



While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

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JOHN 9:5-7

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
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(978) 263-4305/Fax (978) 263-9014
Office Hours: Sunday Noon—4 p.m.
Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775
(978) 897-2710/Fax (978) 461-0577
Office Hours: Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Monday: 9:00 –3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Visit us at <https://applevalleycatholic.org>

Apple Valley Catholic Community Church Hours

With Masses being cancelled until further notice in the Archdiocese of Boston, the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative of St. Elizabeth of Hungary & St. Isidore will keep their Church doors opened for parishioners to come and pray quietly during the following hours:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Closed Monday-Friday all day (due to internal construction project)

Open Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore

Open Monday—Sunday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Any visits to the church to pray should be done within prescribed safely guidelines, keeping everybody safe from the transmission of Covid-19 virus. People may come and sit in silence to pray. This is not time for groups to come and gather to socialize or do community prayers.

We ask you to abide by the following:

- o Wash hands, or use hand sanitizer prior to entering and after leaving the church.
- o Remain a safe distance from each other. The ideal is one or two people per pew with at least 6 feet apart.
- o Be respectful of others and remain silent at all times. Remember people are praying and meditating.

May God bless our efforts; may Christ be our model of care for others and may Mary intercede for all the sick and suffering.

Stay Updated On Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Announcements

To keep up to date on General Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative announcements join our [Constant Contact List](#) which can be found on our website.



While we will not have in-person gatherings, the ministry will continue.

Please be in prayer for those impacted by the virus, government officials, medical professionals, and the church.

Check-in with family, friends or neighbors by phone who might be alone or who are most vulnerable to this virus.



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Formed Resources for Lent:

<https://watch.formed.org/lent-2020>

“The Light Is On” - Confessions During Lent

Due to the closure of the Church because of the Coronavirus, “The Light Is On” has been cancelled.

Latest News—March 13, 2020

CARDINAL O'MALLEY AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK

PROVIDES DISPENSATION TO THE FAITHFUL

ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS THROUGH CATHOLIC TV

This afternoon March 13, 2020 Cardinal Sean O'Malley sent the collaborative an update to his set of directives dated March 12, 2020. Noted below is what he has added regarding the Archdiocesan response to coronavirus. Based on these updated directives, the AVCC is prayerful and mindfully implementing these updated recommendations for the well-being of everyone in our community.

Updated Directive From The Cardinal - March 13

In response to growing public concern and following Governor Baker's Emergency Order prohibiting most gatherings of 250 or more people, Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Boston, has made the decision effective immediately to **temporarily suspend all daily and Sunday Masses and religious services in the Archdiocese of Boston until further notice.**

This begins at 4:00pm on Saturday afternoon, March 14, 2020.

Baptism, Confirmations, weddings and funerals may proceed but attendance should be limited to only immediate family.

In announcing this decision, the Cardinal has also issued a **dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Boston.**

Catholic TV And Daily and Sunday Mass

Cardinal Sean O'Malley encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the CatholicTV chapel.

- Daily Mass airs live at 9:30 a.m. and is rebroadcast at 7p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
 - Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.
- The Sunday Spanish Mass airs live at 8am and is rebroadcast at 5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at any time.

The Apple Valley Catholic Community, in following Cardinal Sean O'Malley directive, has suspended until further notice the following Masses:

Weekend Confession & Mass Schedule:
 Saturday Confessions 4:00 p.m.—St. Isidore
 Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.—St. Isidore
 Sunday Mass 8:45 a.m.—St. Isidore
 Sunday Mass 10:45 a.m.—St. Elizabeth
 Sunday Mass 5:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

Weekday Mass Schedule:
 Monday Mass 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
 Tuesday Mass 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
 Wednesday Mass 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

Collaborative Offices will also be closed until further notice.

We ask that those seeking any assistance to reach out via phone or email.

The entire staff and I are here for you should you have any questions or concerns, and will be working hard to continue to keep you informed and to support and care for the community during this time. We are checking email and our phone messages.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families.
 I am yours in Christ,
 Fr. Jeff

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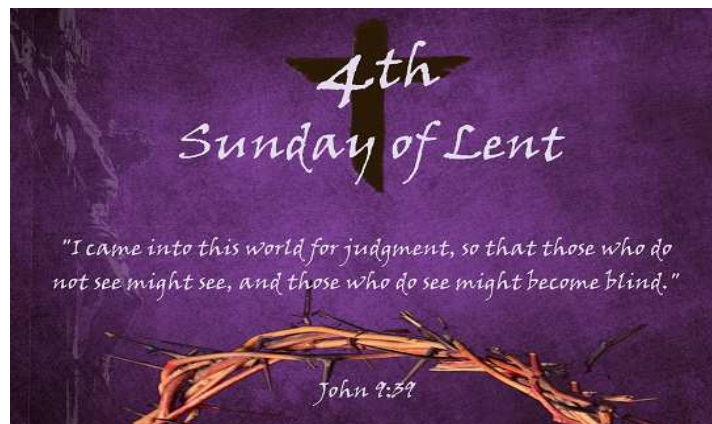
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Scripture for the week of March 22, 2020

- 22 SUN 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- 23 Mon Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
- 24 Tue Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- 25 Wed Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- 26 Thu Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- 27 Fri Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- 28 Sat Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- 29 SUN Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



During this time we will not be gathering as a community to celebrate Mass, we appreciate any offertory support you can provide as you are able. Collection envelopes and donations can be mailed to either parish office. Thank you for your support!

May this Lent bring us closer to God by strengthening our sense of community with others.

| CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH | |
|---|----------------|
| <u>For week ending 3/15/20</u> | |
| Mass Offertory collections: | \$ - |
| Mailbacks: | 1,584 |
| Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): | <u>756</u> |
| Total Parish Support: | 2,340 |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019: | \$ 462,659 |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019: | <u>484,767</u> |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019: | (22,108) |
| Ash Wednesday Collection | \$ 1,575 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ - |

| CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE | |
|---|----------------|
| <u>For the week ending 3/15/20:</u> | |
| Mass Offertory collections: | \$ - |
| Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): | <u>2,051</u> |
| Total Parish Support: | 3,041 |
| Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019: | \$183,677 |
| Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019: | <u>185,323</u> |
| Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019: | (1,646) |
| Grand Annual (66% of 65K goal) | \$ 43,091 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ - |