



JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

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just have faith.”**

MARK 5:36

JUNE 27, 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24
Psalm 30:2, 4–6, 11–13
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15
Mark 5:21–43 [5:21–24, 35b–43]

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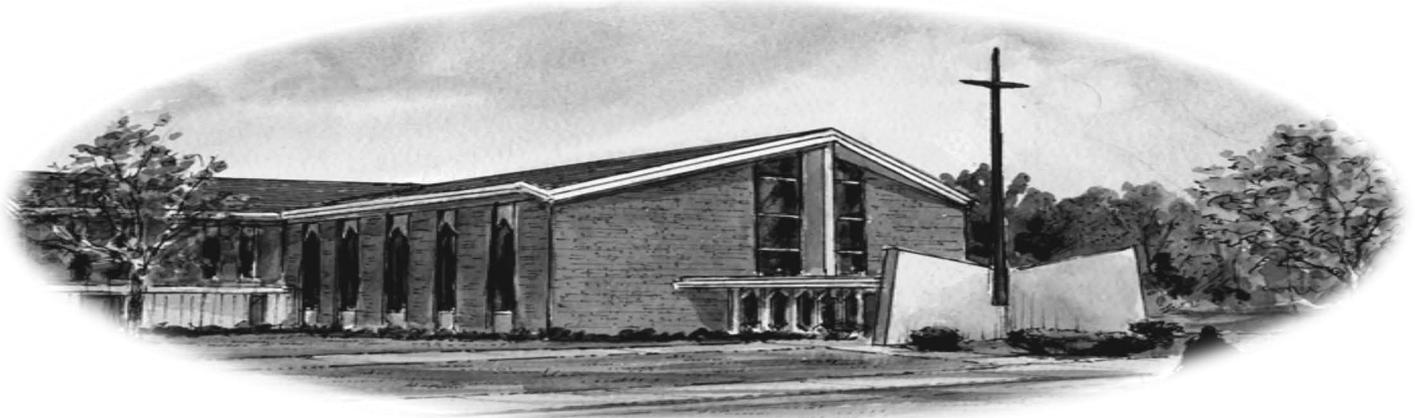
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Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm
in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before
9:00 am daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.
Sundays at 12:30 pm

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners - Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation
welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 26th

5:00pm— Alice Franconi & Deceased members of the Franconi Family

Sunday, June 27th

8:30am— Marjorie & Martin Courneen & Robert Courneen

10:30am— Donato Gaetani

Monday, June 28th

9:00am— Pietro G. Cieri & Antonietta Santilli

Tuesday, June 29th

9:00am—Gerry Mendoza and Amelia & Joseph Massed

Wednesday, June 30th

9:00am— For all our deceased members and relatives of the Men's & Women's Club

Thursday, July 1st

9:00am— Pasquale Marinelli

Friday, July 2nd

9:00am—For all our parishioners

Saturday, July 3rd

5:00pm— John Parry

Sunday, July 4th

8:30am— John Kowal

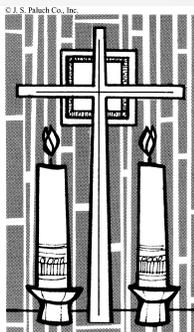
10:30am— Charles Feroletto

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 6/28/2021—7/4/2021 in memory of Pietro G. Cieri.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 6/28/2021—7/4/2021 in memory of Evelino DiFiore.



The second collection this weekend is the Peter's Pence collection for our Holy Father.

Rectory closed on Monday, July 5th in honor of Independence Day. Thanks.

We have some remaining 2022 MEMORIAL MASSES/SANCUARY/BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CANDLES AVAILABLE. To reserve a mass for a loved one or friend call the rectory at (860) 529-2533. Our weekday Mass offering is \$10 & our weekend offering is \$20. Our Candle offering is \$10.00.

Incarnation WOMEN'S CLUB

UPDATE: The Women's Club will resume General Meetings in October. The Cooking Teams will also start up again in October. The Funeral Honor Guard returned in mid-June, using a modified format. The membership mailing will be sent out in early September. It will contain information about club activities for the remainder of the year, including dates and times for planned events. Any questions, call Anne McAloon, club president, at (860) 529-5358.

For your information: In order to comply with new regulations from our church envelope company, we ask parishioners to refrain from cutting, taping, stapling or putting stickers on their envelopes. This makes it more difficult for the machines to process our church envelopes. Thank you!

**FAITH FORMATION
(GRADES 1-6)**

Thank you very much to Joanne Bresnahan for her hard work creating such a beautiful First Communion banner!!



A wonderful display of time, talent and treasure!

Congratulations to our 21 second graders who made their First Reconciliation on May 1st as well as our 26 third grade First Holy Communicants who received Jesus for the first time on May 8 & May 22. God Bless them as they begin a new and deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ! **Congratulations** also to our fourth grade faith formation students who received First Holy Communion on May 15 & May 23 respectively: Olivia Rubbo, Sam Golino, Jack Martin, and John Staron. Thanks to all families for your cooperation this year as we learned about our Faith online. Have a great summer!

