

PENTECOST



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21-22

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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St. Isidore Parish
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Office Hours: Suspended during Coronavirus

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

UPDATE – Reopening the Churches

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This is an update as to the reopening of our Churches. As noted last week and based on the recommendation of the Archdiocese I have begun the process of reopening St. Elizabeth of Hungary first. A lot of preparation work has been done already and yet a lot of work remains in progress. Along with this, we are still waiting for some supplies that are on back order. We need these supplies before we can open.

Based on my calculations I believe we will be ready to reopen St. Elizabeth the weekend of June 13-14, 2020. These dates may change if we have not completed what needs to be done, have the right number of volunteers to help at each Mass and/or the back ordered supplies have not yet arrived. Once these three categories have been completed, I will ask our Regional Bishop, Bishop Robert Reed for his permission to open. For a list of the requirements that must be satisfied prior to reopening please see the links below.

As noted above we need a number of volunteers per Mass to help out. This could be to help check parishioners in at the door, help usher parishioners to an available pew and seat them, help at communion time to lead parishioners out of their pews and back in and a host of other functions we never had to do in the past. If you would like to volunteer please send an email to Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org. Mary will be working on scheduling the volunteers for each Mass going forward. It would be great to have volunteers from both of our Churches in the Apple Valley Catholic Community.

For the first two weekends that we are opened the Mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday 4:00p Mass – St. Elizabeth
Sunday 10:45a Mass – St. Elizabeth

Once I feel the process is done right I will expand the Mass schedule. Then from there I will begin the process of reopening St. Isidore.

I am taken this process of reopening our Churches slowly and carefully to guarantee the safety of all who attend. Safety is first and fore-

most on my mind as I, along with all of you acknowledge that the virus is still out there. I assure you we will get back to a full Mass schedule, but it will take time.

Links:

<https://rcabrisk.org/re-opening-guidance/>

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/safety-standards-for-places-of-worship>

Be assured of my prayers you and your families.

I am yours in Christ,
 Fr. Jeff

Restarting of Congregation Masses

Please visit our website

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/re-open>
 for up to date information for attending Mass.

We're setting up a link that will enable parishioners to register ahead weekly for whichever weekend Mass they would like to attend. Those unable to use the link will be able to register by email or by phone for a Mass time in order to have contact tracing for your benefit.

Reminder: **Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect.** The elderly and those with underlying health issues are advised/encouraged to stay home and continue to Mass on our website, Facebook Page or on CatholicTV.

Visit our website weekly and before you come to church for updates because these requirements are subjected to change.

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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 9:30am from their homes in a live and interactive Children’s Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW). We are most grateful to our CLOW leader, Tom Spataro and his children, who have been leading CLOW remotely each week. This past Sunday’s Homily for the children focused on the “Ascension of Jesus”, and connected our faith to life with this message: even though Jesus our shepherd lives in Heaven and, as his faithful sheep, are always loved and cared for by Him. He is counting on us to be His disciples by acts of love and kindness in our families.



First Communion Children Sunday Morning Zoom Calls at 10:00 a.m.

We miss you and your children, and invite you to keep connected by joining our First Communion children zoom meetings every Sunday Morning at 10:00! The zoom gatherings are informal, and last about a half an hour. The purpose is to allow the children to see one another, to share how their week has been, and to talk about the BIG faith question of the week. This week’s discussion was on being **patient disciples**, just as Jesus’ apostles were asked to be patient while they spread the good news that Jesus ascended to Heaven and promised to be with them always!



Our New Prayer Wall

Visit our new Prayer Wall on our website:

<https://applevalleycatholic.org/prayer-ministry>

We invite you to put a prayer on our wall or pray for people who are in need of our prayers. We will post intentions anonymously and include them as a group in our weekly Mass intentions.

Thank You!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ~ Jeremiah 29:11

Whether you send your support, as your means allow, through Online Giving, EFTs, mailed-in envelopes or the 90 Days Now Campaign, please know of our heartfelt gratitude, as you build our future with hope.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 5/24/20

Mailbacks:	\$ 4,306
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	\$ 25,211
90-Days NOW!	\$ 1,645
Online Giving	\$ 240
Total Parish Support:	\$ 31,402
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 604,581
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 635,366
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	\$ (30,785)

Target is \$698,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020

St. Vincent de Paul online giving:	\$ 140
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 315

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 5/24/20

Mailbacks:	\$ 1,385
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	\$ 2,083
90-Days Now!	\$ 9
Online Giving	\$ 455
Total Parish Support:	\$ 3,932
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 232,926
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 234,404
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	\$ 1,478

Grand Annual (67% of 65K goal) \$ 43,725

Target is \$260,000 for year ended 6/30/2020

St. Vincent de Paul online giving	\$
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$

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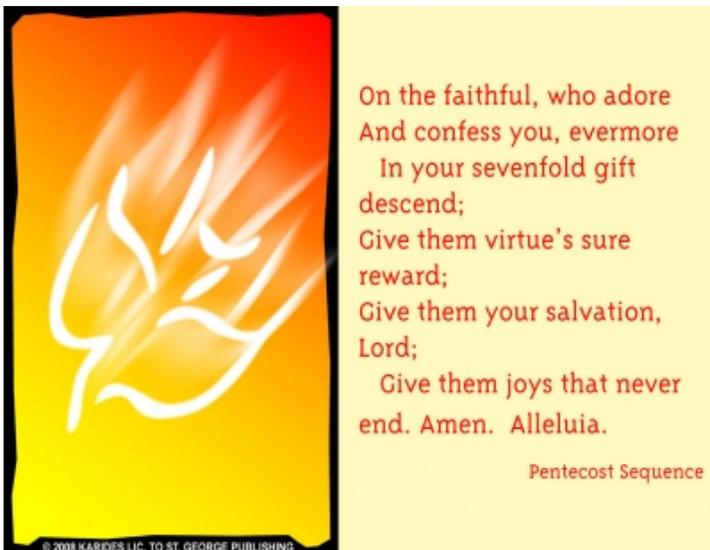
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On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift
descend;
Give them virtue's sure
reward;
Give them your salvation,
Lord;
Give them joys that never
end. Amen. Alleluia.

Pentecost Sequence

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<https://22049.sites.ecatholic.com/donate>

Scripture for the week of May 31, 2020

- 31 SUN Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
- 1 Mon Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
- 2 Tue 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
- 3 Wed 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
- 4 Thu 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
- 5 Fri 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
- 6 Sat 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
- 7 SUN Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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