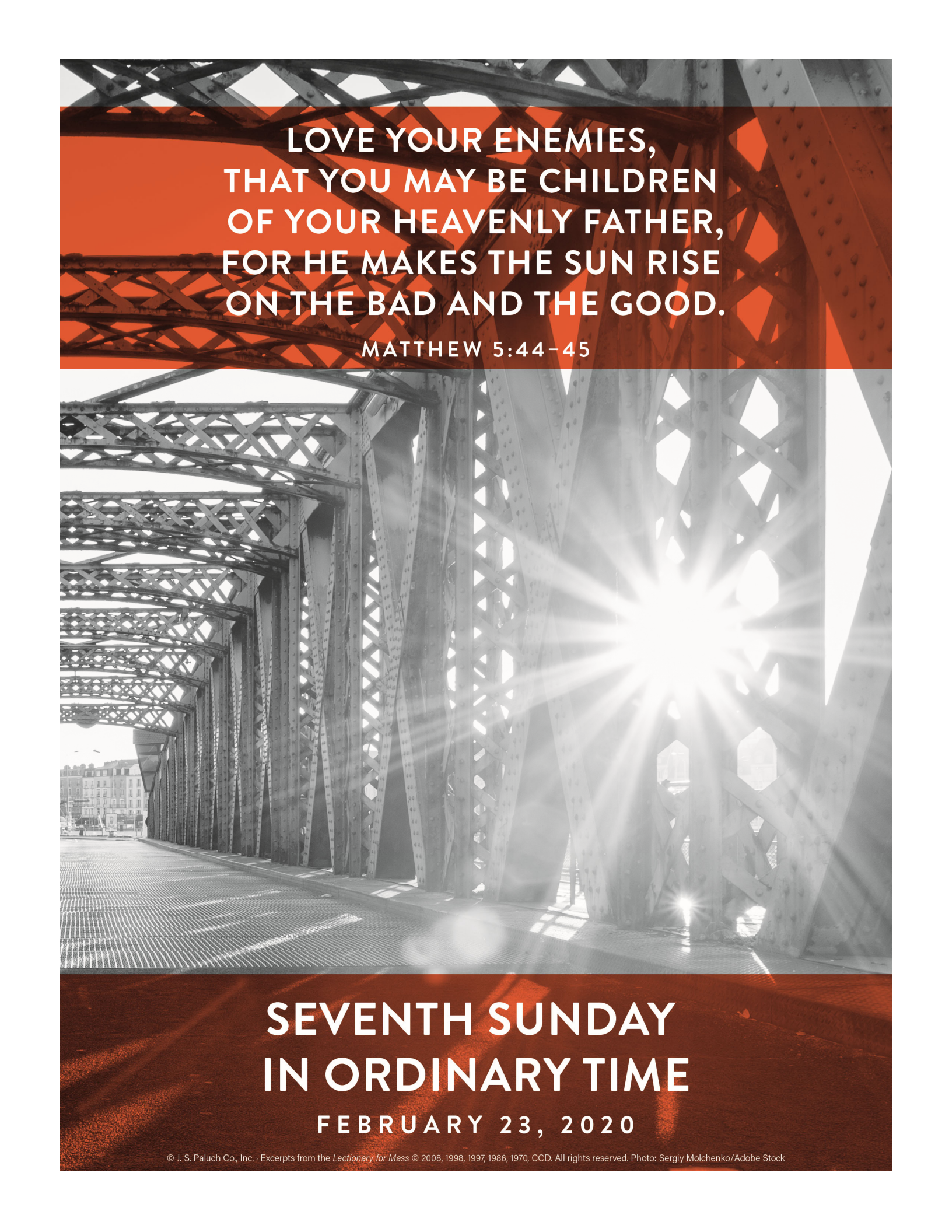




LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN
OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER,
FOR HE MAKES THE SUN RISE
ON THE BAD AND THE GOOD.

MATTHEW 5:44-45

SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

The Church of the Incarnation

544 Prospect Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109



Rev. James M. Moran
Pastor

Mrs. Noranne Wamester
Pastoral Associate
Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Audrey Saharek
Pastoral Assistant

Toni Munoz
Sacristan

Mrs. Filomena Marinelli
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation Gr. K-6

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Confirmation Coordinator

Mrs. Maggie Seaver
Youth Minister

Mrs. Marguerite Devitt
Faith Formation Secretary
Rectory Office Assistant

Mrs. Theodora Niver
Director of Music
Vanessa Crowley.....Lorissa Heath
Rosanne Sweeney Gowdy.....Andrew Russo
Heather Picard.....Gianna Bielenda
Cantors

Marguerite Heinimann
Rectory Assistant

Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15p.m.

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 a.m.

Recitation of the Rosary before
9:00 a.m. daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.

Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Celebrated in the Baptistry
of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners and Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation
welcomes new parishioners.

All forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or place in the collection basket.

