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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Mass Times: Please watch our
bulletin for posted times

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HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM or please call Msgr. Sullivan

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples planning a Christian marriage should contact
Msgr. Sullivan following their engagement.

HOLY BAPTISM

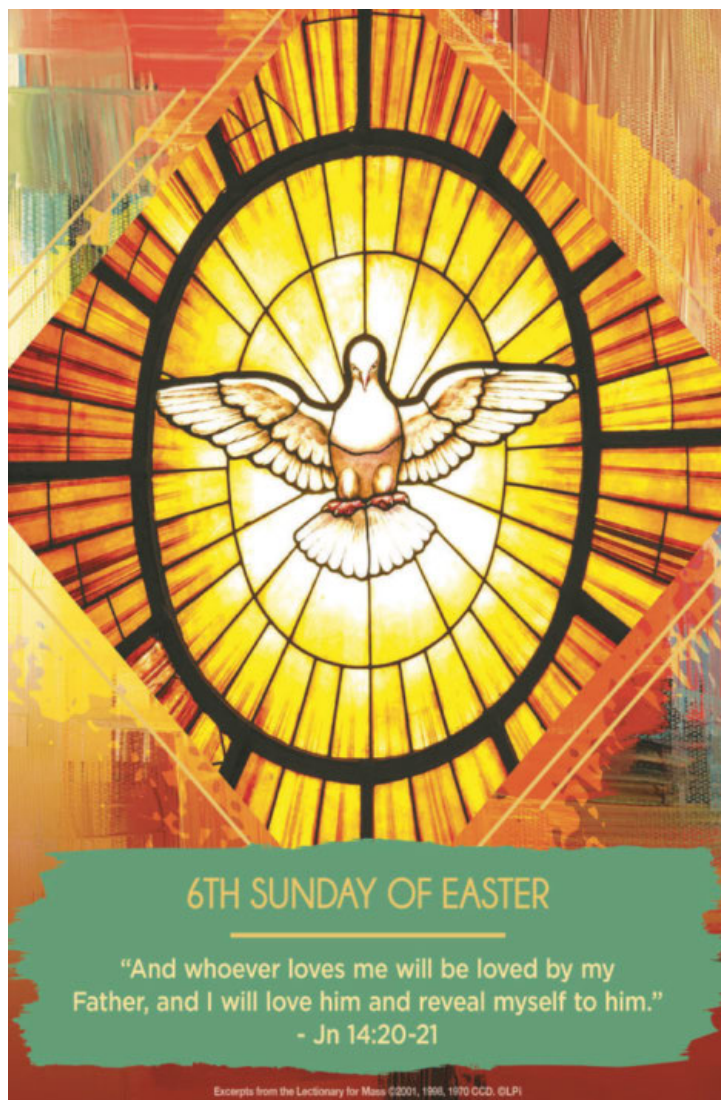
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call Msgr. Sullivan for the Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

WORSHIPING WITH US?

We hope you introduce yourself and register in our parish.
Please call the rectory to do so.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
- Jn 14:20-21

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—May 13th

4:00PM Peter Nalbandian (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—May 14th

7:30AM James and Stacia Hammond (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Nicole Thomson (mem.) req. of The Boulette Family

Monday—May 15th

7:00AM Zachary Ford (birthday) req. of family

Tuesday—May 16th

7:00AM Robert Conroy (12th anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—May 17th

7:00AM James E. Walles (19th anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM William Hovenesian (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

Thursday—May 18th

7:00AM Robert Lawson (mem.) req. of Sam & Leslie Bowden

Saturday—May 20th

8:00AM Ralph Warner (birthday) req. of Fran & Betty Ann Warner

4:00PM The Telemaque Family

Sunday—May 21st

7:30AM Bernadette M. Baniukiewicz (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Ann Quinn (10th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Mary Lee O'Leary**, the sister in law of Molly Chase.

Thanking Our Catechists!

Our religious education classes for the year concluded last weekend. We thank **Anne Thompson**, our Director of Religious Education for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6. And we thank all those catechists and assistants who made such an enormous weekly commitment in sharing the faith with our parish sons and daughters. Thanks to all who contributed: **Joan Cross, Claire O'Connor, Leah DiPilato, Nora Oliver, Nellie Rushton, Emily Schoen, Jackie Penny, Sophia Penny, Henry Penny, Lydia Penny, Sam Bowden, Kate Zamarro, Anthony Zamarro, Dennis O'Connor, Mark Andrews, and Mary Ann Nalbandian**. You are all so wonderful and your service vital to the spiritual health of the parish. We congratulate Nellie Rushton and Emily Schoen on their upcoming graduation from Doherty High School but regret their "departure" from CTK. They are off to college, of course, and we rejoice with them.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (Monday-Friday at 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Saturdays). This week we honor **St. Isidore** (Monday); **The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Thursday); and **St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest** (Saturday).