House of Bread Collection:

Sponsored by our 2021 Confirmation Class of the Church of the Incarnation. Thank you to our Faith Formation volunteers, families and Incarnation Parishioners for your donations of coffee, tea & sugar. Thank you for your generosity to the homeless in Hartford who are provided meals from The House of Bread. There will be another collection stay tuned for dates.

FEAST OF FAITH...Preparation of the Gifts

The altar is prepared, the gifts are received. Several brief rites follow with accompanying prayers, some prayed silently by the priest and deacon and others said aloud. We call this part of the Mass the "preparation." What kind of preparation is happening? First, the presider holds up the paten or bowl containing the hosts, and says words that Jesus must have said many times, since they derive from ancient Jewish meal prayers: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation!" We have brought forward our gifts, our offering to God, and now we acknowledge that they are not really ours—the gifts that we give are God's gift to us. It is "through your goodness" that we have gifts to offer. It is significant that we offer not wheat and grapes, but bread and wine; "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." Bread and wine are both God's work, and ours. These preparatory rites also prepare us for what we are about to do in the Eucharist, a mystery in which divine and human meet; a holy collaboration in which our action is caught up into God's divine plan.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Irenaeus

Tuesday: Ss. Peter and Paul

Wednesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Thursday: Saint Junípero Serra;

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Thomas; First Saturday

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

**You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God,
forever will I give you thanks.**

— *Psalm 30:13*



PRAYER CORNER

JESUS' EXAMPLE OF HELPING OTHERS

In today's second reading Paul offers a wonderful argument to his converts at Corinth for seeking to help those in need. He is dealing with a practical problem, arranging a collection for the poor of the church of Jerusalem; but as he often does, he develops an important teaching about Jesus to make his point.

After asking that they show their faith by generous gifts, he reminds them of the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation our Lord assumed our human nature, certainly becoming poor for one who is God. The ultimate gracious act of this poverty was going to the cross with all its terrible sufferings. By this act of poverty we definitely become rich. Now our sins can be forgiven; we can share in the very life of God through the sacraments; we can attain eternal salvation!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a



CHARLES RYAN FOTE

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ARCHDIOCESAN DISPENSATION

UPDATE: Archbishop Blair lifted the dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of May 22/23rd. Effective Wednesday, June 9, 2021, for those who are vaccinated, wearing masks will now be optional while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any outdoor events held at our churches. Those who wish to remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention given to the safety of young/unvaccinated children.

Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes an urgent matter. Father Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

Attention all parents/guardians: During Mass we request that children would always be accompanied to the restrooms by a parent or adult.

F.Y.I: We have a CINTAS Professional First Aid Cabinet available if an injury occurs to a parishioner during Mass. Please alert an usher to notify the Sacristan of the injury. We have a disabled restroom in the west corner of Fr. Crawford Hall.



In light of the letter you received from Archbishop Blair last week regarding the Pastoral Plan for us here in Wethersfield, I share this reflection from Ilia Delio's book *The Hours of the Universe: Reflections on God, Science, and the Human Journey*:

We have not accepted evolution as our story. We treat evolution as a conversational theory or something that belongs to science, as if science is something separate from us and outside our range of experience. Politically, we have fiefdoms and kingdoms; socially, we have tribes and cults; religiously, we have hierarchy and patriarchy. There is nothing [structurally] that sustains, supports, or nurtures human evolution.

By evolution, I mean simply that change is integral to life. We are becoming something that is not yet known. To live in evolution is to let go of structures that prevent convergence and deepening of consciousness and assume new structures that are consonant with creativity, inspiration, and development.

Evolution requires trust in the process of life itself. There is a power at the heart of life that is divine and lovable. In a sense we are challenged to lean into life's changing patterns and attend to the new patterns that are emerging in our midst. To live in openness to the future is to live with a sense of creativity and participation, to use our gifts for the sake of the whole by sharing them with others.

There is something about this word *evolution* that frightens people, as if evolution renders us less human or less special as human. We do not talk in terms of evolution; nor do we think in terms of evolution. Our everyday lives are conceived as static and fixed, as if it has always been this way and should always remain this way. But this type of thinking is completely erroneous. . . .

We need to get on board with evolution. If we get nothing else straight about our present moment, it should be this: stability is an illusion. The ancient wisdom of Heraclitus reminds us of life's endless activity: The only thing that is permanent is impermanence. No one steps in the same river twice. If there is no permanence in the present, then the only real stability is the future. St Francis of Assisi taught his disciples the principle of dispossession, not living *without* things but *without possessing* things.

It is time to come together to work for what we share together, the future, into which we are being fearfully but irresistibly drawn. This is the true test of our faith, what we really believe in, because God *is* the power of the future. This is what Fr. Nick Melo, shared with the parishioners of Christ the King Parish in their bulletin this weekend, which we will be joined with early next year.

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