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

Rectory Hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Rectory
(860) 529-2533

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

5:00pm— Frank Cusano

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

8:30am—Pasqualino D'Appollonio

10:30am—Lorraine Walmsley &
Maryann Walmsley

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00am—Virginia Clematina, Salvatore,
Angel & Grace Chiaramida & the
deceased members of the Valdesi Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

9:00am— Fred & Joanne Lepore

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

9:00am— Anthony Diana

3:30-4pm—Imposition of Ashes/Scripture
Service

5:30pm—Faith O'Keefe

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

9:00am— Christine Munoz, Angeline
Vignone & Josephine Vignone

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

9:00am—For all our parishioners

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

9:00am—Jack & Irene Cahill

5:00pm—Mass for A Special Intention

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

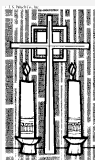
8:30am— Mario Salvatore

10:30am—Carola Susanin

The Sanctuary Candle will burn from
2/24/2020–3/1/2020 in memory of
Anthony Diana.

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 2/24/2020—
3/1/2020 in memory of Daniel, Margaret &
Megan Alfano.



**Fourth & fifth grade boys & girls interested in
becoming Altar Servers at Incarnation are invit-
ed to meet with Fr. Moran at 11am on Saturday,
February 29th & Saturday, March 7th at 11am**

in the Church. These meetings will last one hour and
will prepare those interested in serving at our Eucharistic
celebrations. If interested call Audrey at (860) 529-2533.



House of Bread collection this weekend. Coffee &
sugar are requested. Thank you!!



Wednesday, February 26th is Ash

Wednesday: We will offer imposition of
ashes at the 9am mass, the 5:30pm mass
and during a Scripture Service beginning at 3:30pm and
ending at 4pm.

Annual St. Patrick's Dinner, Monday, March 16, Fr. Crawford Hall, 6:30pm..\$15 p.p.

Traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Home-
made Irish soda bread, coffee/dessert. A GREAT Raffle!
Call your family/friends & reserve a table. Make your res-
ervation by calling Victoria at (860) 563-0860. Reservation
deadline: 2/28/2020. Reservations must be paid in advance.
Checks payable to: Church of the Incarnation & mailed to
the rectory 544 Prospect Street, Weth., CT. Flyers at exits.

Women's Club General Meeting

Lenten Spiritual Program "Love Beyond Measure"

Thursday, March 26th, 7pm Fr. Crawford Hall

How often do we take time to really reflect on the amaz-
ing power of God's love? A love that is all-encompassing,
gentle, merciful and challenging. Sheri Dursin, a writer,
speaker & experienced retreat presenter will guide us
through reflections on Christ and the Prodigal Son and
lead us to an understanding on how deeply and individual-
ly we are loved by our Divine Creator. Parishioners,
friends and guests are welcome.

Cardio Pulmonary Recitation/Automated External

Defibrillator Training: Last week four of our parishion-
ers were trained on how to administer cardio pulmonary
recitation and how to use the AED in case of an emergency
in our church. Shared happiness and respect for such an
accomplishment is demonstrated in the photo below.
Pictured are staff members: Filomena Marinelli, Antoinette
Munoz, Theodora Niver and Maggie Seaver. A list of other
parishioners who have received this training is maintained
in the Priest Sacristy. Kits for First Aid, CPR, AED and
Blood Pathogens are located in the Flower Sacristy. This
Sacristy is located to the right of the folding doors.





FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K-6)

Class Schedule information is also on our website at:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com



Class Schedule:

Grade 1 and Little Lambs: Saturday, February 22 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 4: Thursday, February 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Grade 2: Saturday, February 29 from 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Grade 3: Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grade 6: Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Grade 5: Wednesday, March 4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

All Classes Meet in Father Crawford Hall.

ELEMENTARY RETREATS:

The Grade 4 Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 22 from 1:00-3:15 p.m.

The Grade 3 Retreat will take place on Saturday, February 29 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

All students must attend their scheduled retreat dates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The initial meeting for the First Holy Communion Planning Committee will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Fr. Crawford Hall.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLW will take place on Sunday, February 23 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Our Presiders are Tina St. Pierre and Kathy Stickley. All GRADE 2 students are asked to attend along with all of our parish children ages 4-Grade 6.



Middle School Faith Formation:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 25th for all 7th/8th grade boys & Wednesday, February 26th for all 7th/8th grade girls from 6:30-8 pm in the Father Crawford Hall.

Confirmation:

A retreat will be planned for March. Please watch your email for details on this and sign-ups for the Soup Supper. All candidates are required to participate. All families are encouraged to attend.

Our Confirmation candidates will host a Soup Supper on Saturday, March 28th directly following the 5 pm Mass.



All are invited! It's a wonderful opportunity to bring our parishioners together to share a simple meal while raising awareness about hunger in our town, state, and world. **Free Admission!** Cash donations accepted in support of House of Bread and Wethersfield Food Bank.



Youth Ministry:

Our next gathering is **this Sunday, February 23rd from 6:30 - 8:00pm.** Any high schooler who would like to be among a group of peers who are welcoming, kind, and spirited are invited to join us! We look forward to a night of faith, food and fun! Definitely bring a friend along as well!

