



Jesus, I Trust In You

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APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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St. Isidore Parish
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Welcome!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Msgr. Fay was the celebrate at the live stream/recorded Mass the weekend of March 20-21. In his homily he recited a prayer from Cardinal Richard Cushing, Archbishop of Boston from 1944 – 1970 and elevated to Cardinal in 1958. Many have asked for that prayer and Msgr. Fay sent it along—Fr. Jeff.

The Game Guy's Prayer - Cardinal Richard Cushing

Dear God:

Help me to be a sport in this little game of life. I don't ask for any easy place in the line-up; play me anywhere You need me. I only ask for the stuff to give You one-hundred percent of what I've got. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank You for the compliment. Help me to remember that You won't ever let anything come my way that You and I together can't handle.

And help me to take the bad break as part of the game. Help me to understand that the game is full of knots and knocks and trouble and make me thankful for them. Help me to be brave so that the harder they come the better I like it.

And, O God, help me to always play on the square. No matter what the other players do, help me to come clean. Help me to study the Book so that I'll know the rules – and to study and think a lot about “the Greatest Player” that ever lived, and other players that are portrayed in the Book. If they found out that the best part of the game was helping other guys who were out of luck, help me to find it out too. Help me to be regular and also an inspiration with the other players.

Finally, O God, if fate seems to uppercut me with both hands and I'm laid on the shelf in sickness or old age or something, help me to take that as part of the game, too. Help me not to whimper or squeal that the game was a frame-up, or that I had a raw deal.

When, in the falling dusk I get the final bell, I ask no lying complimentary tombstones. I'd only like to know that You feel that I've been a good game guy, a saint in the game of life. AMEN.

April Confession Change

Our monthly Wednesday night confessions for **April only** has changed. The new date is Wednesday **April 14, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** We'll go back to the first Wednesday of every month again in May.

2021 Catholic Appeal Update

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, I invite you to join me in supporting the Catholic Appeal. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org

St. Elizabeth has raised \$24,455 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$55,677.55 and St. Isidore has raised \$6,725 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal of \$23,883.48.

Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support us!



"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

— John 20:27-29

Mass Intentions

April 10, 4:00 p.m. Mass
Jackie Cicco-Casey, Memorial Mass

April 11, 8:45 a.m. Mass
Julio & Mercedes Morales-Pagan,
Memorial Mass

April 11, 10:45 a.m. Mass
Betty Saganich, Memorial Mass

Got Questions about Life?... About Faith? Try Alpha!



What is Alpha? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. It's where you can belong to a group of people exploring these questions. Alpha is not so much a course, but an experience! Gathering once a week over a ten week period, each Alpha brings together people from every walk of life. We begin each Guests gather each week viz Zoom where they watch a video and then have an opportunity to discuss the talk in small groups. Over 29 million people across the globe have experienced Alpha. There is no cost to you, consider trying it! bring a friend!

The next session of Alpha will begin on **April 29, 7:00 p.m.** online. If you would like to learn more go to www.applevalleycatholic.org/alpha or to alphausa.org. Contact alpha@avcatholic.org with questions.

Children's Liturgy Of The Word

Children's Liturgy Of The Word (CLOW) Offered Sunday Mornings 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).

Apple Valley Catholic Easter Season Flower Funds

We welcome your contribution towards flowers and items that will decorate our churches for the Easter Season. Please complete and mail the form below to St. Elizabeth Parish or St Isidore Parish at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720, or put it in an envelope marked with the name of your Parish and 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at the exit of the church after Mass. You may also make your donation on line using the following links if you would like to make a straight donation to the flower fund of your choice please go to our website or click below:

St.Elizabeth: www.osvhub.com/st-elizabeth-of-hungaryav/funds

St. Isidore: www.osvhub.com/st-isidore-churchavc/funds?preview=

If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one whose name you wish to have published in our bulletin on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, please complete the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at maryr@avcatholic.org

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____
towards the 2021 Easter Season Flower Fund for:

St. Elizabeth Parish
St. Isidore Parish
(please circle one)

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. _____

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Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of our Parishes. Together let us go forth and make known the saving power of our God.

“With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.” Acts 4:33



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 3/28/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 5,506
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>16,058</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 21,674
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 473,579
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>468,403</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 5,176
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>5,176</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 68,778
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 105

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 3/28/21

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 2,439
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>6,110</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 8,549
Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 160,553
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>160,770</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ (217)
Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1 /2020	\$ (217)
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>4,208</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 13,457
Grand Annual collection (113% of	
revised goal of \$32,560	\$ 36,768
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 10