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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Mon. – Sat. 7:30am

Weekend Masses

Sat. – 4:00pm Vigil

Sun. – 8:00am 10:15am

5:15pm—first Sunday of the month

Daily and Saturday Vigil Masses

also live-stream on Facebook

Reconciliation Sat. – 2:30pm

Holy Hour Sat. – 8:00am-9:00am

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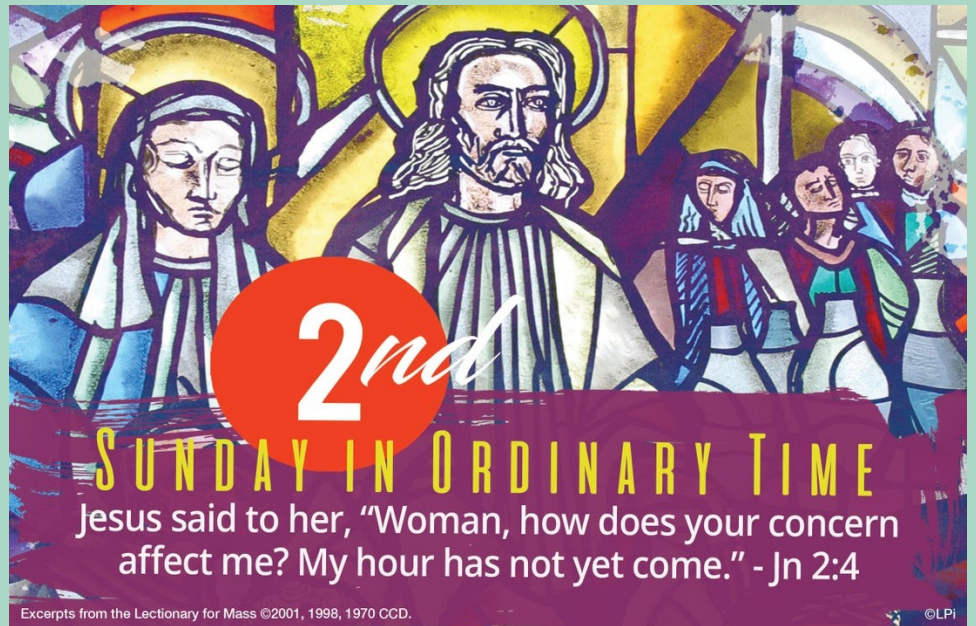
601 Silas Deane Highway

Wethersfield, CT 06109



Our Parish Mission Statement

Nourished weekly at the Table of the Lord, we go forth as disciples of Jesus to proclaim what we believe through our every word and deed.



BAPTISMS

After 10:15am Sunday Mass

Registration is required.

Please call the rectory office.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK

We are happy and honored to visit the sick or homebound.
Please notify the rectory.

MATRIMONY

Please contact rectory office at least six months in advance.



JANUARY 16, 2022 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 7:00pm meets on Zoom.

BEYOND BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, 7:00pm. Via Zoom (Note: New Day)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
THURSDAY, 1:00pm. Meet in St. Joseph Hall.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday 8:00am—9:00am



CANDLES—JANUARY 16—JANUARY 22

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1
Burns this week in memory of Gigi Humphreys, requested Niki Bordieri.



SANCTUARY CANDLE #2
Intention Available.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1
Intention Available.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2
Intention Available.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15—Vigil Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Frankie & Jena Gionfriddo, requested by their mom

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16— Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Arky Silverio, requested by daughter Joan

10:15am Mary Tata, requested by daughter & son

MONDAY, JANUARY 17— Saint Anthony Abbot

7:30am Anthony Arnone, requested by Debbie & Joe Abbate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18— Weekday

7:30am Clara Arnone, requested by Debbie & Joe Abbate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19— Weekday

7:30am Grace Abbate, requested by Debbie & Joe Abbate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20—Saint Fabian & Saint Sebastian

7:30am Vincenzo Messina, requested by his wife and sons

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21—Saint Agnes

7:30am Jose M. Carrion, First Anniversary, requested by his wife

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30am Esther Kay, requested by Barbara Goldbeck
Vigil Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Tony Castagna, Anniversary Mass, requested by the family.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Anton Zappulla, requested by the family

10:15am Giuseppe Sipala, requested by his son and family.



WORD TO THE FAITHFUL



Pastor's Corner – January 16, 2022

Last Sunday we concluded the Advent-Christmas season of our liturgical calendar, and have entered into what we call 'Ordinary Time'. Ordinary Time, however, is anything but ordinary. It comprises every little thing we fill our days and weeks with, and reminds us that all of those things are indeed sacred.

The St. Andrew Bible Missal says, "Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity."

"But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist."

"Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord was raised up and creation came at last to completion."

"What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living."

2022 will certainly not be 'ordinary' for us here in Wethersfield as we look to the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into the future. Our Transition Team is in the process of building the foundation for our new parish to be created from the communities of St. Luke, Sacred Heart, Corpus Christi and Incarnation. We will look at what are our strengths and weaknesses, what opportunities lie before us, and what are the needs of our community and how best can we meet them.

In other words, how is God present and working in our 'ordinary' lives, and how can our 'ordinary' lives – individually and as a community – lead us to the 'extraordinary', eternal life of the Father's Kingdom.

Father Nick

We welcome Fr. Zacharias Pushpanathan to our parishes of Christ the King and Incarnation. Born India, Father Zach was ordained in India January 14, 1981 (Happy 41st anniversary, Father). He ministered for ten years in India before going to Argentina for 13 years as pastor. In 2003, he came to the Archdiocese of Hartford. Here he has served in St. Margaret in Waterbury, St. Augustine in Hartford, St. Mary in New Britain, St. Anne/Immaculate Conception in Hartford, St. Francis in South Windsor, St. Peter in Torrington, Prison Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul in East Haven, and St. Mary Magdalene in Oakville. Welcome Fr. Zach!

