



Jesus instructed the Twelve to take nothing with them but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

Mark 6:8

CALLED TO BE EXTRAORDINARY

Mother Teresa challenged us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Basketball coach Jim Valvano said, "Every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things." Sometimes we see extraordinary vocations, such as the child prodigy musician. But usually those whom God chooses to call are reluctant participants who either run from the call or ignore it. Amos tells Amaziah "I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores." He looked after sheep and punched holes in fruit for a living! Now he was being called to prophesy. In Mark's Gospel the apostles are sent out two by two to begin their ministry. Paul takes it further, telling the Ephesians, "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things." This call goes out to all of us! How are you being called to be extraordinary this day?

TWO BY TWO

Did you ever wonder why Jesus sent them out two by two? Not threes, not groups of four? Perhaps it is just the most practical configuration. Recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus was not accepted in his own town and was astonished by the lack of faith that he found there. The disciples would be too new in their faith to know how to deal with that kind of rejection. With three you always end up two against one. With a pair, the two could support each other emotionally and spiritually, and lift each other up in prayer. When traveling, having a companion was much safer than being on one's own, and if there were treacherous spots in the journey, they could help each other through. If you were begging for lodging, two might be able to get in, while a larger group might not be so fortunate. The Gospel gives no indication of who the partners were, but presumably they were sent in combinations that made each pair the strongest proclaimers of Christ. They were able to drive off many demons and cure illnesses.

SHAKE THE DUST OFF YOUR FEET

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling.

TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]
Mark 6:7-13

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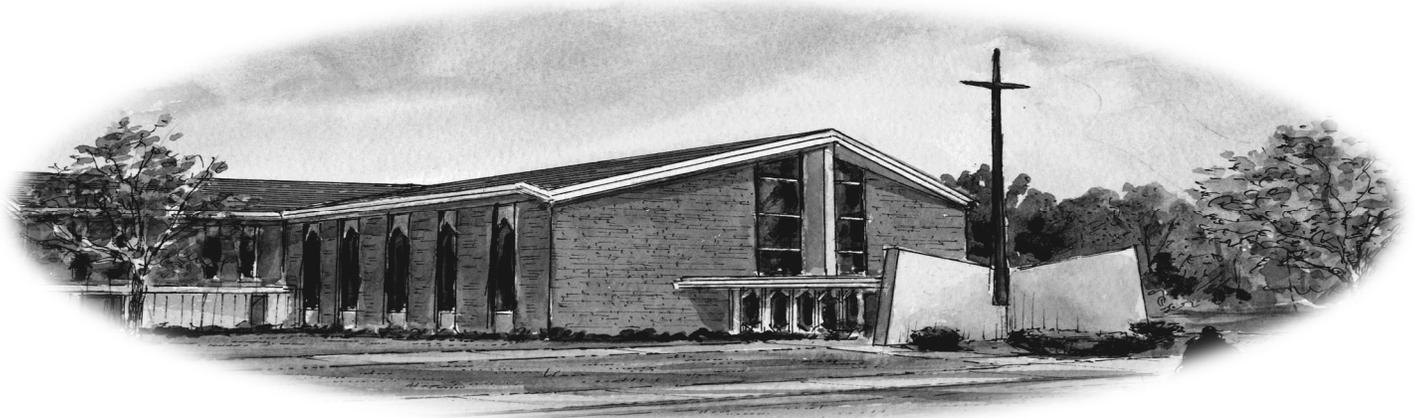
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Mass Schedule

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, July 10th

5:00pm— Julian Nesta & Deceased members of the Nesta Family

Sunday, July 11th

8:30am— Christopher Barnoski and Millie & Charlie Christadore

10:30am— Art & Yvonne Breton & Amie & Lucienne Ruel

Monday, July 12th

9:00am— Sophie, Carl & Tom Marinelli

Tuesday, July 13th

9:00am— Aidea Mascaro

Wednesday, July 14th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Thursday, July 15th

9:00am— Loreta Cavallaro

Friday, July 16th

9:00am— Luigi & Clorinda Mastromarino

Saturday, July 17th

5:00pm— Joan Stuer

Sunday, July 18th

8:30am— Olga Spera

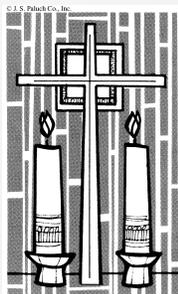
10:30am— Kathleen & Theodore Valentine

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 7/12/2021—7/18/2021 in memory of Pietro G. Cieri & Antonietta & Salvatore Santilli.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 7/12/2021—7/18/2021 in memory of Loreta Cavallaro.



The Second Collection this weekend is the monthly collection.

The Second Collection next weekend

will be The Mission Co-op Collection. Due to the COVID Virus we will not have a visiting missionary priest, but still ask for your support of missionaries throughout the world. Thank you.

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/times for planned events. For questions, call Anne McAloon, club president at, (860) 529-5358.



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2021

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. — *Psalm 85:12*

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday: St. Bonaventure

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

Our "Project Baby Love" collections will not take place until further notice.

We thank our generous parishioners who have supported this Ministry over the years! A very special thank you to Diana Hamel who began this initiative in our parish. Thank you to all those who delivered the diapers & wipes and to Greg and Cynthia Calegari for their continued support!

We have some remaining 2022 MEMORIAL MASSES/SANCTUARY/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.



**WEDDING
BANNERS**

**Michael DePercio
&
Salena Scata**

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.



Antonio LaCava Lopez



PRAYER CORNER

GOD CHOSE US

Who chose first, God or you? That is the question explored in today's three readings. The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own.

The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31,
33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-
7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-
27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-
13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-
15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-
18; Mk 6:30-34

FEAST OF FAITH.....Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer ; After the president washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (*Rite of Ordination*). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of St Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).



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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families Care-line 1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 - 59 should be reported to the:

Connecticut Department of Developmental Services -AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.....1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly....1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



INCARNATION FAITH FORMATION SUMMER PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer For Your Family Vacation:

Dear Lord, Please bless this time of family vacation. Help our family to get along, to enjoy one another. Maybe toss a couple of those idyllic imagined scenes into our path? May we be able to see the wonder You instill within the chaos of our days – whether we vacation near or far away from home. On this day that's somehow outside of our routine, help us to embrace our family, this time of vacation, and the ordinary yet extraordinary gifts You've given. Open our eyes to see that although this vacation will end, the memories of it will remain and give us the strength to make them sweet. Pour some of that strength into our very being and bring us through to the end of vacation with a thankful heart and unceasing praise. Amen!

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 so much!

East Catholic High School: Hope everyone is enjoying the summer vacation. Although the start of the school year is almost two months away, its time to spring into action if you are thinking about attending East Catholic High School. We are open throughout the summer Mon. - Thurs. 8 am - 2:30 pm and continuing with accepting applications for incoming freshmen, as well as transfer students. Please check us out on www.echs.com and do not hesitate to contact Admissions at 860-649-5336, ext, 6238 or 6456.

Calling all local artists: Would you like to publicly showcase your fine art free of charge? Please submit your work for consideration for the first Sts. Isidore and Maria Parish juried fine art exhibit, "Oasis of Beauty," this Fall. The exhibit will feature a variety of mediums, including paintings, photography, sculpture and mixed media. Send a photo of your artwork with your name, plus the title, description and size of your piece (s) to: tammy@isidoreandmaria.org by August 27!

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