve Masses**

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth <sup>1</sup>  
6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore  
10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth

**Christmas Morning Masses**

8:45a.m. Mass at St. Isidore  
10:45 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth.  
There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas day

<sup>1</sup> – Mass will be live-streamed in the church hall with additional seating for 300. There will be a cantor present to lead the music and sung responses and when it comes time for communion, we will have Eucharistic Ministers come to the church hall to distribute communion to everyone in the hall.

**SEEKING CHRISTMAS MASS GREETERS AND  
BASKET PASSERS**

Christmas Mass celebration is a beautiful opportunity to invite and welcome people into our community! Whether they are visiting family or from the local area, all are and should feel welcomed. We will need a number of people to help joyfully greet, welcome and guide all coming to our Christmas Masses, especially during our Christmas Eve Masses. Greeter will welcome and guide people as they arrive and then bid them a Merry Christmas, passing out a special gift on the way out. We also need people to help pass the baskets during the offertory collection. Individuals, groups and/or families can sign up for either or both.

Sign-up sheets will be available after Thanksgiving. Please see Diahne Goodwin with any questions.

**YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS**

Here's our upcoming schedule of events:

First Communion Sacramental Preparation:

GIFT Session: 12/1 & 12/2  
GIFT - "A Journey Through Advent with Mary"

December 9, 11:45 a.m.  
Reconciliation Workshop/Pot Luck  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

**ST. ELIZABETH GIVING TREE**

Every year our parish generously supports many charities through their donation to the Giving Tree. This year we will be donating gifts to the following organizations: The Acton Housing Authority, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Los Amigos in Lawrence, Lazarus House in Lawrence, St. Patrick's Parish in Lowell, St. Mary's Parish in Lynn and Bellesini Academy in Lawrence. The Giving Tree with the tags will be placed in the entry way next weekend.

Please take as many tags as you are able to fulfill, purchase the suggested gift, and place your gift under the tree with the tag attached before December 10.

**Please note, some tags will indicate the gift to be wrapped, others will indicate to leave the gift unwrapped.**



Thank you in advance for helping out these charities!

## CREMATION

Catholic Church law used to forbid cremation, but it now makes allowance for the practice. The church recommends that the bodies of the faithful be buried, but it permits cremation if the reasons for choosing that method are not contrary to Christian teaching.

Viewing the body of the deceased naturally recalls the person's deeds of kindness and testimony of faith. It brings to mind our belief that the human body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and the heir to glory at the resurrection of the dead. Because of the reverence owed the body, the Catholic Church still prefers its burial at the time of death. When cremation is chosen, the remains merit the same respect accorded to the body. They deserve a worthy vessel and a respectful means of transport.

There are several options for the funeral liturgy. For example, the liturgy may take place before cremation, so the community may pray in the presence of the body. In that case, the rite of committal would follow cremation. In other cases, cremation and committal may precede the funeral Mass. The funeral liturgy may also happen in the presence of the cremated remains, if permitted by the diocesan bishop. In that case, the Mass proceeds as usual, but covering the remains with a pall is omitted.

The church strongly recommends that cremated remains be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium rather than scattered or kept in a private home. Public cemeteries call to mind the resurrection of the dead and focus our prayer for the deceased.

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## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday Advent Prayer**  
November 28—December 19  
7:00—7:30 p.m., Youth Ministry Office

Take a few minutes each week to be mindful of the season of Advent as we wait in joyful hope of the coming of your Savior—Jesus Christ.

**Monthly Youth Ministry Night**  
Sunday, December 9,  
Starting with the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Dinner and Gingerbread Making—Prizes to be awarded for the most creative! (We will meet on the second Sunday of every month beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass.)

**Christmas in the City**  
Set-Up Day: Saturday, December 15,  
8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Party Day: Sunday, December 16, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Advent Adventure**  
Friday, December 21,  
6:30—9:30 p.m.

We ask everyone to bring a food dish to share and a grab gift of no more than \$10.

**Teen Alpha**  
Sundays, January 13—April 7  
5:00 p.m. Mass —8:15 p.m.

**Find us on...**  
Facebook Groups: AppleValley Catholic Youth Ministry; Apple Valley Catholic TLC; AVCC Confirmation Preparation Program 2018-2019. Instagram: AVCCYM.

## CAR NEEDED

St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent de Paul conference has a client in need of an operable car. She is a single mother raising 3 children while working 2 jobs to barely get by. She needs a car to pick up her children at school, to drive to and from her jobs, and to run errands to support her family. If you know of anyone that is able to donate a used car in good condition please call the St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent de Paul number at 978-263-4305 ext.14. Please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. Thank You!

## APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP

### 5th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Taco Night

Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.  
Join us at the St. Isidore rectory to celebrate with a *free* taco dinner and conversation! Bring friends!

### Christmas in the City

Sunday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Volunteer at a giant Christmas party for children who live in homeless shelters with their families! Help provide a meal, take children on rides, and see the joy that this event brings them and their family.

### Ongoing Events:

#### Scripture Study every First and Third Sunday

Join us for a *free* dinner and good conversation about the readings from Mass. Meet us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the parish center at St. Elizabeth Parish.

#### Volunteer at Household Goods

Third Sunday of every month 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 our goods or load their vans. Please contact us if this is your first time volunteering. Meet us at Household Goods at 530 Main Street, Acton. Learn more at <http://householdgoods.org>.

#### JESUS aCROSS the Border

Join us as we go to JESUS aCROSS the Border for adoration, mass and a social hour on the third Friday of every month. This organization brings together young adults from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. We go every month. <http://jesusacrosstheborder.org>.

#### Check out the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group Facebook group for updates

For more information on all our young adult Programs: [youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org)

**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 are open during Mass.**  
**Thank you.**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

### St. Isidore:

Saturday, November 24, 5:00 p.m.  
Gil Kendirgi, Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 25, 8:45 a.m.  
Fran Kelly, Memorial Mass



### St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, November 25, 10:45 a.m.  
David James Melchiorre, 5th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.  
Bernard Poppert, Memorial Mass

## ST. ISIDORE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We are once again assisting St. Mary's of Lynn in collecting winter clothing and gift cards for Christmas Gifts and donation tags for these items will be hanging on the Giving Tree this weekend.

Please help us make a brighter Christmas for those in need in the greater Lynn area.



## ST. ISIDORE CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Christmas Flower Offering envelopes have been placed at all parish entrances for parishioners who wish to make donations in memory of loved ones.

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Truth

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life - the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.