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2ND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

REVELATION TO SAMUEL

Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply. Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:8-9

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
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Temporary Closure of our Collaborative Office



Due to the increase in the number of reported infected cases in Massachusetts and with the reporting from the medical experts that January and February will be the 'darkest' months of this Pandemic I have made the decision to close the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative offices for the remaining weeks of January and the entire month of February. Should you need to meet with anyone on staff please reach out to them via phone call or email and to make the necessary arrangements. Staff phone numbers/emails can be found on our collaborative website at www.applevalleycatholic.org/staff

Please remember as well that if you desire to schedule a Mass intention you can do so online at www.applevalleycatholic.org/mass-time scroll down the page and click on **Online Mass Request Form**

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Fr. Jeff

Invite A Friend to Alpha!

Are there people in your life you want the best for... who you hope know the love of God and others... who may be struggling with making sense of some of life's Big Questions??? Consider inviting them to Alpha!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. No pressure. No judgment. No Cost. Over 29 million people across the globe have participated in Alpha! Why not try it?! Alpha is not so much a course, but an experience! Gathering once a week over 11 weeks, currently online via Zoom, each Alpha rings together people from every walk of life. We gather, have fun watch a talk, and gather in small groups for discussion. You do not have to commit to the whole series at once. Just simply Come & See and check it out at our first week or two.



To view Fr. Jeff's invitation to attend Alpha, watch it on our website or [youtube](#).

It all begins on Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m. online - for Adults

For details and to sign up go to <https://www.applevalleycatholic.org/alpha>

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Live Stream/Recorded Mass from St. Elizabeth

Sunday - 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore

Sunday - 10:45 a. m. Mass St. Elizabeth

Sunday - 5:00 p.m. Mass St. Elizabeth

Don't Forget to Register for Mass!

Please make sure to register in advance!

Walk-ins are welcome if there is room, but are not guaranteed a seat and may have to wait until all those pre-registered are checked in to be seated.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and closes at noon on Saturday, or when full.

An Eventbrite invitation, and detailed instructions, are available on our website.

[A reminder to bundle up for Sunday Masses](#)

Due to Archdiocesan Covid protocols, we will be keeping some windows open during all Masses for the next few months. It might be a little chilly, but improved ventilation is worth it! Please come dress warmly to Mass. We recommend layers! We want everyone to be safe and comfortable.

Teen Alpha Has Begun It's not to late to join in!



Sundays, from 7:00 -8:15 p.m.

All 9th grade students are strongly encouraged to sign-up as this is the faith formation program for 9th grade this year. Any students preparing for Confirmation who have not yet participated in Alpha are also encouraged to do so now. Register on our [Alpha](#) website page.

Children's Liturgy Of The Word (CLOW) Offered Sunday Mornings At 9:30 a.m. Via Facebook Live!

Young children and their parents can log into our Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Face Book page to participate on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from their homes in a live and interactive Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW).

Adult Christian Service Ministry Virtual Meeting

A virtual Adult Christian Service Ministry meeting is planned for Monday, January, 25 at 7 p.m. Please contact Mary Amato amato.mg@gmail.com for more information about the ministry or to add your name to the mailing list.

To volunteer for any of the service opportunities, you are under no obligation for any long term commitments. All are welcome to volunteer according to their own schedules and interests.

Scripture for the week of January 17, 2021

17 SUN 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42
18 Mon Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
19 Tue Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
20 Wed Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
21 Thu Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
22 Fri Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
23 Sat Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
24 SUN Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mass Intentions

January 16, 4:00 p.m.— Ken Nowokunski,
Anniversary Mass

January 17, 8:45 a.m.—Jeffrey Barila,
Memorial Mass

January 17, 10:45 a.m.— Donald Sherwood,
Memorial Mass

Church In Latin America Collection Next Week

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin American and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs and formation programs for religious priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

*How numerous,
O LORD, my God,
you have made your wondrous deeds!
Psalm 40:6*

Lenten-Focused Little Rock Scripture Study

Lenten-focused Little Rock Scripture Study. A three-week study will begin Tuesday evening February 23 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held over Zoom. The study is optimistic on how the call for the spiritual exercise of Lenten repentance can serve as an opportunity for transformation.

A small text (print/ebook) must be ordered for study ahead of the first session. Details will be sent on enrollment. Email questions or enrollment request by February 2nd to Steve Ryan sjryan01@verizon.net



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