PSALM PRAYER

Psalm 103



We sing of God's gracious mercy in this psalm. Verse 8 portrays one of the most heartfelt images of God: *Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.* This is indeed a lesson for all of us who so desperately fail in carrying over these gifts to our neighbor.

The psalmist introduces today's response by reminding us that we need to bless God's holy name with *all* our being. All that we are and all that we do should give honor and glory to God.

Continuing the beautiful images of God's mercy, the psalmist tells us that this mercy extends to the ends of the earth, that it is limitless: *As far as the east is from the west.* God is not only a compassionate and kind Being, He *crowns* us with these gifts. We are thus specially chosen by God, in a sense "anointed" to do his work.

Our response ends on a note of paternal care, inviting us never to forget that God is the compassionate Father. And, continuing with the psalm itself we are drawn yet again into this beautiful image of God's mercy: *From everlasting to everlasting is the kindness of the Lord.* It is a picture of the Father's love and mercy that will never fail us. This is a wonderful image to imprint upon our hearts as we begin the Lenten season this week.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:
February Prayer

Isaiah 46:4

Even to your old age I am he, even when your hair is gray I will carry you; I have done this, and I will lift you up, I will carry you to safety.

Loving God, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Thank you for remaining in us and with us all the days of our lives. Amen.

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, & religious! If you want to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as a priest/religious, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Vocations Holy Hour/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at Incarnation Church every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30am, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations, the success of our Archdiocesan Synod, Affirming Life and reparation for the sin of clerical sexual abuse.

Prayer For Peace: Incarnation Church 30 minutes prior to 9am Daily Mass.

Come, O Holy Spirit, & Renew the Face of the Earth! Legion of Mary mtg. every Monday at 9:45am, Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Church. The object of the Legion of Mary is the Glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer active co-operation in Mary's & the Church's work.

Knights of Columbus Fr. James J. Gannon Council 4193 Weth., CT... See flyers, **Fundraiser...last Tuesday each month if you eat at Bertucci's on Berlin Tnpk. Newington,** 15% of your order donated to the Knights.

"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis



Mondays during Lent will be Confession Day in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Church of the Incarnation will offer confessions on Lenten Mondays from 6:30-7:00pm. Our regular confession schedule continues on Saturdays from 3:30-4:15pm.

Lenten Mass Schedule: During Lent daily mass will be celebrated at The Church of the Incarnation at 9am Monday-Saturday excluding Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

Lenten Regulations: Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be seriously impacted. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th are to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Easter Communion Regulation: Catholics are obliged to receive Communion at least once between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

For your information, **Christ the King Parish** will celebrate daily mass during Lent at 7:30am and 12:10pm at **Corpus Christi Church**. Stations of the Cross will take place on all Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm at **Corpus Christi Church**.

FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt

ASH WEDNESDAY: Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

Our Dynamic Catholic planning team from Incarnation, Christ the King & Saint Josephine Bakhita parishes are beginning to "rev" up our energy as we prepare for the great event "Find Your Greatness" on June 13, 2020 with Dr. Allen Hunt. Discounted tickets will be on sale in each Church after all Masses March 7/8. Sale price will be \$19 that wk. only. Otherwise, regular price tickets (\$25) are always available by going to our website:

www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com and click on to Find Your Greatness event. We pray for the success of this life changing event. **BEST LENT EVER** It is not too early to sign up for Best Lent Ever. You will receive a daily video reflection from Dynamic Catholic which promises to be an inspirational and prayerful way to experience the Holy season of Lent. Just go to DynamicCatholic.com and sign up. "Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Lent is not about what you give up, it's about who you become. Who will you become?" Join Matthew Kelly & the Dynamic Catholic team through an incredible Lenten journey beginning Ash Wed. This is a free daily reflection.

Because we are Ambassadors to Dynamic Catholic, we receive a variety of free books, CD'S each month. This month, we have received A BEST LENT EVER JOURNAL to compliment the daily Lenten reflection which is on dynamiccatholic.com. What an opportunity to reflect and share our thoughts with the Lord and with one another! There is a limited number available. Find them at the exits this weekend. Only one per family please. If you care to order your own journal go to dynamiccatholic.com. Thank you. Noranne S. Wameter, Pastoral Associate

WEDDING BANNERS

**DAVID ST. JEAN &
AMANDA HILDEBRAND**

**JUAN FRANCISCO VILCHEZ GARCIA
& AMY ROSE LASHER**

Church of the Incarnation 50th Anniversary Books:

We have extra copies available at the church entrances. We invite our new parishioners and anyone else interested in learning about the many ministries of our parish to take one home.

Do you have three hours for Life? On April 15th, Connecticut will hold its **first** March for Life at the State Capitol grounds, to stand for our religious freedom and defend Life at all its stages. This even will bring people from all faiths together in common purpose and we need you to be part of it. The march begins at 11:15 a.m. with the rally to follow at noon on the Northside of the state Capitol. Legislators will be present and this is your chance to be heard. To learn more, go to CTMarchforLife.org, or Text: CTM4L to 58632.