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Your donations from last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$7,448.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,350.00;
Mass Stipends: \$270.00; **Good Friday:** \$10.00; **Donation:** \$275.00; **Ascension:** \$65.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00; **Hope for Housing:** \$200.00.

Total: \$7,674.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

All parents must participate in a preparation session if this is their first child and/or if they do not worship at Sunday Masses. Parents whose children are not yet born may participate in the program if they like. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a meeting time. Baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass or, on occasion, privately. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date. The next scheduled public celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on the following Sundays: May 21 and June 18.

Making Parish Donations Online

We ask all parishioners to please continue your support of the parish offertory. You can donate online. Please go to our website, ctkworc.org. Either click on the tab at the top of the page or the button in the middle of the page called 'CTK Online Giving.' You can donate using your credit card. Many thanks.

Father Reidy Away

Father Reidy will be away this coming week and is expected to return late next weekend. Please hold on any messages for him.

Offering for Intentioned Masses

Throughout the Diocese the customary offering for a Mass intention is \$10. That offering is given to the priest who celebrates the Mass as a way of supplementing his small salary. Increasingly, many are not making the offering. We hope you will do so.

Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at tsullivan5@mac.com and he will respond.

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
This Thursday**

Masses:

Wednesday, May 17
4:00 pm

&

Thursday, May 18
7:00 am, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates Christ's ascension into heaven. In the ancient Church this feast was known as the *analepsis*, 'the taking up,' and also as the *episozomene*, 'the salvation,' meaning that by ascending into His glory Christ completed the work of our redemption. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. It is a Solemnity that ranks with Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. St. Augustine, writing in the early 400s, wrote that the feast went back to the time of the Apostles themselves.

Consider Joining Our Pro-Life Efforts

The parish Pro-Life Committee serves Christ the King Parish by striving to build a culture of life and upholding and promoting the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. We work in concert with the Diocesan Respect Life Office which, in turn, works to implement the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*, in which we are called upon as Church, with our resources, our people, our services and institutions, to pursue the cause of life with renewed energy and commitment. Through prayer, education, pastoral care, and public policy advocacy, we work to proclaim the Gospel of Life in our midst throughout all ages and stages of life. By working together diligently, prayerfully, and courageously in the Lord's service, the culture of death that surrounds us today will one day be replaced with a culture of life.

Twice a year we participate in the '40 Days for Life' program, conducting a peaceful prayer vigil at the site of Planned Parenthood in Worcester. We work to oppose Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts and oppose euthanasia. We participate in the Annual Mass for Life at St. Paul's Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, as well as the Mass which precedes the Annual March for Life conducted in Washington, DC, each year. We support the parish's annual Novena to St. Joseph, wherein we pray for those who are seriously or terminally ill and at the same time advocate that Physician Assisted Suicide not be adopted in our state. Throughout the year we participate in fundraising efforts to support the ministry of Visitation House where mothers and children find lodging and support in times of a crisis pregnancy.

All are welcome to join us in these efforts. If you would like to do so, please contact our Pro-Life chairpersons, Ralph and Claire Weirich, by either calling them at 508-791-0678 or emailing them at weirich.ralph@gmail.com.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The priest chaplains at our hospitals continue to serve the pastoral needs of their patients. Please let us know if someone you know is hospitalized and Msgr. Sullivan will be happy to visit that person. The best thing is for a family member or friend to call the rectory to let us know your loved one is in the hospital. **St. Vincent's Hospital** does provide us with information about parishioners. Generally, the information is correct but occasionally their reporting about parishioners is inaccurate. We can never get any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital**, members of the same institution. It is always best to call the rectory.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"What we love we will grow to resemble." *St. Bernard*

"Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians." *St. Francis Xavier*

"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these, they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve." *St. Francis of Assisi*

**Save the Date!
Catholic Women's Conference
October 7**

The next Women's Conference will be on **October 7, 2023**. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call **Corinn Dahm** at **508-277-3969**. Seating is limited, register early!

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Victim Services Coordinator (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-726-2880). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindy1052@gmail.com.

Please give to *Partners in Charity*!