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 16, 2022..2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of

the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Parish Support

Baptism of the Lord: 1/9/2022

Offertory: \$4,296.00

Monthly Offering: \$1,272.00

Online Giving: \$1,815.51

Total: \$7383.51

We are so grateful to all who continue to support Christ the King Parish with your prayers and financial contributions!

The Second Collection next wk. will benefit our Diocesan Catholic High Schools. Our Catholic High Schools provide over 100,000 hours of student led community service. Our students are taught to respect love and care for others as they prepare for leadership in the church and society.

Consider online giving!

Sign up on our Parish website

Combined Christ the King and Incarnation Liturgy Meeting:

Please help us plan the Lenten and Holy Week Season. Join us at the combined Incarnation / Christ the King Liturgy Meeting on Monday, January 31st at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church. All are welcome to attend. Thanks!

Have you thanked

God
for your eyes

Today?



JOIN US

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



January 23
Grades K-3
9:05am-10:05am
Grades 4-6
8:00am Mass

Grades 7-8
6:00pm-7:00pm Class
Grades 9-10
6:30pm-7:30pm Class

WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE

We will continue to collect food for our Town and Hartford Churches each week. Ongoing food needs per the Wethersfield Hunger Action Taskforce include:

Canned green beans, carrots, and peas, canned ravioli, ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, soups (Chunky or Progresso), snacks, jelly, peanut butter, and pasta sauce.

After many years of devoted service to our SAC food drive, Catherine Curran and her husband have decided to take a well deserved break. We are now in need of a food deliverer for the 3rd weekend of the month to the Wethersfield Food Bank.

Call MJ Densmore to serve this worthy cause (860) 529-9928.



AOH JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive next **Sunday, January 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Collection will take place at Christ the King in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. This drive is part of the regular parish food collection. We will be there after the 10:15 a.m. Mass for anyone that wants to donate. The food will be given to the pantry at Saint Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats and soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto and pink beans. We are also looking to collect cooking oils, spices and condiments. The need for pantry donations is high in the winter month after the holiday drives are over. Thanks to all for their generosity!



Beyond Bible Study will now meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning this week, rather than on Mondays. For now, we will meet via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Michael for the link: mecassella@gmail.com, or 860-965-2526.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. There are seven sessions on weekdays, 7pm - 9:30pm and some on a weekend as well. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening & communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, & learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration limited and a \$100 application fee is required. Call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

HOMELESS BAGS

Thank you for all you donations this far.



Because of your generosity we have been able to make 400 bags to be distributed thus far. We recently made 100 bags for children. They received snacks, hats and mittens.

We are continuing this project. Our next assembly will be on January 30th. Our religious education students will be assembling an additional 400 bags.

We have created an Amazon link to make it a little easier for purchases.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/315TLCG70N9S0?ref=wl_share

We continue to collect in church and accept monetary donations.

The success of this endeavor is all because of your incredible generosity!

For information call Nora Uricchio at (860) 830-5989 or Nuricchio3@gmail.com or Daisy Trahan at Daisy.trahan@gmail.com.

LEARN AND GROW

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our Entrance Exam will take place on **Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

Our Shadow Day program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab. #WeAreEC!

FREE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

January 6 to 20, 2022

Learn from St. Therese how to do little things with great love and unlock more joy in your marriage

Register at: <https://www.littlewayofmarriage.com>.

As the year begins, we're going to take two weeks to unlock the simple secrets of joy in marriage. You bring your marriage blocks and commit to a journey of discovery. We will bring simple but powerful tools for how to reconnect and get on the same page.

St. Thérèse, along with her holy parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin, will teach you how to do small things with great love in your marriage. Together, we'll work on re-sparking a stronger emotional connection. You'll end the workshop feeling more peaceful, more grateful for your life together, and excited about your marriage again!

You will learn:

- How to practically open yourselves to the grace of your sacramental marriage.
- 3 simple, daily habits you can start right now to increase your connection with each other.
- The best way to eliminate negativity and fighting.
- How to make big decisions and discern God's will for your marriage.
- The complete outline of "The Little Way of Marriage," which gives you a step-by-step guide for what to work on and when in your marriage.

6 / SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Happy New Year! Corpus Christi School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 30th – February 4th. We will begin the week with a Mass of Thanksgiving. The entire community is invited to join us for Mass in person on Sunday, January 30th at 10:15 A.M. at Corpus Christi Church. Immediately after Mass, we will hold an Open House at Corpus Christi School until 1 P.M. Parishioners, alumni, current and prospective families are invited to attend. Tours of the school will be available and faculty, students and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Corpus Christi School offers students

- ~ MORE personalized attention with an average class size of 16 students
 - ~ MORE specialized after school help
 - ~ MORE opportunities to get your child back on track
- Come and see how much MORE we can offer your family!! The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

Xavier High School: \$25,000 Cash Raffle:

The Xavier High School raffle is back and \$5K richer.

- Tickets are \$100 each. Only 800 will be sold and
- it is winner takes all.
- The drawing will be at 11 a.m. on April 1 at
- Xavier High School. You do not need to be
- present to win, but you must be at least
- 18 years old to purchase. All tax liabilities are
- borne solely by the purchaser.

Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown CT 06457. For more information, call the advancement office at 860-346-7735.

"The ABCs of Annulments" on Saturday, January 22, at 10 AM to Noon in the Church Hall of St Margaret Church, 24 Academy St, Madison.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475 -221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.