We are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. The diocesan goal is \$5 million this year and we have a long way to go to meet that goal. Tens of thousands of people are served by this essential annual campaign. We hope you will contribute now with a pledge or one-time gift. **35%** of our **parishioners** have done so thus far. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the church vestibule's book rack and at the rectory. Simply return it by mail, or by dropping it off, or by putting it in the offertory basket at Mass. All **checks** should be made payable to '*Partners in Charity*' (not Christ the King). You can donate online as well by going to: partners-charity.net/donate.

Host a Spanish Teenager for 1 month? Debra Dang of the parish is making arrangements for ten teenagers (boys and girls) to come from Spain to Massachusetts for one month this summer (June 25-July 23). She is looking for host families. An opportunity to develop a lifetime friendship. The host family will be paid \$1,800 for the month. The requirements are a furnished bedroom, meals with a welcoming American family, a home where English is spoken. For further information contact Debra at either **508-579-3570** (call or text) or by email debda1994@yahoo.com.

Children's Choir of Greater Paris Please volunteer as a Host Family Now - back down to just 2 Nights

The *Children's Choir of Greater Paris* will return in July of 2023. Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot, **23 boys** and **17 girls** (ages 11-14) will perform here on the evening of Tuesday, July 18. This is a free concert. All are welcome. The group is accompanied by four adult chaperones in addition to Professor Bardot. **We invite CTK families to consider hosting two boys (or more) for the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, July 17-18.** We are now all set for the hosting of the girls and the chaperones. **We need to host 15 boys.** The hosting is just at night. The group enjoys planned daytime activities. If you can host a couple of boys, please contact either **Tom Flynn** (email: fly5thom@yahoo.com) or **Sue Flynn** (email: nurse_sue52@yahoo.com). On Wednesday morning, July 19, the group will travel to Cape Cod for multiple concerts there.

CTK's Father-Son Canoeing Trip

Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) trip to take place during the week of **August 14-18**. Boys should be 10 or older and able to swim. There will be more information forthcoming. If interested, please contact Fran Warner at franciswarner@juno.com or cell: 774-364-2393.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, May 17

4:00 pm - Vigil Mass for Ascension

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

Thursday, May 18 - Ascension Thursday

Masses: 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 6:00 pm

7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 19

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Congratulations to Last Week's First Communion Class!

The wonderful young people whose names appear below received First Holy Communion here last Saturday. Congratulations to them all. The members of the class were: **Beatriz Alonso, Donald Batchelder, Isla Brazile, Dylan Clarke, Ryan Dawkins, Theodore DiMassa, Delilah Dooley, Finnegan Dooley, Abriana Gonzalez, Jesse Kemeh, Brian Merriam, Evan Masumbuko, Logan Nuy, April Parente, Noah Nieves, Chilotel Okoli, Sabrina Stacey and Joshua Whitemore.**

Congratulations to Our Confirmation Class!

Bishop McManus celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for the following members of Christ the King's Confirmation class last Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers and ask God that the Holy Spirit lavish His gifts upon them always. The members of our class this year were: **Aidan Murphy Coppinger, Leila Emilia Gentile, Nikolas Theodore Edward Gillaspie, William Edward Foster Holmes, Stephen Bernard McDonald, Conley Roger Lee Monroe, Damon Patrick Myers, Kavira Joy Nganza, Emily Anne O'Connor, Nora Katherine Oliver, Shane John Parretti, and Reagan Elizabeth Scavone.**

Hold the Date Forum on Physician Assisted Suicide Monday, June 19 ~ 7:00 pm

Christ the King will host a forum on the key issue of Physician Assisted Suicide. The event is being sponsored by the *Catholic Free Press*. The major presenters will be Most Rev. Robert J. McManus, the Bishop of Worcester, and Senator Ryan C. Fattman, whose district includes part of Worcester and Hampden counties. The thrust of the presentation will be on what Massachusetts would look like if PAS were ever adopted here. Thus far, attempts to introduce it into law here in Massachusetts have gone down to defeat for more than a decade. Please plan on coming and inviting as many people as you like to the program.

Remembering You Today, Mom!

To those who gave birth to a new child this year ~ we celebrate with you!

To those who lost a child this year ~ we mourn with you!

**To those who have warm and close relationships with your children ~
we rejoice with you!**

**To those who have disappointment, heartache,
and distance from your children ~ we are there with you!**

**This Mother's Day, we walk with all of you and
thank you and ask God to bless you!**

Have a Blessed Day, Mom!

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